

BUCHMANISM HELD 'ANSWER IN CRISIS'

House Party Speaker Pictures
World in Disillusionment,
Seeking Spiritual Help.

'TIDAL WAVE' REVIVAL SEEN

Prof. P. M. Brown of Princeton and
Others Tell of Their Experiences
With Christian Fellowship.

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BRIARCLIFF MANOR, N. Y., April 24.—Return to the tenets of early Christianity as "the answer in a day of crisis" was stressed today in the conferences being held at the "house party" of the First Century Christian Fellowship at Briarcliff Lodge.

At a service this morning, H. Kenaston Twitchell, a former Princeton man at present connected with the Oxford Group, painted a dark picture of the modern age in economics, politics and education. This afternoon Professor Philip Marshall Brown of Princeton said that "the world cannot be reformed by a paper organization; war cannot be removed by a declaration."

The speakers through the day, drawn from all parts of the world, spoke of modern conditions, from communism to the colleges. They noted the spread of the fellowship, which was started by the Rev. Frank N. D. Buchman, into the far corners of the earth and they told the assembly of more than 400 persons of the good that it is doing.

"Like a never-ending bread line of hungry men seeking food, come people to this fellowship for help," said Mr. Twitchell.

"The news is passed along that here is bread that satisfies. One man healed tells another and he comes, too. We could spend the time of this house party telling stories of the changes in lives of men and women, changes brought about, not by any human method of technique, but by the power of Christ in this fellowship which is not a new church, but the true church, at work.

Finds Great Disillusionment.

"A great disillusionment has come to us. We can no longer put our trust in the experts, in the politicians, in wealth or position or power. We can no longer trust that we shall somehow muddle through. Our economic wisdom has reached that sardonic height where we starve in the midst of plenty. Our educational institutions do not educate. As a friend of mine last week put it: 'My years at the university left me human inside and hard outside. Three years of business left me hard right through.'

"The nearest that Jesus Christ gets to modern education is to be allowed to appear occasionally as a patron on the prospectus. And so we have no leadership from there. Our politics follows the dogma of every man for himself, every party and every nation for itself, and believes that in so doing the good of all is somehow served."

The speaker then cited several cases where crime had been checked and criminals "changed."

"Multiply these stories by the thousand," he continued, "and you get a sense of the tidal wave of revival, but remember this, each story goes back to one person and touches one person at a time. And so we end where we began, with our own per-

sonal need and our own personal surrender.

"Professor Brown has said that that there is a great 'S O S' today from all sides. The answer to the world's 'S O S' is sin, obedience and sharing." He defined sin as "what shuts us off from God."

Dying of Spiritual Hunger.

Professor Brown then told of his experience with the fellowship, saying that his life "had once been self-centred," and that he "didn't know human beings" until recently.

"I resented criticism of the fellowship, but I realized that was pride," he said. "So I had to surrender resentment." He has "great sympathy for the intellectuals" trying as they do to rationalize "the kingdom of God." "What the people must receive is not creeds or service," he continued, "but the bread of life. People are dying of spiritual hunger."

Several meetings of the fellowship made up the program today. There was a "quiet hour" for "two-way prayer with God" in the early morning, followed by a church service. There was another meeting in the afternoon, the one at which Professor Brown was the main speaker, and a final one in the evening.

In the "sharing" that followed the "quiet hour" a number of those present rose to say simply what had come to them in the few minutes of prayer. One elderly woman, in just a sentence, said: "I wish to rededicate my life to God." Others told of their first experiences in the fellowship and said what it had meant to them.