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Dr Franciscus Dionysius Moorrees, leader of the travelling team of the Oxford Group that is at present visiting Bloemfontein, is the youngest son of Professor A. Moorrees, formerly of the Stellenbosch Theological Seminary and now chancellor of the University of Stellenbosch.

Born in Cape Town on January 9, 1895, Dr Moorrees received his earlier education in the school at Stellenbosch and then at Victoria College, now the University of Stellenbosch, from where he graduated as a Bachelor of Arts with honours in classics. After serving for a year as junior lecturer in classics at Victoria College, he went to Holland in 1922 and studied at the universities of Utrecht and Groningen, securing the degree of Doctor of Theology at the latter institution. A member of the Dutch Reformed Church, he became assistant minister at Cradock shortly after his return to the Union in 1926 and subsequently minister of the Dutch Reformed Church at Braamfontein, Johannesburg. In August, 1928, Dr Moorrees was appointed students' pastor for the universities and university colleges in the northern provinces of the Union and in the course of his duties he paid periodical visits to the Grey University College and the Normal College, Bloemfontein. In March last, on retiring from the position of students' pastor, he joined the travelling team of the Oxford Group movement, which consists of himself as leader, Mrs Jessie Sheffield, of Bloemfontein; the Rev. George Daneel, the Springbok rugby

player; Major and Mrs J. G. Swart, of Johannesburg; and Miss Dora Sprowson, of Port Elizabeth, together with Mrs Wayland-Green, well known in tennis circles in Johannesburg, who is temporarily accompanying the team. The team, which is consolidating and extending the work done by the Oxford Group movement, is visiting the larger centres in the Union, and will leave Bloemfontein on Thursday for the Eastern Province. This evening it will take part in a gathering in the Town Hall, to which all interested are invited.

