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A recent photograph of the memorial column at the grave of the beloved Guardian, Shoghi Effendi, in London.



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2. Prepare and/or commission Bahá'í contributions for submission to various publications issued by these and other educational bodies for use in schools etc.

3. Complete suitable material for instruction in the Bahá'í Faith to be made up in compendia (leaflets, booklets, charts, photos etc.) for different age groups.

4. Assist and provide with materials Bahá'ís in the teaching profession.

5. Develop a correspondence course to be made available to enquirers if possible using as a base our own existing correspondence course. Material available in other countries may be used or adapted, subject to agreement of copyright holders.

6. Impart to LSAs, groups and Bahá'í parents a better understanding of their responsibilities to Bahá'í children and encourage then the integration into the life of the Bahá'í community, with special attention to children from overseas whose parents are not in this country.

7. Give guidance in the organisation of children's classes and other activities.

8. Develop material including leaflets, booklets and books to be produced by the Publishing Trust, suitable for the Bahá'í education of children; publicise and make it available to the community.

9. Encourage Bahá'í parents to register their children from infancy and maintain a register of Bahá'í children up to the age of 13.

10. Appoint a sub-committee, to be responsible, in co-operation with the convening body, for the care and instruction of children at such gatherings as National Convention, Teaching Conference and Summer Schools. Make available to the sub-committee suitable material for these purposes.

#### AUDIO-VISUAL COMMITTEE

The Terms of Reference of this committee have been expanded to enable it to be responsible for the selection, collection, preparation, and circulation, storage and promotion of all audio and visual aids to teaching and deepening. This includes the materials prepared by the former Community Development Committee and the Deepening Department of the NTC. Even the Sales Committee ceases to exist and has become the Sales Department of the Audio-Visual Committee. Music, films, slides, tapes, deepening and correspondence courses, posters, cards, exhibition material and a wide range of pictorial and display material all come within the scope of this important committee.

#### OVERSEAS GOALS COMMITTEE

Due to the completion of the Nine Year Plan, the Terms of Reference of this committee have been changed but they still have a very vital role to play in maintaining and replacing pioneers, compiling essential information about all the territories under the general guidance of the United Kingdom National Assembly, in stimulating new pioneer offers and in directing international travel teaching projects.

The National Assembly feels sure that although the year is now well advanced, the new structure will soon prove to be an important step in the preparation for the exciting work of expansion and consolidation which awaits the community in the years which lie ahead. All the major committees and their departments and most of the Unit Teaching Committees have met and are busy getting on with the work entrusted to them. By January, when we meet at Teaching Conference in Leicester, there should be many tangible results of this new approach. This, in turn, should lead to that rapid increase in new believers and the vigorous functioning of local Assemblies which together are the hallmark of a progressive virile community.

#### NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY

حقوق الله

"این حقوق که ذکر شده و از اقصای سماء لوح الهی حکم آن اشراق نمود نفع آن بخود  
عباد راجع است لعمریه اگر مطلع شوند بر آنچه مستور است و آگاه گردند از بحر فضل  
که در این حکم مکنون است جمیع ناس آنچه را مال کنند در سبیل ذکرش انفاق نمایند طوبی  
لمن فاز بما امر به من لدی الله العظیم الحکیم " . انتهى .



# **BUDGET — 130** **21 March 1973 — 20 March 1974**

## **EXPENDITURE**

### **N.S.A.**

Travel	£1,000	
Secretarial	8,000	
Telephone & cables	400	
Bank charges	130	
Audit & legal costs	350	
Postage, literature & stationery	<u>2,000</u>	£11,880

Journal & Annual Report		2,000
Convention, Unit Conventions & Teaching Conference		600
Guardian's Messages		50
Extraordinary expenditure		200

### **Committees**

National Teaching Committee		£5,050
Overseas Goals Committee		5,500
Pioneer Committee		1,000
Public Information Committee		2,600
Audio-Visual Committee		600
Religious Education Advisory Committee		700
Personal Consultative Committee		50
Archives and Library Committee		50
Hazírat'ul Quds Committee		100
Reviewing Panel		20
Public Relations Officers		150
Other committees		120

L.S.A. Incorporations, Revision of Articles, etc.		1,000
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Hazíratu'l-Quds maintenance		4,000
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Repairs & Decorations to Hazíratu'l Quds		2,000
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### **Special Donations from the National Fund**

International Fund	1,500	
European Continental Fund	150	
African Continental Fund	50	
South American Continental Fund	50	
Frankfurt Temple	50	
Panama Temple	<u>50</u>	1,850

39,520

## **INCOME**

In hand		2,000
Tax refund on covenants		4,000
Interests & Dividends		1,000
Rent from land		20
Investment realization		1,500
Donations required		<u>31,000</u>

£39,520

After very careful consultation and an overall review being made of the vital needs of the Cause during this year, the Budget as set out above was agreed by the NSA and it gives us much pleasure to share it with all the friends. Most of the estimates made by the National Committees had to be drastically pruned; nevertheless it should be noted by all readers that to keep solvent the amount required from DONATIONS from the LSAs and Individual Bahá'ís is

**£31,000**

On many occasions some of the friends have expressed the wish that more information be given as to how the PRECIOUS LIFEBLOOD is spent, and with this in mind, we would comment on certain items as follows:—

**1. Postage, Literature and Stationery:** The "postage" and "stationery" speak for themselves, but it should be noted that the "literature" item includes the cost of the wonderful compilations made by the Universal House of Justice, copies of which are sent out free to all Bahá'ís in the United Kingdom.

**2. Journal and Annual Reports:** The amount of £2,000 allows only six issues to be sent out during the year. It might well be noted that if every Bahá'í who receives a copy were to send an extra 10p for each copy received ON TOP OF HIS OR HER USUAL DONATION this would pay for the Journal. Most of us buy newspapers and periodicals. Might we now consider putting those extra 10ps on one side to help pay for this most precious "periodical"?

**3. Convention, Unit Conventions and Teaching Conference:** The amount of £600 budgeted may well prove very inadequate unless the LSAs arranging the Unit Conventions on behalf of the National Assembly find very modest accommodation and the friends elected as delegates exercise great sacrifice when attending National Convention.



**4. National Teaching Committee:** This budget of £5,050 includes £2,000 for the "Islands '73" project, most of which is already spent. Of the remaining £3,050 it should be carefully noted that this must be shared out between:

- a. The National Teaching Committee
- b. 19 Unit Teaching Committees
- c. The Youth Department
- d. The Travel-Teaching Department
- e. The Blind Services Department

It is obvious that the utmost economy will need to be practised by everyone.

**5. Overseas Goals Committee:** This is the largest of the committee budgets and it should be noted that almost all of it is essential for the maintenance of those wonderful souls who arose both during the Ten Year Crusade and the Nine Year Plan to pioneer overseas on our behalf. We must not let them down.

**6. Public Information Committee:** This item of £2,600 is a big new item on the budget and is in response to the overwhelming request of the Community for newspaper advertising on a large scale. This budget meets only advertising on a moderate scale, but it could very well be scrapped if donations are not kept at a high enough level to meet this additional cost.

