

NEW PILGRIMS TO AMERICA

WORK SACRIFICED FOR MISSION

From Our Own Reporter

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MEN and women who have relinquished important appointments and made great personal sacrifices of money and time in order to join a religious mission will be members of a unique party sailing for the United States and Canada from Liverpool early next month.

The party is international in its membership and is representative of the Oxford Group Movement. It includes:—

An Aberdeen barrister,
A former secretary of the Communist Party of Scotland,
A German headmistress,
A Dutch baroness,
An English vice-admiral, and
A former Moderator of the Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

Many of the "team" are leaving their possessions behind and have renounced personal gain in order to devote all their time and energy to encouraging the growth of the movement throughout the world.

FAITH ALONE

The expedition has had no advance representatives arranging where the members shall stay during their tour. They are crossing the Atlantic furnished with nothing except their own faith that "Where God guides He provides."

How the members of the party are to live during their pilgrimage was summed up in that way by the Rev. John Roots, of London.

"The Oxford Group Movement," he said, "stands for a vital personal religion within the churches. Its aim is to show that the principles of the New Testament are really practicable for us in this modern world. It is undenominational, quite unorganised, and spontaneous.

FULL TIME WORK

"Some of those going to the United States and Canada have made very big sacrifices, and are now devoting their full time to the movement entirely without income or reward."

In the party will be Dr. F. N. D. Buchman, founder and leader of the movement.

The party will be "commissioned" at a special service in Liverpool Cathedral on Sunday, when the Bishop of Liverpool will be present.