

THE OXFORD GROUP

The Editor, "Scots Observer."

Sir,—I am prompted by the quite irrelevant and (I believe) totally untrue remarks by your correspondent in which he calls "Buchmanism" to suggest humbly that anyone who writes to you on the above subject should state definitely *how long they have spent at a House Party*. Before I (a Church of Scotland Minister) went to St Andrews I had my mind prejudiced by those who really knew nothing about it and had hardly been to a House Party for more than a day.

I stopped for a week. I found the impression was cumulative, and when I came away I was constrained to confess to myself that it had been the most wonderfully vivid and moving experience of my life.

It has changed me.—Yours, etc., N.

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Sir,—“Presbyterian” and others who criticise the Oxford Movement remind me of the folk who said that the disciples were “filled with wine,” for they cannot seem to give God any credit for beginning such a Movement.

I will tell them just exactly what the Group Movement *really is* and what it entails, thereby proving that the Group Fellowship is of God and not of the Devil as some Christians would have it.

(1) *The necessity for the New Birth*, that wonderful change which results when Christ is received into the heart and life, and trusted to deal with sin through His atoning death on the Cross.

(2) *The Need for Consecration*, the unconditional surrender of the whole life to Jesus Christ, so that by the aid

of the Holy Spirit and the reading of the Bible we may be useful in God's service.

(3) *The responsibility to witness*, it is the duty of every Christian to try and bring others to Christ, and by sharing ones own experiences as and when led by the Holy Spirit we get help as to how to witness to outsiders.

(4) *The Value of Informal Gatherings*, as they did in the Early Church Times, we gather in informal groups and in a manner where it is possible for all to take part. Here discussion centres round the Saving and Keeping Power of Christ, and by honest sharing we get to know and appreciate each other's viewpoint.

(5) *Finance*, a very important item to a great number of people, well, at present we only take up an un compulsory offering towards the buying of literature which we need for our studies.—I am, sir,

UPLIFTED.