**7. LSA Incorporations:** One of our goals was the incorporation of thirty-four local Assemblies and to revise The Articles of Association of the already Incorporated Assemblies. It is a very costly business in legal fees. It is hoped that the LSAs who are being incorporated will help all they can to bear the cost themselves.

**8. Hazíratu'l-Quds Maintenance:** The amount of £4,000 is needed for the running costs of the Hazíratu'l-Quds. Please note that the rates alone are £1,320 for the year. The rest of the budget covers the cost of lighting, heating, cleaning, caretaking etc. We have to pay our way.

**9. Special Donations from the National Fund:** Please note that this budget has had to be lessened from that of £2,550 last year. It is earnestly hoped that all the Bahá'ís will increase their personal donations to these Funds so that they will not suffer, but the National Assembly has pledged itself to make up the difference between last year and this year if this does not happen.

The National Assembly wishes to "honour" all the budget allocations to committees during this year, but it must be clearly understood by everyone that this can only be possible if the amount of £31,000 is forthcoming from the donations of all the Bahá'ís, both LSAs and individuals.

At the time of writing there is already a shortfall of more than £3,400. The work of the National Assembly and the committees could grind to a reluctant halt even before it has started.

The world-economy falls to pieces around our ears, and gets worse every day.

WE MUST NOT FAIL.

With deepest love,

The National Treasurer: **Betty Goode**  
8 Knowle Road  
Stafford

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS



### Travels of the Hands of the Cause of God

#### Hand of the Cause Collis Featherstone

Following the Third International Convention held in Haifa, Hand of the Cause, accompanied by Mrs Featherstone, set out on an arduous two and a half month trip which will take them through most of Europe, North America, Asia and Australasia.

He wrote briefly from Canada, stating: "The whole trip so far has been very wonderful and I feel a new spirit amongst the believers.

"Switzerland must have had a super convention judging by the believers on 'cloud nine' in the five towns we visited.

"In Ireland there was a fine gathering in Dublin, and Limerick is really tremendous. They have a singing group of about ninety youth . . . I feel there is a good pool of teachers developing in Limerick."

#### Hand of the Cause Dhikru'lláh Khádem

Hand of the Cause Dhikru'lláh Khádem who was accompanied by Mrs Khádem, was present at the Annual Convention of Persia where he contributed greatly to the spirit of consultation. He also visited Afghanistan in the company of Mr Rahmání, Counsellor in Western Asia. His presence there cheered the believers and raised them to new heights of service.

In addition to participating in the Inter Zonal Conference which was held in Tehran, he also attended some summer schools and other activities in Tehran and the surrounding area.

#### Hand of the Cause Jalál Kháze

The Annual Conventions of Alaska and Canada were blessed with the presence of the dynamic Hand of the Cause of God Jalál Kháze, who writes of Alaska:

"I never saw a community so full of zeal and love towards each other. There were approximately 250 believers gathered for the Convention . . . dear Bahá'ís of differing cultures. . . The community of Alaska is wonderful and I am now godfather to the Indians, Eskimos and other cultural groups. . ."

On departing from Alaska, the friends who accompanied Mr Kháze to the airport attracted the attention of a dignified gentleman who asked the Hand of the Cause, "Sir, could you tell me who you are that a group of such differing persons have gathered to see you off?" Mr Kháze explained the reason for his trip to Alaska and was invited by the gentleman to meet the wife of the Governor of Alaska. Mr Kháze's visit with the lady was most cordial and she asked him about the Cause with great intelligence and interest.

He writes of Canada, "The Convention was great and well organized, with more than 1,000 attending. The zeal of the friends is superb. . ."

**CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC:** "Last Sunday, 10 June, Radio Bangui broadcast an interview of the three National Spiritual Assembly members who attended the Third International Convention.

"The broadcast started and ended with a roll of drums, music and majestic introduction announcing: 'Bahá'u'lláh is the 'Promise of All Ages'. . ."

"The interviewer asked the three National Spiritual Assembly members many questions about the Convention, the Holy Land, their impressions, the system of Bahá'í elections, the principle of the unity of religions, the type of attendance, etc. More especially he asked for the impressions of our Central African member, Mr Toleque, and indeed it was thrilling to hear him expressing himself so enthusiastically about what he had seen of the unity, love, spirituality, co-operation and so on amongst the friends at the Convention. He mentioned that delegates had come from Samoa, Alaska, Zaire, Bolivia, France, Japan and America as well as from many other African states.

"The original interview lasted about forty minutes and was cut and edited very well indeed by some-one who seems to be sympathetic to the Faith. His dramatic opening and closing of the programme startled and thrilled us all, as it was so completely unexpected and very well done, lifting, as it did, one's immediate respect and attention to Bahá'u'lláh and to the Bahá'í Faith. . ."



**PANAMA:** "We are happy to share with you news of assistance given to our National Children's Committee by Panama's President Demetrio Lakas.

"Senor Jose Nunez, a member of the President's staff, and a long time friend of the Bahá'ís entered the Faith last year during the Temple Dedication. . . he is always willing to help with special projects.

"The Secretary of the National Children's Committee met Senor Nunez recently as she was looking for materials to reproduce a book needed for weekly classes. He stated that they had the facilities to do this work and would ask the President for permission to have it done for only the cost of materials and labour.

"When President Lakas read the book he said, 'if this is what the Bahá'ís are teaching our children we must help them.' He then instructed Senor Nunez to have 100 copies made and to present them as a gift to the Bahá'í children.

"The Children's Committee is now supplying materials for forty communities where classes are held. They are so well attended our greatest difficulty is getting teachers."

**UNITED STATES:** Since April 1973, the believers in El Paso have been moving regularly across the Rio Grande river into

Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, to proclaim the Faith among the inhabitants of that city. Week after week more waiting souls are found. One lady's story of finding the pathway is most unique.

The believers had been gathering in a plaza near an old cathedral each week. On 23 June, just as they were preparing to leave the plaza and return to El Paso, a lady told them of her need to become a Bahá'í. She explained that she had, indeed, felt a compulsion to come to the plaza on that day and that she knew this feeling to be associated with a dream which she had had twelve days earlier. She related the dream to the friends as follows: "Consuelo was in a room alone in her home and in the room in front of her was a long table at the head of which stood a radiant stranger — not an American. He had a long white beard and a white robe which reached the floor. He was talking to people. . . His voice was melodious and from His eyes rained tears. . . His hands were ever lifted with the palms up. . . He spoke of one soul in many bodies, of love for all mankind. . . soon He turned around and looked at her. . . she wished to touch His robe."

After the lady indicated her desire to become a Bahá'í, she was shown a picture of 'Abdu'l-Bahá. She became agitated and said He was the one of her dream. The believers were invited to visit her home where she read Bahá'í prayers aloud as if the words were those she had always known.



*Some of the friends who attended the Summer School at Carbisdale Castle, which preceded the "Islands '73" Project.*

### CARBISDALE CASTLE

An institute and summer school was held at Carbisdale Castle from 7–18 July, 1973. More than seventy-five friends attended, including a number of pioneers and Bahá'í youth from Mull, Lewis, Orkneys and Shetland. Despite complications in the booking arrangements, the friends were made most welcome at the Youth Hostel, a massive pseudo-Gothic castle perched on a cliff above the Kyle of Sutherland.

