

'OXFORD GROUP' CAMPAIGN

CROWD OF 6,000 AT WESTMINSTER

CRIES OF "LIAR" TO BISHOP

FROM A SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

The Central Hall, Westminster, was again crowded to its full capacity last night—over 6,000 people sought admission—for the second London meeting of Dr. Frank Buchman's Group Campaigners. In the vestibule many people listened by loud-speaker. Two overflow meetings in smaller halls were also crowded out.

There had been rumours of Communist disturbance, but the only interruptions which marred the tranquility and good humour of the main meeting arose when Dr. Foss Westcott, Bishop and Calcutta and Metropolitan of India, was dealing with confession of sin.

His statement that Jesus Christ had given authority to His Church to pronounce God's forgiveness of sin was greeted with shouts of dissent from various parts of the hall. One man near the platform repeatedly cried "Liar!" and rose to his feet to address the meeting. The Bishop stood his ground and repeated his words until there was silence.

For the most part the speakers—and there were thirteen of them—were young men, and there was something very engaging and not a little impressive in the simple and direct way in which they testified to the effect on their lives of surrender to Christ.

"HARD-BOILED CREW"

One young man from New College, Oxford, told us he represented the "hard-boiled crew." "When," he said, "I saw the toughest member of our motor-racing club 'changed' I decided to make an experiment with Christ." His own life having been completely changed in consequence, and he and his friends in the movement being "pretty young," he promised us that we were going to have a job to get rid of them.

Mr. John Jukes, president of the Vancouver Stock Exchange, told us how he had been reluctantly drawn in by his family, and one speaker after another had much the same tale to tell of distaste giving place to conviction.

The most remarkable feature of the meeting was the extraordinary efficiency of the team. There was not the smallest trace of nervousness in any of the speakers.