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TEACHING REQUIREMENTS

"In his daily activities and contacts, in all his journeys, whether for business or otherwise, on his holidays and outings, and on any mission he may be called upon to undertake, every bearer of the Message of Baha'u'llah should consider it not only an obligation but a privilege to scatter far and wide the seeds of His Faith, and to rest content in the abiding knowledge that whatever be the immediate response to that Message, and however inadequate the vehicle that conveyed it, the power of its Author will, as He sees fit, enable those seeds to germinate, and in circumstances which no one can foresee enrich the harvest which the labour of His followers will gather."

Shoghi Effendi

from: Advent of Divine Justice

Dearly Beloved Friends,

If we make teaching our spiritual obligation in the way the beloved Guardian has indicated, the goals of the Ten Year Crusade will be assured.

The N.T.C. is very conscious of the immense individual effort which will be needed but they are completely confident that by the united effort of every Baha'i in the country the goals will not only be achieved but exceeded, and that we can anticipate the great joy of helping others win their part in this world encircling Crusade. The goal towns must be settled and reinforced by Ridvan 1960 to assure this.

We shall strive to indicate the road clearly and give such guidance as will help towards complete and speedy victory.

To focus your thoughts and to help you decide your actions, this issue of the "Home Front" gives a complete statement of the situation at this moment (13th June 1959) in all the goal towns, opened and unopened.

You will see that pioneers are still needed very badly indeed in spite of the wonderful response at Teaching Conference this year. However valiantly and hard a pioneer may work the odds are very much against his being able to build a town up to Assembly status alone, but with a united front of pioneers in each and every one of the goal towns, success is assured.

National Teaching Committee

N.T.C. MEETINGS

June 27/28th	H.Q.	Sept. 6th	J.W. or H.Q.
July 12th	J.W.	Sept. 19th/20th	H.Q.
July 25th/26th	H.Q.	Oct. 4th	J.W.
Aug. 9th	J.W.	Oct. 17th/18th	H.Q.
Aug. 23rd	J.W.		

H.Q. Haziratu'l-Quds

J.W. 14, Northumberland Road, New Barnet, Herts.

GOAL TOWN NEWS

Goal Towns
being opened

- ABERDEEN: Jacqueline Thomas is pioneering there at the beginning of August and is hoping to be able to obtain a post as shorthand typist in one of the University Departments. Homayoun Dastan also wishes to pioneer there very much but is having a great deal of difficulty regarding her visa and working permit.
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- BANGOR: Farzaneh Hemmati has obtained a post at one of the hospitals and will be in Bangor by the time you receive this edition of the "Home Front."
- 1 Raffi Mavaddat has applied to the University for a place doing post-graduate work. He has been asked to apply again on completing his exams at Leeds University this month. We ask your prayers that Raffi will be offered a place.
- CARLISLE: Iran Moussazadeh has obtained a post at one of the hospitals and will be pioneering there in February 1960, but time is very short - the town needs a Baha'i to open it now, even on a temporary basis.
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- EXETER: Mehrnoush Mohtadi is having a little trouble with her visa, but if all goes well she will be pioneering to Exeter in July, but re-inforcements are also needed here.
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- INVERNESS: Harold and Betty Shepherd and Family. Betty hopes to obtain a teaching post in Inverness in August, and the rest of the family hope to join her later.
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- YORK: Golrokh Sabit has applied for a job as Assistant Matron in a College and hopes to be able to pioneer there quite soon. We ask your prayers here too.
- 0 Nuri and Pamela Sabit. Nuri, Golrokh's brother, has just obtained British citizenship, and he and his wife are planning to pioneer to York in March/April 1960. Marion Mihaeloff has offered to go to York for three months to help with teaching work.

Goal Towns
Already Opened

CANTERBURY: There are now four believers in this town, and they are holding the second public meeting to be held there on Saturday, 27th June, at which Hand of the Cause John Ferraby will be speaking.

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CHESTER: There are now three believers in this town. The last report we received showed that it is an active community and regular firesides are being held.

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CORK: Terry Dunn has just pioneered there and we hear that she has settled very happily.

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GLOUCESTER: Ruhi and Dorothy Sabit have moved to Nailsworth, just outside Gloucester, and immediately they find accommodation and work in the town, will move in.

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John and Greta Fozdar are residing in Gloucester until about December.

LOUGHBOROUGH: Ian and Pat Sinclair and Family have just pioneered to Loughborough, and at the moment are trying to sell their boat and find a house there. Any offers to help?

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Ronald Bates will be pioneering there in September. Anne Robinson and Parvaneh Furutan are two youths in Loughborough who are very active although they have so little spare time, being nurses.

MOTHERWELL: There are now three believers here holding regular firesides.