There was a rich and varied programme. Inspired and guided by Philip Hainsworth, the friends celebrated the anniversary of the Martyrdom of the Báb in a befitting manner. Nuri Sabit gave a stirring address on the life of Quddús, Derek Cockshut briefed the teaching teams on the "Islands '73" project and Jeremy Fox spoke on the 'Destiny of the Islands', reminding the friends of the words of the Guardian in which he stressed the dire need for: 'a flow of pioneers and an outpouring of material resources unparalleled in British Bahá'í history'. Hand of the Cause of God, Dr Muhajir, spent two days at Carbisdale delighting and inspiring all with his humour, wisdom and loving guidance. There were daily study classes on Islam and Christianity and there was an intensive two-day deepening programme which

increased individual and group awareness of the challenges and inestimable privilege of teaching this precious faith. Counsellor Betty Reed and Dr Keith Munro together conducted a stimulating series of talks and group studies on the Covenant, relating aspects of the Covenant to recent development of the Administrative Institutions. Mr David Hofman visited Carbisdale for one day and spoke to the friends on recent developments at the World Centre. There was a wonderful Unity Feast to which all the hostellers and hostel staff were invited.

Carbisdale was the springboard for "Islands '73", and teams left directly from it for Shetland, Orkney and the Inner and Outer Hebrides. If one may judge the success or failure of any Bahá'í gathering by the increase or otherwise of love and unity amongst the friends, then Carbisdale was definitely a success. A cablegram was sent to the World Centre which read:

'MOMENTUM GATHERING CARBISDALE SCOTLAND  
LAUNCHING ISLANDS '73 INSPIRED GUIDANCE  
RADIANT FELLOWSHIP GENERATING FRESH  
URGENCY ACHIEVEMENT HOPES BELOVED  
GUARDIAN'

Tom Mackenzie and Mary Perkins





*A group of young Bahá'ís photographed at Carbisdale Castle just before setting out to teach in the "Islands '73" Project.*

### CHIGWELL SUMMER SCHOOL

This summer school was held in a very beautiful part of Essex at Grange Farm Camping and Sports Centre at Chigwell from 4–11 August, 1973. For the first time we had to share the site of a summer school with non-Bahá'ís. The centre could accommodate about 450–500 people. One lass, on arrival, thought that everyone was Bahá'í, therefore said "Alláh-u-Abhá" to everyone she met and as a result became quite bewildered when she received some strange looks! Stepping into the camp felt like stepping out of England into a multi-lingual world, since there were Italian, German, French, Maltese, Canadian and even Persian groups staying there, as well as people who had their own tents and caravans. We were rather unprepared for this and heaved sighs of relief when pamphlets in different languages finally arrived. The atmosphere was ripe for teaching; we did not have to roam streets telling people about the Bahá'í Faith; they came to us!

The sessions which were held in the chapel inspired us even more to rise and teach the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh. We were privileged by the presence of Counsellor Betty Reed, who, with her animated and fascinating talks on teaching in Iceland, Finland and other parts of Europe, creating a vision of the "entry by troops" experienced by some countries, made us feel that the time was drawing near, also, for us in the United Kingdom.

In the evenings, Joe Foster from Kendal organised a series of interesting and amusing sessions on Prayer. He had been asked to do this at extremely short notice, taking over from Charles MacDonald, who was occupied at the National Office. Mrs Mary Kouchezkadeh gave some fine talks on the history of the Faith and the Covenant. On the final day, we were fortunate in having Mrs Mehrangiz Munsiff take two of the sessions. In the late afternoons, Mr Golgasht held a series of very detailed and deep talks on the subject of Islám.

At the school we were delighted to have with us Bahá'ís from many parts of the world and altogether 70–80 people attended the summer school.

On the first few evenings we held sing-songs to which many non-Bahá'ís from the camp came; in fact the Bahá'ís acted like a magnetic, unifying force attracting people.

One night we had a talent contest and on the last night we organised a "Unity Concert", which was advertised on posters in English, German, French, Italian, Dutch and Persian! We had the permission of the manager to use the larger Recreation Hall instead of the chapel.

As a result of the summer school we had five declarations, four youth and one adult. The interested visitors were given pamphlets in their own languages and the addresses of the NSAs of the countries they lived in. We hope that they will follow up the Faith when they return home.

Of course no summer school is quite complete without the midnight walks and frolics in and by the swimming pool — some enthusiasts even went swimming during the first two days when it was raining hard. Our deepest thanks go to all who helped make the school what it was, especially the speakers, the organising committee and last, but by no means least, Will van den Hoonaard, the Chairman, who bore everything with such quiet serenity.

Moreover, everyone left with the desire to teach the Faith with the words of Betty Reed firmly implanted in their minds: "Have you the strength, Have you the courage, Have you the vision to build a new world?"

Ruhay Haqjoo

### THE IRISH SUMMER SCHOOL: WATERFORD: 4–12 AUGUST 1973

For sheer inspiration, warmth of spirit and abounding love, this was a matchless summer school. Over three hundred people registered during the course of the school, which had originally expected only eighty, so the lecture hall was packed to capacity. Among the visitors from many countries were two Counsellors, Isobel Sabri from Africa, with her husband Hassan Sabri of the Uganda NSA, and Betty Reed from Europe, and Board Member Beman Khosravi.

There was an exceptionally high standard in the talks given by a wide variety of speakers and it is quite impossible to express the depth of the thanks of those attending to all of them. One must mention, however, the deep and penetrating talks given by Adib Taherzadeh on the Covenant and the Kitáb-i-Aqdas, the erudite insight given to us by Hassan Sabri on Islám, Isobel Sabri's clear elucidation of the Administration and Philip Hainsworth's moving and illuminating talks on the Guardian and the House of Justice.

There were many less formal sessions, too, of great interest, including some excellent film and slide shows given by Ted Cardell and Sue Benatar, stories about the early days of the Faith told by Zebby Whitehead and Adib Taherzadeh, several interesting question and answer sessions and a panel of those who had pioneered to Africa speaking on the development of the work there.

Late night sessions, beginning at 9.30 pm, were also a feature of the school. Ireland is becoming renowned for its singing and on several occasions we were treated to informal song sessions and heard a multiplicity of really lovely songs. On one evening there was a variety concert, with real variety, ranging from such a large number of amusing skits all of which left us laughing and happy that it is impossible to list them all, several excellent groups of singers, including one group from Italy whose members sang themselves into our hearts, to a piano medley of romantic music played by John Morley — who displayed a talent hitherto unsuspected by most of us — and some lovely classical dancing by budding young ballerina Zarin Hainsworth.

On another evening there was a fancy dress competition and on yet another a more serious type of entertainment — a warmly applauded recital of classical songs and piano music by Lois Hainsworth and Sylvia Schulman Benatar, which was followed by a short play most movingly performed by John and Val Morley and written by Val.

