

Will Carry On Oxford Group's Work in Ottawa

Many Local Men and Women Prepared to Continue to Proclaim Message Brought By Visitors

The final meeting of the Oxford Group in Ottawa was held last night. Although it was supposed to be a meeting just for those who intended to go on with the work of the group, many hundred people stormed the banquet hall of the Chateau, packed every available space and stayed until the meeting was reluctantly brought to a close by Dr. Frank N. D. Buchman after an inspiring and practical address by the Very Reverend Ebenezer Macmillan of Pretoria, South Africa.

The members of the Oxford Group will remain in Ottawa today, however, and are ready for personal interviews at all times. Dr. Buchman told The Citizen at a late hour last night that he did not then know how long the members of the team will remain here, but it is known that they must leave soon to keep a short engagement in Toronto, then to move on to Detroit for approximately three weeks. The team will then return to Toronto.

Over the week-end many meetings were held in the Chateau for those intent on carrying on the work, while some members of the team spoke at several towns in the Ottawa Valley. Last night Miss Olive Jones, Clive Hicks and Reginald A. E. Holme were heard over radio station CKCO.

To Carry On.

A feature of the week-end meetings was also the influx from Montreal. Many citizens of the Metropolis who have been carrying on the work of the group since its arrival there some three weeks ago spoke at the meeting on Saturday night, and told how their lives have been made happier and helpful through the message of the group, while many local men and women also rose to their feet both on Sat-

day night and last night to declare their intentions of carrying on the work.

At a meeting on Sunday afternoon, in response to many requests, Miss Olive Jones carefully answered many of the questions about the group that have been asked her since she arrived in Ottawa. She explained that the group is not stationary, not man-chosen. "You are a member of the group if you are ready to carry out 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.' We have no high and mighty people, and no boss or big stick. If there is to be a leader God will appoint one, and you will be told in your guidance if you are to be a leader, or, if there is to be a leader, who it must be," she said. She further explained that the group has just the four standards: absolute honesty; absolute purity; absolute unselfishness; and absolute love. "It will not be through mass force, power, or organization that the gospel of Jesus Christ will be preached throughout the world; it will come through you," she said. Miss Jones also pointed out the failure of mass organization to solve the world's economic problems in stressing her point that the primary step must be the solution of individual problems, and the necessity for individual work.

Continuing her description of the group she declared that no human appoints its committees, but this is only done through the guidance of God. "A team is all sorts of groups gathered into one, doing full time work winning souls for Jesus Christ," she said. Furthermore she stressed the necessity for loyalty and unity for a successful group, brought about by the absolute honesty that is demanded. "The moment you are not honest, or not in accordance with any one of the four standards, you are automatically not in the group," she said.

The Only Hope.

Outstanding in the final remarks of the speakers of the group were the words of Vice-Admiral Drury-Lowe, R.N., C.M.G., who took exception to a recent statement made in the press that only war and the fear of death can bring out the best qualities in man. "Is that our only hope?" he asked. "No, God will bring out the best qualities in man." Dr. Buchman added that the modern equivalent of war is life-changing, quoting a London newspaperman who recently wrote: "Life-changing on a colossal scale is the only hope left for the world today."