

CLERGYMEN FLOCK TO BUCHMANITE MEETING

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LONDON has seldom seen such a thoroughly organised meeting as that held by the Buchmanites, or the Oxford Group, at the Central Hall, Westminster, last night.

The meeting was timed to begin at the convenient after-dinner hour of 8.45, but 40 minutes before that nearly 200 cars had arrived and police were directing their drivers to take them to neighbouring garages. The streets around the Central Hall were packed.

So was the Central Hall itself—with a well-dressed, intent crowd which included clergymen, women in evening frocks, men in dinner jackets, many middle-aged and elderly, and, on the platform, two considerable groups of undergraduates who had travelled from Oxford and Cambridge.

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They were all admirably marshalled by members of the "team" of 500 who have come to "blow London up." Everything went without a hitch and according to plan.

It was an invitation meeting. The only element of surprise about it was that Salvation Army officers stood outside the doors giving away free copies of the "War Cry."

The interesting part of the meeting was the half-hour occupied by half a dozen young Oxford and Cambridge men who gave "witness." They spoke briefly, one or two of them simply, one or two of them bravely, and one or two of them in a manner that gave an impression of careful preparation.