

The Oxford Group Movement

To the Editor of THE BRITISH WEEKLY.

SIR,—One or two points in Mr. Cockburn's criticism of the Oxford Group Movement seem to call for further remark, especially the statement that at a recent meeting, amongst members pledged to absolute unselfishness, he heard no public reference to the sufferings of the unemployed. It is a very important matter; the test is a vital one, and the challenge inevitable. There must be an adequate answer, and it would be well for the Groupers not to hide their light any longer, but to share with the public a little as to the manner in which they are carrying out their pledge, particularly where it entails hard sacrifice.

Without doubt these young people are perfectly sincere. They know what the word "absolute" means, and they do not intend to shirk its implications. Absolute self-renunciation is perhaps impossible to-day in the sense understood by Saint Francis and the early Franciscans, but when we see its equivalent being practised by hundreds of Groupers we shall have witnessed the renaissance of the heroic age in the Christian era. The usual easy, comfortable, selfish lives of the majority of Christians will never convince the world, but the effect of this real and literal discipleship is bound to be profound.—Yours truly,

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