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OXFORD GROUP LEADER IS MADE BLOOD BROTHER

Dr. Buchman Was Honored by the
Stony Indians in Ceremony
on Saturday Last

"A-Wo-Zan-Zan-Tonga, 'Big Light' we name you: may you ever shine. We welcome you, Brother Stony, Brother in Christ; all for one, all for Christ." And with these words read by the interpreter from Indian characters inscribed on white buckskin, Chief Bearspaw of the Stony Indians, invested Dr. Frank Buchman, leader of the Oxford Group, as blood brother of their tribe at an impressive ceremony last Saturday afternoon, witnessed by over one thousand people gathered on the Banff Springs Hotel grounds.

This signal honor is the seventh granted to the rank of blood brother among the first six being the Hon. Stanley Baldwin, leader of the Conservative party in Great Britain, who was invested in their ranks several years ago. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught were accorded chieftaincy of the Stony tribe, only the Royal Family, as descendants of Queen Victoria, being accepted in the jealously guarded rank of Chiefs of the Stonys.

Resplendent in their eagle feathers and the symbolic designs of the intricate beadwork adorning their colorful garments, the Stony chiefs and councillors, in the midst of a circle formed by the great audience of palefaces, held a court of inquiry, through their interpreter, with Loudon Hamilton, clad in the costume of his Highland clan, as to the manner of life of their brother elect. The beating of tom-toms greeted his answer that he, Dr. Buchman, had millions of braves who would follow him to battle.

"How many cattle and horses has he got?" continued the interpreter. "None. Whatever he has he gives away freely." "How many children?" "Tell us about his work and the sort of man he is." "He is a very fine man. His work brings peace and the unity of the tribes, so that everyone may have his rightful place. He teaches people to live under the direction of the Great Spirit."

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This examination concluded to the satisfaction of the Indian Chiefs Dr. Buchman was led to the teepee where he substituted his "white" civilian clothes for the robes of ceremony which were part of the investiture. On his return the speech of initiation was read aloud to him by Loudon Hamilton. "Enter into the companionship of

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your brothers, share their thoughts their pleasures, their sorrows; soothe the death bed that yours may be soothed; do unto them as you would be done by, and they will so treat you. Thus will you grow great in the hearts of those who now adopt you, and the Great Spirit will look with love and compassion on you when He calls you to the Happy Hunting Grounds."

"We the Chiefs of the Stonys have told you the things you must promise to do and the things your brother Stonys will do. Do you promise always to do those things?" "I do." "Then we, the Chiefs of the Stonys do promise that your brother Stonys will always do the things we have told you and before your many paleface brothers and sisters we will publicly accept you a brother, for so the Good Spirits wills it before many witnesses."

Dr. Buchman, now completely garbed with the full headdress of a warrior, arose from his squatting position among the braves and thanked his brothers for the distinction accorded him, adding: "These Big Braves with me are just a few of the many braves we have in fifty countries." Chief Walking Buffalo interpreted Dr. Buchman's addresses: "We all like to receive postcards, don't we? Well, a Big Chief once sent me a postcard. It was a picture of a man's head, two ears and one mouth. And the thought below was this: 'God gave us two ears and one mouth. Why don't we listen twice as much as we talk?'"

To the Indian womenfolk, he said: "You don't know how grateful and happy I am today. I want to thank these artists who made these beautiful things I am wearing, which I shall always treasure."

He thanked the squaws whose handwork had decorated his garments, and shook hands with himself in Chinese fashion, which delighted the Indians. Referring to the strange Indian system of trouser suspension, he said "I want to thank my brothers for helping me with these beautiful clothes to put them on—and to keep them on." The last few words were received by the palefaces with much merriment.

Chief Walking Buffalo rose to reply: "We appreciate to be with Dr. Buchman today. You have seen that we have made him our brother because we believe in his work. From the early days of the Red Men before the White Men came we felt the presence of the Great Spirit. Now we know of that Supreme Being who has made all creation. Here is a man who has got a lot of knowledge in him. There may be many people who have a lot of wisdom, but it is a different kind of wisdom altogether."

A number of speeches including some from the wives of the Chiefs and giving out of the Oxford books to all the Indians by Dr. Buchman with his name signed in Indian, brought the program to a close with the final singing by the palefaces of the marching song of the Oxford group.