

# THE OXFORD GROUP IN LONDON.

## PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN.

"A volume of interest is being shown everywhere," Dr. Frank Buchman remarked yesterday in speaking to a representative of THE OBSERVER of the opening of the campaign of the Oxford Group in London.

"We have been having," he said, "various Group meetings and personal talks;—there was a very sympathetic meeting of the Association of Independent Headmasters and Headmistresses, which was held to discuss the place of the Group in schools; and the invitation meeting we are holding on Monday at the Central Hall, Westminster, will be attended by many of the most influential people in London.

"Public meetings at the Central Hall will be continued on the three succeeding evenings. Over four thousand clergymen have been invited for a series of morning meetings for clergy and ministers, and simultaneously there will be a separate series of meetings for the wives of clergy and ministers and for deaconesses and other church workers. Some of the finest talks I have heard have been from clergymen's wives.

"A number of City churches have asked for teams from the group, and one of the letters I have just received, which is typical of those that are flooding in, asks us to send missionaries for one or two weeks to one of the largest and poorest parishes in East London. Of course, the Groups will go. On Monday a new book is coming out. It is by 'A Layman with a Note Book,' and is entitled 'What is the Oxford Group?' It will be on the book-stalls at the meetings."

## THE WORK OF THE FIVE HUNDRED.

The invitation meeting at the Central Hall to-morrow will be presided over by the Bishop of Calcutta and Metropolitan of India. Amongst his supporters on the platform will be the Bishops of Warrington, Barking, and Worcester, Bishop Perin, the Dean of Westminster, Prebendary Carlile, Dr. and Mrs. Percy Dearmer, the Rev. Cuthbert Bardsley (All-Hallows'), the Rev. James Reid (former president of the National Free Church Council), the Rev. John Watt, Dr. Sidney Berry (secretary of the Congregational Union), and Dr. Carlile (editor of the "Baptist Times"). The speakers will be Professor L. W. Grensted (Oriel Professor of the Philosophy of the Christian Religion in the University of Oxford), Lady Fletcher, Mr. Cuthbert Cox (headmaster of Berkhamsted School), Mr. David Graham (former secretary of the Oxford Union), the Dean of Caius, a representative of the unemployed, and undergraduates from Oxford and Cambridge. Special trains are being run from Oxford and Cambridge for the meeting.

The team of five hundred commissioned by the Bishop of London at the service at St. Paul's Cathedral has been engaged all through the week in helping individual people. At the public meetings this week a number of them, who have been chosen under Guidance, will present in simple terms their message of actual experiences.

People from Germany, Holland, and Geneva are flying over to London for the meetings. Representatives of the German Protestant Church have been in London during the week, and have had an opportunity of meeting influential clergy interested in the Group.

On Friday afternoon there is to be a meeting in the Fishmongers' Hall for the City clergy to meet the Metropolitan of India, Professor Grensted, Dr. Buchman, and other members of the Oxford Group team in London.