

# OXFORD GROUP'S BIG

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### RHODES SCHOLAR DESCRIBES LONDON MEETING

Describing the opening meeting of the London campaign of the Oxford Group, held on October 16 in the Central Hall, Westminster, Mr. R. B. Niven, a Cape Province 1931 Rhodes Scholar, now at Queen's College, Oxford, writes to *The Argus*:

"The demand for tickets was so great that three distinct meetings had to be arranged and the speakers went from one to another. Special trains brought a contingent of 200 undergraduates and Dons from Oxford and another contingent of 150 from Cambridge. A bishop of the German Church and an official representative of the Archbishop flew over from Germany in a chartered aeroplane. Representatives were present from Western Canada, Czechoslovakia, Holland and Switzerland. Dr. Jan de Bordes, of the Finance Section of the Permanent Secretariat of the League of Nations, flew over from Geneva to speak at the meeting.

"Dr. Foss Westcott, Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan of India, faced an audience of 3,000 in the main hall. A cross section of London life was there: Anglican bishops, prominent Free Church clergymen, society leaders, office girls, servants and unemployed. Among those who accepted invitations were Lord and Lady Irwin, Lady Oxford, Lord Lothian, Miss Rose Macaulay, the Chaplain-General to the Forces and Sir Robert Perks.

"The Metropolitan began from the motto of the City of London, 'Domine, dirige nos'—'God, guide us.' That motto made him confident that London would give a ready welcome to the message of the Oxford Group. It embodied three of its fundamental principles: putting God first, the guidance of God in the lives of individuals and cities, and teamwork.

"The Metropolitan then handed over the meeting to a junior curate, the Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley (Eton and New College, Oxford) of All Hallows, Barking. The Rev. Mr. Bardsley said that the team of 500 people had not come to provide London with an emotional thrill for the winter. Their vision was of a second fire of London, the fire of the Holy Spirit burning and quickening and purifying London—not only the individuals in it, but through them the great life of the city."