Thursday evening was a highlight for us all — this was a planned public meeting at a local hotel. From the beginning of the school we had been asked not to make a point of street teaching, but to leave this to those appointed by the committee; their work culminated in the public meeting, which was addressed by Jack Costelloe and chaired by Jane Villiers-Stuart. This meeting was a gem of public relations work in a town where opposition was expected; it opened with songs from three groups of singers, all contrasting and all beautifully performed.



*An informal study group at the Irish Summer School, addressed by Adib Taherzadeh.*





*Friends gathered at the Irish Summer School, Waterford, which was attended by a large British contingent.*

Jack Costelloe's well chosen words were followed by questions, and those present could feel the tension begin to mount as the questioning continued. This culminated in a questioner asking if one of their singers could be given the microphone and borrow a guitar — this courtesy was extended and a rousing evangelical song was performed. Jack Costelloe, himself an accomplished folk singer, took another guitar and helped in the accompaniment and then asked the visiting singer if he would help to accompany him in a final song. Here there came one of those moments which are impossible to describe; Jack sang a song of great beauty and peace, with such love and reverence and quietness, that the whole atmosphere in the hall began to relax, the tension went from the gathering and there came over us all a feeling of utter dedication and praise and thankfulness. One was reminded of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's words in 1909 which are quoted in "HERALD OF THE SOUTH", January 13, 1933: "...musical melodies form an important role... for it is the inspirer or motive power of both the material and spiritual susceptibilities. What a motive power it is in all feelings of love! When man is attached to the Love of God, music has a great effect upon him."

The meeting was closed and those attending broke up into small groups. Anyone who wished to do so was invited to come to the school to hear more about the Faith and this invitation was taken up by a number of people. From among those attending the school there were two declarations and after the public meeting, two more from visitors to the fireside sessions. A small group of Bahá'ís stayed behind in Waterford after the school finished to help the two young pioneers there with the follow-up enquiries — as a result of these meetings there were two early declarations before the visitors left and several more afterwards.

When a school is as successful as this one, there are a great many people who contribute to its success, and Adib Taherzadeh, who himself received an ovation of several minutes' duration for his loving work, expressed the thanks of all present; in particular, to the members of the Irish NSA and its Summer School Committee of John and Lou Turner, Peter Trundle and Valerie and John Morley — to John Morley two-fold thanks, because he was the school's most excellent chairman.

#### **"BY WORD AND DEED" by Elsie Cranmer**

Several years ago, Elsie Cranmer greatly assisted one of the British national committees by providing two sets of readings for use at World Religion Day meetings. These compared the Writings from the World's great religions on particular subjects and proved of tremendous help.

Now she has gathered together a much wider selection from the sacred Writings, which has been published by The Mitre Press, 52 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2, and which may be ordered from them through booksellers, price 75p plus postage.

The Guardian was sent some of Miss Cranmer's work very many years ago and wrote that he would pray that her "literary work would be of use in spreading the Cause".

This little book will be of great value to anyone interested in progressive revelation and those arranging devotional programmes to incorporate Writings from other Faiths will find it of real assistance.



## NATIONAL TEACHING COMMITTEE

The Bahá'í Year 130 is a new experience for many of us as it is the first time for nine years that we have not been involved in part of a world-wide plan. That does not mean that what we have to accomplish is in any way less than what we have done before, nor that we are alone in carrying on our teaching and consolidation work. In January this year the Universal House of Justice wrote to all the National Spiritual Assemblies asking them to formulate plans to:—

"Strengthen the foundations of your achievements through developing and enriching Bahá'í community life, fostering youth activity and through all means suited to your circumstances; and. . .

Continue expansion of the Faith, trying new openings and possibilities not fully explored when you were under the pressure of other priorities."

In order to accomplish this the National Spiritual Assembly has drawn up a national plan which was first forwarded to the Universal House of Justice and then presented to us at Convention; a copy can be found in the Convention report. It is especially designed for the British Community, so that we can all take part in it in some way, thereby ensuring that we are well prepared for the next Global Plan to be launched at Ridván, 1974.

Dear friends, little more than half this year remains to us, to make sure our foundations and to develop new avenues of spreading our beloved Faith. Already we have seen successes coming from the Islands '73 Project, with eight new believers, most of them adults, on the Islands. Now there is a need for resident teachers to go to the Islands in order to follow up the exciting work accomplished by our youthful teaching teams. If you are able to go, please inform the National Teaching Committee without delay. In Craigavon, Northern Ireland, the friends are engaged on an extensive teaching campaign with the help of travel teachers from England, New Zealand and Australia. In Wales, during October, there will be extensive teaching and deepening programmes and Counsellor Betty Reed will be present for part of this time to give us all her wonderful inspiration.

We are looking forward to the weekend school in Bath which has been organised by the Youth Department of the National Teaching Committee, when many of us will be able to come together to study the Synopsis of the Kitáb-i-Aqdas under the guidance of Adib Taherzadeh, our very dear friend from Eire.

This year, the National Teaching Committee has new departments for travel teaching and teaching the blind, and we are also looking into the possibilities of a new teaching project to reach the immigrant communities amongst us. Please keep a look-out for news of these.

The new Unit Teaching Committees will now be meeting and drawing up plans of action for the coming months. We look forward very much to working in close co-operation with them, as well as with all the local Spiritual Assemblies.

This is a vital year when all our efforts are required to build our numerical and spiritual strength to such a degree that next Ridván we will be ready to surge ahead with the tasks set for us by the Universal House of Justice. This of course cannot be accomplished unless we all rise to serve the Faith in whatever and in as many ways as we are able. The National Teaching Committee looks forward to joining its efforts with yours and hopes that this year will be different for us in that all of us will be able to surpass any previous heights attained in the service of Bahá'u'lláh.

*The legendary American jazz trumpeter, John "Dizzy" Gillespie, recently enjoyed a most successful three week engagement at Ronnie Scott's Club in London. Apart from the unanimous praise of music critics in the national press, Dizzy, as usual, attracted some excellent publicity for the Faith.*

*"The Guardian" printed a feature article on him, and Thames Television broadcast a late-night interview on Dizzy's Bahá'í beliefs and their effect on his music. Many of the friends went to hear the quintet's music which includes a striking composition called "OLINGA" dedicated to Hand of the Cause Enoch Olinga. The bassist of the group, Earl May, and the pianist, Mike Longo, are both Bahá'ís.*

*The photograph was taken when Dizzy visited some of the friends in Epsom.*

## YOUTH DEPARTMENT

JUNIOR YOUTH WEEKEND AT LEEDS:  
25/27 AUGUST 1973

Thirty young Bahá'ís were welcomed into the home of Lois and Philip Hainsworth on Saturday, 25 August, for the second national junior youth weekend school. They had come from all over the country, and the youth leaders from as far as London, Manchester, Newcastle and Poole in Dorset. The theme adopted for the weekend was: "One thing and only one thing. . ."

The subjects studied in the sessions were "Heroes of the Faith", "Three Fields of Service", "Pattern of Bahá'í Life", "The Báb" and "Bahá'u'lláh", and were greatly enriched by contributions from the group. Everyone was eager to take part in the resulting discussions which were animated from the beginning and of much value. One evening was devoted to self expression in drama, which involved some acting. The late night sessions, a barbecue and several organised games took place outside in the attractive gardens. Although not originally included in the programme, the late night sessions provided a wonderful opportunity for the young believers to come together and share their experiences and stories, their problems and hopes in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. A beautiful devotional was held every morning.

