

Mayoral Reception to Visitors.

Soul Saving More Exciting Than Rugby.

The Mayor and Mayoress gave an informal reception in the Quadrangle last evening to the members of the Oxford Group team. The guests of the evening were Major and Mrs. Guy Swart, Revs. George Daneel and Frank de Villiers, Mrs. Sheffield, Miss Molly Matthews, Mrs. Lang, and Mr. John Becker. Members of the local team were present, and a number of councillors and other citizens.

The Mayor, in welcoming the guests, remarked that he had read how the Oxford Group had awakened Canada, and no doubt it would awaken East London too. There was no doubt that the world today was in a sorry plight, and he quoted the words of the Prime Minister of Canada, addressed to the Oxford Group team: "Speaking as a statesman, I am convinced that the influences you so powerfully represent are the only ones that can save the world."

Major Swart then addressed the gathering, telling of what the Group movement had meant in his own life. He and his wife had drifted from church and from each other, each leading a selfish existence with worldly ambitions. Through the movement they had been brought back to Christ, all differences had been healed, and a new and deeper love created in their home.

The next speaker was Mrs. Sheffield, who had been a member of the team which travelled in Europe, the United States and Canada. She spoke of one member of that team, Admiral Drury-Low, who was well known throughout the world for his ceaseless energies in the cause of disarmament. One day he realised that he was on the wrong track—that men needed, not a change of mind, but a change of heart. He attended a house party at Oxford and for three days he was miserable, as he realised that he could not be used to change men's hearts till there was a change in himself. The change came, and since then he had been used to win hundreds of men to the new life. The speaker quoted a leading statesman, whom she had heard in Washington say that "there must be a spiritual revival before there could be any hope of commercial revival." The Group movement was seeking to help bring that about and had already swept through fourteen countries.

The Rev. George Daneel said that he had played Rugby before crowds of 50,000 or more, but he found this tour with the Oxford Group team more exciting than any football tour. He described how the present team had set out after a great consecration service conducted by Bishop Karney and three ministers of other churches in the Cathedral, Johannesburg. That showed how the movement was helping to create unity among the churches.

During the evening instrumental music was provided by Mr. Charles Donne's quartette, including the solo violin item, "Souvenir de Lubeck" by Mr. L. Dupleix. Miss H. Phillips sang twice to the delight of the company, and on each occasion she responded to hearty encores, adding greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.