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NEWCASTLE: Joe and Mary Jameson and Family are looking for a house in Newcastle and will soon be joining the three believers already there. We now look forward with confidence to the re-establishment of this lapsed Assembly.

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NEWMARKET: There is one believer in this town - Mrs. Elaine Rogers who has valiantly been holding the fort alone for some time now. However, Willie Blum has obtained

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a post in a school there and will be arriving in September, and we look forward to the increased activity this move will make possible.

PETERBOROUGH: Ray Humphrey recently pioneered there, and is holding a public meeting, the first to be held in Peterborough on Thursday, 25th June, at which Ian Semple will be speaking. All those towns which are within reasonable travelling distance are asked to support this meeting, especially as it is the first Baha'i one to be held there.

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PONTYPRIDD: Things here are moving rapidly. There are now already four believers. Cardiff has done much extension teaching work in this town.

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SALISBURY: There is one believer actually residing within the civic limits - Mrs. Florence Rideout, and Stuart Sweet who lives outside the civic limits is seeking accommodation in the town.

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WINCHESTER: Miss Kilford has been valiantly upholding the Faith all alone for a very long time, in spite of ill-health and other difficulties. She needs help very badly - who will arise, and putting their trust in Baha'u'llah pioneer to Winchester?

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Tahireh Vatanparast has offered to help by obtaining a job there, and hopes to go to Winchester for a number of weeks before going to Canada.

We have just received news of a public meeting held in Winchester on 28th May at which Ian Semple spoke on "Man and the Universe." Friends from Portsmouth and Reading attended. There were six very interested contacts, and a lively discussion followed the talk. Apparently several contacts have called at Miss Kilford's home since the meetings to ask for further information.

WOKINGHAM R.D. There are four believers here - all very active, and determined it will not be too long before Wokingham

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becomes an Assembly.

From this list you can judge of the great amount of work to be done. Five goal Towns not yet settled, but covered by the valiant efforts of Pioneers to "get in" as soon as they can, and ten opened goal Towns with fewer than four believers each. What can you do?

FIRESIDE NOTES

It is in the manner in which we approach daily problems, and the sympathy and understanding we show towards friends at our firesides, that we are enabled to accentuate the difference between those who believe in Baha'u'llah and those who do not have the confidence born of certitude. We have to show our supreme happiness, compared with the general feeling among people today which consists of "just bearing up". We have to make them long to find what we have ourselves found.

If 100 firesides were held each week, the flood-tide of victory would be upon us. Are YOU helping to achieve this?

NEWS ITEMS

LIVERPOOL: They report that since their World Religion Day meeting in January, when 125 people were present, they have entered upon a period of considerable activity. They lost one of their members in Terry Dunne who pioneered to Cork, but they have had a new declaration, in Mrs. Ursula Pullen. In April, David Hofman spoke at a public meeting in the Adelphi Hotel, and Ian Semple recently paid them a visit and spoke at the Centre. Their members go regularly to Southport to help and support Margaret Shanks, and on May 24th attended a Service of Three Faiths in the Unitarian Church in which Margaret took part.

Baha'i Faith on Television. As you will have read in the N.S.A. Newsletter, on May 23rd, the Baha'i Faith was mentioned for the first time on television in this country. Somehow or other, at

the last minute, Pauline Senior managed to arrange for Mehrangez Munsiff to comper a fashion show of dresses from different countries. Mehrangez dashed up to Manchester at a moment's notice to do it, and because one of the dresses provided for the show did not fit the model, and the producer did not like one of the acts which was to follow the show, instead of three minutes, they had four and a half minutes. And in that extra time the interviewer asked Mehrangez straight out "What is a Baha'i?" which she answered very tactfully but very beautifully.

Knight of Baha'u'llah. Paul Adams, who pioneered to Spitzburgen in 1957 is arriving back in England at the end of June for a holiday. He has had a very difficult, though interesting time there, and we look forward to seeing him again very much and hearing about his experiences.

Cambridge. They have found a room which they can have for a Centre in a very good position, and subject to permission from the planning authorities, hope to take possession within the next month or two.

Continental Conference. A conference was called for 20th/21st June by the Hands of Cause in Europe for consultation between the Hands of the Cause, Auxiliary Board Members and representatives of the N.S.A.'s. From this country, Hand of the Cause John Ferraby, Auxiliary Board Members Dorothy Ferraby, Marion Hofman, and Ian Semple, were present, and our N.S.A. representative was Ernest Gregory.

News Items. Will all Assemblies, Groups and individuals please let the N.T.C. Secretary, John Wade, have any items of news they feel would be of interest to "Home Front" readers, as these will be most welcome, although insertion cannot be guaranteed. The Secretary's address is: 14, Northumberland Road, New Barnet, Herts.