The organised games included a very active quiz, dodge-ball and a treasure hunt, and everyone joined in the talent show and singing with great enthusiasm.

We were given much warm hospitality from the Hainsworth family and the freedom of their house and gardens, and the youth who attended the school were deeply grateful to all those who were concerned in organising and running this wonderful weekend.

The junior youth left the school happy and full of new ideas to put into practice.

## WINTER SCHOOL AND BAHÁ'Í ARTS FESTIVAL

FESTIVAL: 21–23 December, 1973

WINTER SCHOOL: 24–29 December, 1973

PLACE: Wiston Lodge, Wiston, Nr Biggar, Lanarkshire, Scotland.

PRICE: Whole period (21–29 December): £14.50  
Per day: £2.00

REGISTRAR: Mr Farhad Behrooz  
28 Roxwell Road,  
Chelmsford Essex CM1 2PP

PAYMENT: The full amount is payable by cheque or postal order (made payable to Shahram Firoozmand) when registering.

PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO PEOPLE WHO COME FOR THE WHOLE PERIOD.

Please enclose two stamped addressed envelopes for the receipt of your payment and for the programme.

There is a hotel not very far from the Wiston Lodge, and you may wish to make your own arrangements:

WYNDALES HOUSE HOTEL  
SYMINGTON, BIGGAR, LANARKSHIRE







*Junior youth and their tutors who attended the weekend gathering at "Treen", in Leeds.*

### PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE

Secretary: Miss Jean Harper  
36 Coombe Gardens  
Bournemouth

#### PLEASE NOTE — IMPORTANT!

APPROACHES TO **NATIONAL** MEDIA OR PERSONALITIES **MUST NOT** BE MADE BY ANY INDIVIDUAL OR LOCAL COMMUNITY. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONNECTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR NATIONAL PUBLICITY, PLEASE CONTACT EITHER THE PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE OR THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY. INDIVIDUALS OR LOCAL COMMUNITIES ARE FREE TO WRITE ONLY TO THE CORRESPONDENCE COLUMNS OF THE NATIONAL PRESS.

#### Advertising in National Press

Two advertisements on the Faith have already appeared in Sunday papers:

1. Sunday Times — 24 June
2. Observer — 8 July

Further advertisements will appear in the autumn as readership during the summer months falls to its lowest level.

#### Martyrdom of Báb — Publicity

Write-ups about the Martyrdom of the Báb appeared in eighteen local papers — a total of fifty-two column inches. One letter to the editor was printed, and there were four radio spots on a local radio.

The committee wishes to thank all those communities who have sent in reports of their publicity. If any community has not yet sent any cuttings from their newspapers to the Public Information Committee, they are asked kindly to do so. Please give the name and the date of the paper with each cutting.

**Please note:** When dealing with any press or other media, it is advisable **not** to give any statistics.

The Universal House of Justice broadsheet, which has been especially prepared for any media, is available upon request from the Publishing Trust at ½p per copy. It is to be sent with any advertisement or information to the press.

#### Local Radio

Local communities are recommended to try and establish a personal relationship with their local radio editors, and try to get quotations from the writings included in radio spots such as "local thoughts for the day".

#### Local Press Officers

If your community has not yet appointed a local press relations officer, it is most desirable to do so. Please let the PIC secretary have the name and address of your press officer.

### THE FUND

There are three ways to make contributions to the FUND

- 1 Directly to the National Treasurer:—

Mrs Betty Goode  
8 Knowle Road,  
Stafford  
Tel: Stafford 62157

- 2 By Bank Giro, directly to the Bank, which is

The National Westminster Bank  
186 Brompton Road,  
London SW3

Our account no. is 18188443

- 3 By Post Office Giro. Our number is 43 301 4008

#### POINTS TO REMEMBER

- A All cheques and postal orders should be made payable to 'NSA of the Bahá'ís; please **NOT** to 'Betty Goode'.
- B They should be crossed.
- C It is not wise to send paper money or any money through the post unless it is registered.
- D Receipts are sent automatically for money sent directly to the National Treasurer, unless the donor specifically requests that one not be sent. With the increasing numbers of friends, it helps the Treasurer if a stamped addressed envelope is enclosed for the receipt. It really does save much work and is greatly appreciated. Receipts are not issued for Giro payments.

#### PAYMENTS BY COVENANT

These are handled by

Mr John Morphew  
Caerleon,  
Norris Grove,  
Park Lane,  
Broxbourne,  
Hertfordshire

Please contact him directly.

#### FOR THE PERSIAN FRIENDS

Huqú'u'lláh payments are handled by

Mr John Long  
2 South Street,  
Oakham,  
Rutland.



## NEWS FROM THE COMMUNITIES

**BATH:** Our community was very pleased recently when a member was approached by BBC Radio Bristol to give, at very short notice, five two-and-a-half minute talks in the feature 'Thought for Today'. The first talk was recorded and the following four were given 'live'.

Talks on the Faith were not required, but rather subjects of a moral nature. Needless to say, Bahá'í principles were featured, the Names of Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá given prominence, and Their Words read and quoted. The subjects chosen were

- a) Personal discipline and living the example
- b) Hospitality towards others and 'foreigners'.
- c) Individual investigation
- d) Knowledge and its values
- e) Unity — the central theme of the Bahá'í Faith.

Two and a half minutes is not long to speak on a subject, but those few seconds, we hope and pray, can take to more homes the Name of Bahá'u'lláh.

**BELFAST:** A new Bahá'í Centre was opened on 5 September at 75, Upper Newtownards Street, a property which had previously belonged to George Hackney and where, seven years before, he had first heard of the Faith. At the opening he presented the centre officially to the LSA and it was dedicated during the devotional. Lisbeth Greaves welcomed the guests, gave a short resumé of the past and told of the many visits of the much loved Hand of the Cause George Townshend, of the work of the valiant pioneers, including Lady Kathleen Hornell and many others. She also reminded the friends of the devoted work of Richard Backwell, John Deacon, Harry King and others and a prayer for the departed was included in the devotional. Belfast and Castlereagh Rural District had united to work together for this historic occasion and our sincere thanks go to the committee who had worked so hard to convert the centre. Board Member Beman Khosravi presented George Hackney with a book on behalf of us all.

**COLCHESTER:** A Bahá'í ceremony was held in a Colchester Church for the marriage of Peter Oldziey and Katharine Gilbert, immediately following which the Anglican priest read aloud and

splendidly, one of the marriage tablets. After this the Bahá'í ceremony was conducted according to Bahá'í law.

**EDINBURGH:** Two members of the Assembly recently paid a visit to the Editor of 'The Scotsman', Scotland's national quality daily newspaper. They had a far-ranging discussion, and the editor was presented with a copy of the book, 'THE CALL OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH' on behalf of the Assembly. Shortly afterwards, the Faith was mentioned in a feature in the newspaper, which has been in the past somewhat resistant to printing our letters and press releases.

