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"Rest Assured and Persevere".

The following message, written in the Guardian's own hand, has been received from Haifa. "I wish to congratulate in person the English believers, and particularly the members of the youth group, on their splendid achievements. The activities they have initiated, the perseverance, zeal, and fidelity they have increasingly manifested, the plans they have conceived and the obstacles they have already overcome rejoice my heart and arouse fresh hopes and expectations within me. I will continue to pray for their success. Rest assured and persevere".

The Guardian's constant message at this time is for us to persevere. The National Spiritual Assembly hopes that all the friends will join in renewed and sustained effort for the spreading of the Faith in this country. We may pursue our work confidently and with courage, knowing that the prayers of our beloved Guardian are reinforcing our efforts and that the confirmations of the Holy Spirit will assuredly descend to make our labours fruitful.

Summer School.

The following is an extract from the Guardian's letter. "Regarding your Summer School; he is indeed grateful to your Assembly for the great success that has attended your efforts for the formation of this institution, the teaching value of which for England cannot be overestimated.... This has been certainly a bold undertaking, considering the limited number and resources of the believers in England. But the results obtained are highly encouraging and augur well for the future of this first English Baha'í Summer School. The unity, courage and whole-hearted loyalty of the friends have enabled them to boldly face and successfully overcome the difficulties and obstacles which may have first appeared, to many at least, to be quite unsurmountable. The Guardian would, therefore, urge all the believers to persevere in their efforts for raising the standard, both intellectual and spiritual, of their Summer School and to heighten its prestige in the eyes of the friends, and of the general non-Baha'í public outside. The institution of the Summer School, constitutes a vital and inseparable part of any teaching campaign, and as such ought to

be given the full importance it deserves in the teaching plans and activities of the believers. It should be organized in such a way as to attract the attention of the non-believers to the Cause and thus become an effective medium for teaching. Also it should afford the believers themselves an opportunity to deepen their knowledge of the Teachings, through lectures and discussions and by means of close and intense community life".

A copy of this letter has been given to the Summer School Committee for their guidance. The N.S.A would urge all the friends to study its contents, to resolve to support the Summer School next year and to be fully determined that, with the help of Baha'u'lláh, the Guardian shall not be disappointed in the hopes which he has for us.

return of Mrs Bishop

The Guardian has acceded to the N.S.A's request that Mrs Bishop should return to assist our teaching work. She is expected to arrive before Christmas.

N.S.A to visit Manchester

The National Spiritual Assembly will hold its next meeting in Manchester on Sunday December 20th. The members hope to be there during the week-end and plans are being made for meetings with the Manchester friends and with interested non-believers.

Questions on The New World Order.

At its last meeting the N.S.A discussed the problem of answering enquirers who ask whether the New World Order will be established by the Bahá'ís or by forces of reform already at work in society. It was felt that since this is a matter of vital importance to all Bahá'ís a statement should be made in this number of the Journal.

First the N.S.A would call attention to a letter written by the Guardian, through his secretary, to one of the American friends and published in No. 103 of Bahá'í News. "...what the Guardian wishes you to particularly emphasize in all your talks is the supreme necessity for all individuals and nations in this day to adopt in its entirety the social programme given by Bahá'u'lláh for the reconstruction of the religious, economic and political life of mankind".... "The believers should, therefore, seize this opportunity to make a supreme effort to present, in convincing and eloquent language, those social and humanitarian teachings of the Faith which we believe to constitute the sole panacea for the innumerable ills afflicting our present-day world".

Here in un-mistakeable language is a direct instruction to present the Teachings of Baha'u'llah as the

only cure for the ills of humanity. These Teachings constitute a new way of life which can only be fully realised in a new environment. Bahá'u'lláh, through His Administrative Order, has given us the instruments to fashion this new environment. The Bahá'í community, whether local, national or in its world-wide dimension, provides a pattern for the future World Order, as yet unestablished, and it is therefore to the Bahá'í Assemblies throughout the world that we must look for the development and unfoldment of the new social pattern envisaged in the term "World Order". In one of his most stirring passages, Shoghi Effendi says that the leaders of mankind, powerless to stem the tide of disintegration, would do well to turn their gaze towards the Administrative Order of Bahá'u'lláh.

There is no justification for assuming that the believers will be the ones to establish the institutions of Bahá'u'lláh in the world at large. The World Order of Bahá'u'lláh will inevitably be established, but unless we become willing and ready instruments for His Almighty Spirit, the triumph will be won by others.

The N.S.A urges every believer to study intensely Shoghi Effendi's pamphlet entitled "The Unfoldment of World Civilisation". An understanding of the analysis made of world conditions in this essay will give every believer a firm background for presenting the Faith in its application to man's problems. Attention is called to two distinct and opposed processes, one of construction and one of disintegration. Thorough consideration of the evidences of disintegration will prepare the Bahá'í teacher to cope with the opinion which maintains that the present revival of prosperity is permanent and reflects an improvement in the basic conditions of human society. Recognition of this disintegrating process will prepare the way for appreciation of the constructive process associated directly and indirectly with the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh.

Every believer has a copy of this pamphlet. Study it and prepare yourselves to teach the Faith of God.

"The world is in travail and its agitation waxeth day by day. Its face is turned towards waywardness and unbelief. Such shall be its plight that to disclose it now would not be meet and seemly. Its perversity will long continue. And when the appointed hour is come, there shall suddenly appear that which shall cause the limbs of mankind to quake. Then and only then will the Divine Standard be unfurled and the Nightingale of Paradise warble its melody".

"That one indeed is a man who today dedicateth himself to the service of the entire human race".