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The Fund for this project is now open.

The following message has been received from the Guardian:-

"The Guardian is specially praying for the success of your N.S.A.'s project in connection withproblem. Much as he realises the financial difficulties involved in such a plan, he is nevertheless convinced that if every individual believer, no matter how limited his resources, pledges himself to give it his whole-hearted and continued support it will eventually, though after considerable effort and self sacrifice, become effective and successful. The opportunity has now come for the friends in Great Britain to demonstrate the measure of their devotion to the Cause, as well as their capacity to maintain, consolidate and extend its nascent administrative institutions in that land. The occasion calls for a tremendous amount of sacrifice, of perseverance and united labour on the part of the friends, and for the self same devotion that characterised the nationwide efforts of the American believers for the building up of their beloved Temple at Wilmette. May the friends in Great Britain, despite their limited numbers and resources, be guided and assisted to successfully meet this challenge. Their triumph will assuredly draw upon them the blessings and confirmations of Bahá'u'lláh, and may prove to be the signal for fresh conquests and unprecedented developments in the Cause throughout the British Isles".

Beloved Friends;

We wish to make no comment upon the above, but to urge every one to consider deeply the statements made, to meditate upon them and to rise prayerfully to accept the challenge. With the exception of Summer School, this is our first national undertaking of magnitude. "Now is the time....".

Pending a more detailed organisation the friends are asked to send their subscriptions to the National Treasurer, Mrs. Slade, Mallard's Court, Stokenchurch, Bucks. Subscriptions may be marked for the Publishing Company. The friends will be kept fully informed of progress.

The N.S.A has started the fund with a subscription of £50, earmarked some time ago for publishing purposes.

Cable to America

On January 27th the N.S.A. sent the following cable to the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States and Canada:- "British Bahá'ís loving sympathy prayers America national disaster". The floods in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys have caused tremendous suffering, loss of life and property. Hundreds of thousands are destitute. The American government is dealing with the situation vigorously. Let us continue to help them with our prayers.

National Contacts

The N.S.A. has appointed Miss Golden Kilford to do this important work. Many people are kept in touch with the Faith and occasionally literature is sent to them.

Bahá'í Journal

It has been decided to print occasionally, in the Journal articles of value to the Faith, written by the friends. Manuscripts should be brief and may be sent to the secretary of the N.S.A. It is understood that they will be printed subject to the requirements of the Journal and the discretion of the editors.

Literature

A new pamphlet will be shortly available. It is of the same size as the small blue American pamphlet entitled "Principles of the Bahá'í Faith". The new one has just been composed and will be printed in England and published by the N.S.A. Its title will be "The Bahá'í Faith"-- The World Religion. It will cost one penny.

The Temple

Now that the urgency of the Temple construction is over, the N.S.A. has decided not to deal with any more subscriptions to the Temple Fund. Individual believers who wish to subscribe to this Fund may send their donations direct to America.

Teaching

A heartening report of the activities in South Devon has been received from the National Teaching Committee. The perseverance and constant efforts of Mr. Tobey, reinforced since December 14th by the sustained work of Mr. & Mrs Bishop and a brief visit by Mr. Balyuzi, has resulted in the formation of a group of earnest people, three of whom have declared their Faith. The report states that others are nearing this point. The first nineteen day Feast to be held in that part of England, took place on January 19th at the home of Mrs. Langdon-Davies, one of the new believers. This group in Dartington Hall and Torquay have been in touch with Mrs McKinley, the resident Bahá'í at Ashburton. The report states:- "The teachers are keeping the Prayers, contemplating the Word, and seizing every opportunity to speak. The Message is being given to an ever widening circle; in point of fact, not a day passes without a hearer, --at the least, without the mention and praise of His Great Name". The Guardian has asked for an Assembly, firmly rooted, in this part of England." the friends will, no doubt, remember this Group's work in their prayers for the victory of the Faith.

Summer School

The following is the complete programme of the Summer School.

Sunday,	August 1st	Opening address by Lady Blomfield.	
Monday	" 2nd	The Realm of Science) The World of Man and Divine Revelation
Tuesday	" 3rd	Art	
Wednesday	" 4th	The Basis of Philosophy	
Thursday	" 5th	Divine Educators	
Friday	" 6th	do.	
Saturday	" 7th	Microcosm & Macrocosm	
Sunday	" 8th	do.	
Monday	" 9th	Periods of Transition	
Tuesday	" 10th	do.	
Wednesday	" 11th	The World of To-day	
Thursday	" 12th	do.	
Friday	" 13th	The Drama of Bahá'í	
Saturday	" 14th	History	
Sunday	" 15th	Open Discussion	
Monday	" 16th	The Institution of Guardianship) The Creative Word of Bahá'u'lláh
Tuesday	" 17th	The Law of Consultation	
Wednesday	" 18th	The Law of Federation	
Thursday	" 19th	Bahá'í Social Economy	
Friday	" 20th	The Bahá'í World of To-day	
Saturday	" 21st	Open Discussion	

It has been impossible to complete arrangements for the location of Summer School, but the friends will be advised as soon as possible, where it will be held. Early registration is asked for to facilitate this part of the Committee's work. The cost will not be greater than eight shillings per day.

"Say: Teach ye the Cause of God, O people of Bahá, for God hath prescribed unto every one the duty of proclaiming His Message, and regardeth it as the most meritorious of all deeds. Such a deed is acceptable only when he that teacheth the Cause is already a firm believer in God, the Supreme Protector, the Gracious, the Almighty. He hath, moreover, ordained that His Cause be taught through the power of man's utterance, and not through resort to violence. Thus hath His ordinance been sent down from the Kingdom of Him Who is the Most Exalted, the All-Wise. Beware lest ye contend with any one, nay, strive to make him aware of the truth with kindly manner and most convincing exhortation. If your hearer respond, he will have responded to his own behoof, and if not, turn ye away from him, and set your faces towards God's sacred Court, the seat of resplendent holiness." Bahá'u'lláh.