**GUILDFORD:** On Friday 24 August, Pearl and Edgar Boyett held a party at their home to celebrate their silver wedding. During the evening the Tablet written by 'Abdu'l-Bahá on the occasion of one of the friend's marriage was read, and a Persian marriage prayer chanted. This was followed by some Persian dancing, and at the end of the evening when the general socialising and dancing was over, Fiona Dunn and an American believer sang some beautiful Bahá'í songs. The party was attended by a number of contacts and non-Bahá'í spouses, all of whom expressed their appreciation of the atmosphere and the spirit of the Bahá'í Faith.

On the weekend of 1/2 September, the Guildford community manned an exhibition at the Town Show, a very well supported annual event in the town. Friends came from Crawley, Brighton, Southampton, Hove and the Isle of Wight to help answer questions. There was a considerable amount of interest, markedly more than when we attempted the same thing two years ago; several people had seen Dizzy Gillespie on television a few nights before. Others had met the Bahá'ís in the Middle East, and expressed surprise at finding us in an English country town. One man, who had been serving with the Jordanian Police, had met Shoghi Effendi in 1936. All in all, we were very pleased and excited about the interest shown; a nice final touch was when we were awarded second prize for the best non-commercial display.



*The Bahá'í stall at the Cambridge Fair.*





*A group of friends gathered in Guildford for the formation of the LSA.*

**HAMILTON:** On Monday, 13 August, Roberta Young and Peter Shirley, two young Bahá'ís, were married in accordance with the laws of Bahá'u'lláh. Representatives of the local Assembly of Hamilton officiated at the wedding, which was held in a most picturesque setting on the bridge over the Avon Water, a tributary of the Clyde, outside Roberta's home in Larkhall, Lanarkshire. Most of the guests were non-Bahá'ís, who were hearing of the Faith for the first time. Press coverage included a photograph and a caption which mentioned the Faith and gave some idea of Bahá'í marriage. The newspaper has a readership of about a million, so this gave us some fine publicity!

**HENLEY-ON-THAMES:** Our community held a Proclamation Concert at the Chantry House entitled "This is The Day" a final public proclamation of the Nine Year Plan.

Paul Hooshang Jahanpour played many musical instruments, including the Guitar, Santur and Tar. Phillip Hinton, with his wife Ann, gave dramatic readings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh. The concert was attended by over fifty people, including the Mayoress, who was presented during the concert with the Proclamation Book.

**MOTHERWELL AND WISHAW:** Earlier in the year the Motherwell community were able to complete the first part of our Proclamation project by presenting four Proclamation Books to local dignitaries. On Friday 13 April, we had the honour of presenting the Roman Catholic Bishop of Motherwell with the Proclamation Books, and at the end of a very interesting meeting he also accepted a copy of "The Christianity of Jesus" by Richard Backwell. The meetings with the M.P., the Lord Provost and the Town Clerk were also very successful, and each showed an interest in the Bahá'í Faith and its principles.

As a result of our interview with the Town Clerk, the Bahá'ís were given permission to use a shop in the town for a Bahá'í Exhibition. During the month of June 600 pamphlets were taken, and a number of people came in to look around the exhibition and ask questions about the Faith. Our thanks must go to all those who helped us, and especially to Ada Williams, who travelled all the way from Blackpool to be with us.

**POOLE:** The Poole community mounted an exhibition of Bahá'í books and visual material, such as posters, photographs, maps, extracts from the Bahá'í writings and details of our teachings and history, at the Exhibition Gallery of the Poole Central Library, Arndale Centre, Poole, for two weeks from 19 July to 1 August. By way of local interest the exhibition

gave particular prominence to this year being the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of "Bahá'u'lláh and the New Era", written by Dr Esslemont while living in nearby Bournemouth. This was featured in reports on the exhibition in the local press and there were on display thirty copies of the book, each in a different language, together with a copy of the first edition published in 1923.

The exhibition must have been seen by many hundreds of people, for it is necessary to pass through the Exhibition Gallery to enter the Public Library and with their eyes caught by our posters, many passers-by were seen to stop and examine the exhibits and to admire the fine calligraphy displayed by our own artist, Donald Pearce. In fact, with the words "Bahá'í Faith" displayed in large letters, none of the visitors to the Library during that fortnight, except perhaps the blind, should be able to say that they have never heard of the Faith.

The Mayor of Poole, Alderman Mrs Rene Montague, graciously accepted our invitation to visit the Exhibition and after closely inspecting the exhibits and asking many questions, she accepted from Gloria Momen, the Chairman of Poole LSA, a copy of "The Proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh", together with a corsage of orchids kindly donated by Muriel Brown of Wimborne. The Mayor remarked that many different religions are represented in Poole and that she believed in being open-minded and taking an interest in the activities of them all. This was in refreshing contrast to the attitude of one of her predecessors, who refused to receive the Proclamation Book on the grounds that he was head of a Christian community.

Two public meetings were held during the period of the Exhibition, at which interesting talks were given by Shomais Afnan on "Bahá'u'lláh and the New Era" and by Phillip Hinton on "Faith and Freedom". Shomais gave convincing replies to many searching questions put to her from the audience, in particular by three young men who subsequently revealed themselves to be Mormons.

**READING:** Fiona Dunn and Martin Cortazzi gave a folk concert from the bandstand in the Forbury Gardens, Reading, on Saturday 1 September. Prior to the concert, Bahá'ís distributed invitations and attractive posters were displayed throughout the town. During the concert receptive souls were handed leaflets and were invited to a community barbecue in the evening.

**ST ANDREWS:** During the last two years a summer school has been held in St Andrews, but as this year there was not one planned, the LSA decided to hold two weekend schools as an alternative method of attracting the friends here.

The first was held over the weekend 24–25 June and we were happy to see about thirty people flocking from various places, as far south as Carlisle and as far north as Aberdeen. Our "guest speaker" was Auxiliary Board Member Beman Khosravi, who flew over from Belfast at very short notice to give several very inspiring and much appreciated talks. The friends took advantage of his presence to ask questions on a wide variety of topics which Beman answered in his characteristic patient and loving manner.

Six people attended a public meeting on the Saturday night which was addressed by Peter Fothergill from Dundee, whose lively and informative talk provoked quite a few questions and much discussion. On Sunday morning we were joined by two more seekers, one of whom seemed very interested and who talked with us at length. She was very reluctant to leave so we gave her a copy of "Bahá'í Revelation" which she accepted — we hope she will contact Bahá'ís in her own community — Dublin.

Undaunted, nay inspired by its first attempt, the LSA made arrangements for the second weekend school which was held on 20–21 July. Although fewer people attended, we were happy to welcome some of the Newcastle friends again and quite a few people who had missed the first one. Carole Fothergill took two interesting and revealing sessions on the Covenant and the Fund.

Carolyn Eaton — Mordas (St Andrews) — led an open discussion on "Why I am a Bahá'í" which was much enjoyed and in which everybody participated!



On the Sunday morning we listened to a tape of one of the talks at Carbisdale Summer School, and later we were all much surprised by the sudden arrival of eight of the Edinburgh friends who had hired a mini-bus for the occasion.

During the last week of August two public meetings were held and over the next few months we hope to continue with steady teaching work, as with the loss of many friends, the Assembly is in grave danger of lapsing. Our need for pioneers and travel teachers is desperate and we beg your prayers.

**SHEFFIELD:** Our community will be holding a weekend school from 2 pm on 10 November to about 5 pm on 11 November, the theme of which will be "You and your responsibilities to the New World Order". Anyone interested in attending should contact Denis Anderson at Belmont, 38a Norfolk S Road, Sheffield S2 2SY.

**SOUTHPORT:** There was opportunity for a great deal of teaching when we had a Bahá'í wedding here between Fuad Ta'eed and Gillian Garnett. The press had been invited and the Lancashire Evening Post wrote two or three columns on it so the Faith was once more brought to many hundreds of people. We have finished our Proclamation project here, the last book being presented to the Mayor in July. We are now busy doing follow-up work.

**STAFFORD:** There was no difficulty at all in locating the Bahá'í caravan which was part of an exhibition put on by the Stafford Bahá'ís at the Stafford Agricultural Show in June. Raised high in the air on a pole at the side of the caravan, was a large three-dimensional nine-pointed star in scarlet, flame and clear perspex with the word "BAHÁ'Í" in the centre. Despite rain for much of the first day of the two-day show, it was well attended and a great deal of literature was accepted.

In the month of July another proclamation effort took place, this time on Cannock Chase, the famous local beauty spot where thousands of people gather from all over the Midlands at weekends. This time the Stafford community flew large kites with the word "BAHÁ'Í" written across. These attracted considerable interest, and with guitar-playing and singing taking place at the same time, little groups of enquirers gathered round the Bahá'ís.

It might be said that Stafford has taken to the air this summer!

**STORNOWAY:** Intensive and extensive teaching has taken place during the past months — prayers have been said in sixty villages and active teaching has taken place in over fifty. In some villages, when going from door to door to invite people to a public meeting, up to 400 houses have been visited and there have been many cases of group teaching. More public meetings and firesides are planned and the whole teaching process is gathering momentum.



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*Bahá'ís attending a celebration in Guildford*

#### **EDITORIAL**

The deadline for material for the December issue of the Journal should reach the Editor not later than 5 November and should be sent to:

Lois Hainsworth,  
Treen,  
Allerton Park,  
Leeds LS7 4ND

#### **WANTED: BAHÁ'Í YOUTH BULLETINS**

If, in their personal archives, any believer has a copy of the following Bahá'í Youth Bulletins, would they please get in touch with the Editor:

Any numbers of Volume 3, other than Nos. 2 & 3;  
Any numbers of Volume 4, other than No. 1.

#### **NOTICES**

##### **BIRTHS**



##### **MARRIAGES**

27 April 1973: Adele Senior to J. Stevens-Cox (not a Bahá'í), in Guernsey.  
14 July 1973: Gillian Garnett to Fuad Ta'eed, in Southport.  
3 August 1973: Rita Hallett to Philip Croft, in Sheffield.  
4 August 1973: Margot Riddell to Roger Chilcott, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne.  
13 August 1973: Roberta Young to Peter Shirley, in Hamilton.  
18 August 1973: Doreen Theedam to Denis Anderson, in Henley-on-Thames.

##### **DEATHS**

September 1973: George Alves, for several years a member of the Edinburgh community.  
3 June 1973: James Smeatham, in Carlisle.  
1 July 1973: Edith Mary Stothert, in Chester. Known to everyone as Gillie, she had been a stalwart member of the Chester Assembly since it was first established in 1961.



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## INVESTMENT SCHEME — LOAN APPEAL

The appeal for loans to support the work of the Trust has now reached £14,825, but there is a long way to go before the target of £35,000 will be reached. The friends may be interested to know that loans have come from as far afield as Australia and New Zealand.

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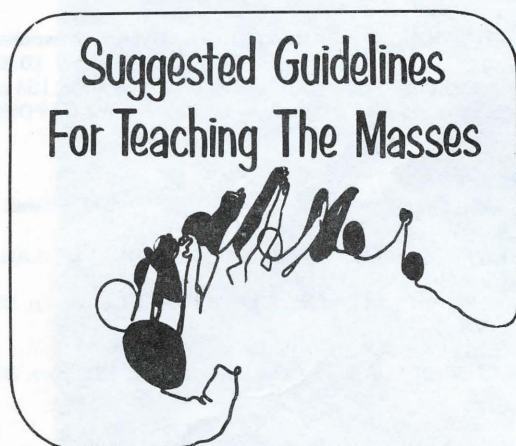
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## SALES THROUGH THE BOOK TRADE

The Publishing Trust has been studying ways of trying to fulfil the wish of the Universal House of Justice that sales to the book trade be stimulated, and we feel that this can only be done with the help of every single believer. Recently two of our publications were advertised in a special annual religious books section of "THE SPECTATOR" — "THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH, An Introduction", by Gloria Faizi and the compilation made by Richard Backwell, "FAITH FOR EVERYMAN". It is felt that the best way to make an impression upon booksellers is for there to be a demand from all over the country for particular titles and the Trust would like to suggest that each Assembly and Group should ask all the members of their community if they would consider buying either or both of these two books from a selected bookshop in their town. The Assembly or Group might wish to consider which is the most suitable bookshop — we feel that a bookshop which specialises in religious books would be preferable — and then suggest this bookshop to their community, so that an impact is made upon the bookseller. In this way, there will be a growing awareness in the book trade of a demand for Bahá'í books and for these books in particular.

At the same time, the Trust is making efforts to become recognised as a supplier to one of the big chain stores.



**SUGGESTED GUIDELINES FOR TEACHING THE MASSES:** "Teaching the masses is the greatest challenge now facing the followers of Bahá'u'lláh. No work is more important than that of carrying His Message with utmost speed to the bewildered and thirsting peoples of a spiritually parched world".

(The Universal House of Justice, November 1962)

This immensely useful teaching document was published by the American Publishing Trust and uses a wide selection of quotations from the Guardian and the Universal House of Justice. Although geared specifically to the work in the United States of America it is applicable anywhere, but especially in countries where there are minority groups, and it gives hints on how to run weekend schools as well as mass teaching projects, with sample programmes. 50p.

All books mentioned are available from The Bahá'í Publishing Trust, 2 South Street, Oakham, Rutland.

## OTHER RECENT BOOKLETS AND LEAFLETS

- L 69 Universal Compulsory Education, A Principle of the Bahá'í Faith 1p
- L 77 Folder of 7 different coloured illustrated teaching cards 20 folders for £1
- L 78 What It Means to be a Bahá'í 6p
- P 93 The Constitution of the Universal House of Justice 20p
- P 94 Suggested Guidelines for Teaching the Masses 50p

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- Issued by The Universal House of Justice:*
- B 112 The Codification of the Kitáb-i-Aqdas 75p
- Written by Hand of the Cause 'Amatu'l-Bahá Rúhíyyih Khánum*
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- B 99 A few copies are available of the Leather bound De Luxe edition, each copy personally signed by the author, in slip case and boxed, post paid to any part of the world £21 (not available for export to the U.S.A.)
- B 98 Paperback edition, in English 63p
- Paperback edition, in Spanish (state language) £1.50
- Written by Hand of the Cause Hasan Balyuzi*
- B 111 The Báb £1.60
- B 102 'Abdu'l-Bahá — Paperback edition 75p
- (Orders from overseas for these two books should be sent direct to Messrs George Ronald and not to the Trust)
- Written by Gloria Faizi*
- B 101 Fire on the Mountain Top 20p
- B 103 The Bahá'í Faith — Paperback edition 15p
- Written by Adib Taherzadeh*
- B 104 Trustees of the Merciful 25p
- Compiled by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United Kingdom*
- B 15 Principles of Bahá'í Administration —
- Clothbound 65p
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This is a new edition, revised and updated, of a book which many National Assemblies, numerous local Assemblies and countless individual Bahá'ís throughout the world regard as an essential reference book.

**"THE PASSING OF 'ABDU'L-BAHÁ'":** As the date for the commemoration of the passing of 'Abdu'l-Bahá is approaching, the friends may wish to be reminded of this beautiful and touching account of His passing. 20p

**"AND DID THOSE FEET'":** In October we shall celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the British National Assembly and we would like to draw to the attention of the friends this little booklet, which relates to the growth of the Faith in this country. 6p

**"THE ETERNAL COVENANT"** by Betty Reed: This publication is the basis of talks given by the author in many countries in Europe and which she has been pressed to put into written form. Using nine excellent illustrated cards drawn by Scandinavian artists Kullervo Huuskonen and Hadi Afsahi, it explains the Covenant of God with His Manifestations and their Covenants with their successors and followers, and using some beautiful quotations underlines the power of the Covenant. 25p



## NEW BOOKLET

P 92	Bahá'í Writings on Music	10p
This is the fourth in the series we are publishing of Compilations from Bahá'í writings made by the Universal House of Justice. Bulk supplies are now available.		
Several overseas National Assemblies have ordered these attractive booklets in advance of publication, orders from other Bahá'í bodies and individuals can now be filled.		
Bahá'ís of the United Kingdom should note that our National Assembly is presenting each one of them with one copy free but as this free issue is not continued after the initial distribution, individuals and local Assemblies may wish to purchase a quantity for presentation or sale to future declarants.		
Limited supplies at the original price are still available of the three previous Compilations in this series:		
P 51	No. 1 Local Spiritual Assemblies	10p
P 80	No. 2 Continental Boards of Counsellors	10p
P 82	No. 3 Lifeblood of the Cause	10p

## "ONE OF THREE LUMINARIES..."

by Hugh McKinley

"We dwindle down beneath the skies,  
and from ourselves we pass away." (A.E.)

"They who forget they are from everlasting spiritual beings invoke misery. The remembrance of this truth brings an inward joy which lies 'far beyond earth's misery' and is the one road to real dominion and self-completion. Lesser goals of effort than this delude and disappoint. The whole universe, in its vastness and in its tiniest detail, is spirit-woven, and the Mighty Artist who reared 'the changing halls of day and night' shows forth His delight likewise in the perfection of the wild flower of the field."

## "AND FOR ONE ONLY..."

Precisely because the essays, poems, meditations and introductions in THE MISSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH\* are not keyed to a narrower exegetical theme, they reveal their author in a light at once more intimate and more universal than that in which the believers — including those who have had the privilege of knowing him personally — are capable of visualizing so august and important a figure:

"His sterling qualities, his scholarship, his challenging writings, his high ecclesiastical position unrivalled by any Bahá'í in western world. . . ." These are the immediate qualities that spring to mind for us all; enumerated here, in that cable which Shoghi Effendi sent upon the "passing of dearly loved, much admired, greatly gifted, outstanding Hand of Cause George Townshend"<sup>1</sup>.

This book, however, reveals the inspired perceptions and subtle mastery of language of a great writer; the very human rise and fall of hope in a heart as mortal as our own; the poet's craftsmanship combined with the scholar's weight in making history and far-gone fact both exciting and allusive.

So vast a learning so lightly worn reminds one of those mysterious rivers in the west of Ireland, continually disappearing beneath the ground to re-appear unexpectedly and renew the waste land with their traditional flow.

For our 'continual deepening in the Faith' there is much matter in the title-essay — Introduction to God Passes By — and in the commentary upon Nabíl; no less upon the consideration of the Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

For our own better relation of that Faith to the single Life implicit, embodied or incarnate in every speck, particle, 'beast of the wilderness, bird of the air', human temple — and streaming forth for humankind in the equally singular and unique "substance of God Himself",<sup>2</sup> the cyclically truth-unfolding Manifestation of God —, the two essays "The Genius of Ireland" and "The Wellspring of Happiness" offer authoritative psychology and sound literary and historical judgement sure in its grasp of Tradition and, for that reason, away and above the clever fashionableness of modern criticism.

The first paper was written too early for the later Yeats to have published that work which identifies his inspiration so minutely with the coming world Order. It is A.E. who — complete in his poetical development at that time — is given the most exposition.

## "SHEER DELIGHT IN LIVING"

It is in the poetry: and the poetry of his children and his love, that something of the fruits of the author's intense dedication are revealed — that light, unconcerned self-possession which amazed the writer when he first had the honour of meeting Mr Townshend privately.

Ill-health, personal and worldly troubles never appearing to cloud the serenity he manifested that his guest might be perfectly at ease, "Sheer delight in living" is the memory most strikingly retained of those priceless interviews.

But such relaxation was, most profoundly, the inner condition by which the self-mastery of his great powers had been achieved; not mere surface politeness assumed for 'outer' things. Mr Townshend possessed no 'manner'; and had no room for 'profundities' nor sonorous sententia. No thing was unimportant to him, seeing his Lord imaged in 'A grain of sand' as well as "A handful of dust".<sup>3</sup>

One of the final brief devotions may well stand as recipe for joy indeed — but "not as the world giveth"<sup>4</sup> —; may be set before our heart as tuition and instruction for service:

"The darkness changes and pales, but no light breaks.  
Error grows intolerable, but Truth still is hidden out of sight. I rest not, but I never reach my goal.

"Yet do i not ask anything, but to journey onward and onward. My path is of Thy making, and Thou leadest me on the way. I ask no more and I desire no more."

These are awe-inspiring standards. But with God one cannot compromise.

Another of these meditative outpourings reads as epitaph — now surely fulfilled — this great genius and most humble human being wrote of himself:

"O my Lord!  
I have sought Thee all my life, yet I still wander in a chequered world of light and shadow. Oh, lift me at last into the pure splendour of Thy Truth beyond the reach of any darkness that I may behold Thee as Thou art, and live in Thy continual presence evermore."

He, indeed, followed the injunction of Bahá'u'lláh to

"Walk above the world by the power of the Greatest Name."<sup>5</sup>

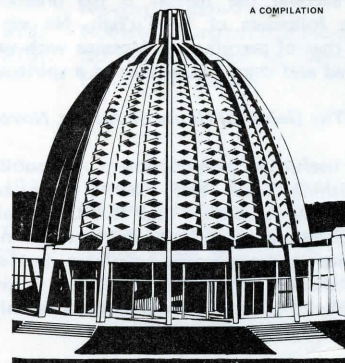
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