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"Be not grieved if thou performest it thyself alone.

Let God be all-sufficient for thee. Commune intimately with His Spirit, and be thou of the thankful. Proclaim the Cause of thy Lord unto all who are in the heavens and on the earth. Should any man respond to thy call, lay bare before him the pearls of the wisdom of the Lord, thy God, which His Spirit hath sent down unto thee, and be thou of them that truly believe. And should any one reject thy offer, turn thou away from him, and put thy trust and confidence in the Lord, thy God, the Lord of all worlds ...

"By the righteousness of God! Should a man, all alone, arise in the name of Baha and put on the armour of His love, him will the Almighty cause to be victorious, though the forces of heaven and earth be arrayed against him ..."

BAHA'U'LLAH

N.T.C. Letter

Beloved friends,

It was most thrilling at Teaching Conference to witness the enthusiastic response of all the friends present to the launching of the Plan, under which every believer can take an active part in a nation-wide personal teaching campaign. The purpose of this Plan is to enable us to achieve our goals by the rapid increase in numbers which our beloved Guardian has said must characterize this fourth and last phase of the Ten Year Crusade!

For the benefit of everyone unable to be at Teaching Conference, we are devoting the main part of this issue of the "Home Front" to giving you details of this Plan.

You will see from the centre page that the British Isles have been divided into 17 TEACHING UNITS for the purpose of this plan, the sole object being to provide practical means for a "spiritual linking" of all within each UNIT, i.e. Assemblies, Goal Towns, Groups and lone believers.

It is intended that all within their particular TEACHING UNIT should aid and support each other in their activities in order to attain their goals, at the same time giving concrete expression to the concept of teaching everywhere.

It is not intended that these TEACHING UNITS be saddled with any paper work other than the very minimum required for their effective co-operative working. The Regional Teaching Committee will continue to function as at present but will emphasize aid to the TEACHING UNITS from the administrative aspect.

From now on, dear friends, there are no isolated believers. These friends now become an integral part of their respective TEACHING UNITS. (Your N.T.C. will, as quickly as possible, clarify and advise you of the number and location of such believers in each UNIT to ensure that no-one is overlooked.)

We would emphasise to all friends that teaching activity under this Plan is additional; that is to say no one is being called upon to abandon any teaching work he or she may at present be doing on a regional or national basis. All existing local teaching activity will naturally carry on, but will, of course, be accelerated under the Plan.

An Assembly within each TEACHING UNIT will be appointed by your N.T.C. solely to convene a meeting for consultation (in the manner they consider most suitable) between the believers within the UNIT. In those few cases where an Assembly does not exist in a TEACHING UNIT, the N.T.C. will be responsible for convening the consultation meeting. There is no need, however, to await any consultation before going into action!! The Plan was launched at Teaching Conference and activity under it should have already begun; if not do begin at once (there are only 39 months left!). Friends representing 13 of the TEACHING UNITS attended the Conference and on their return would share with you the spirit engendered there.

A list of "Individual Actions" is given on Page 7. Pledge yourself to do any or all of them. These and other teaching ideas and suggestions will be further developed by your N.T.C. and we will communicate to you on them throughout this teaching campaign.

With the inspiration imparted to us all at Teaching Conference in the farewell messages of our beloved Hand of the Cause, Hasan Balyuzi, and Board Member, Dorothy Ferraby, and from the depth of appeal and stirring call to action of our Board Member Marion Hofman, WE SHALL NOT FAIL.

The race is on - the last lap has been reached, so come, let us vie with one another and give it everything we have got!

Yours devotedly, in His service,

NATIONAL TEACHING COMMITTEE

Future N.T.C. Meetings.

30/31st January
20/21st February
12/13th March

26th/27th March
16th/17th April

LIST OF TEACHING UNITS

In order to help us to see more clearly the direction our efforts must take, the following goals have been formulated:

1. That all Isolated Believers aim for Group status
2. That all Groups aim for Assembly status
3. That all Assemblies aim for Incorporation
4. That all Assemblies aim to send out pioneers to reinforce the Goal Towns.

and below is given a list of the Teaching Units with their primary goals:

Scottish Region

1. Inverness - Assembly status
(Stornoway)
2. EDINBURGH - Rapid increase in number
Aberdeen - Assembly status
(The Islands)
3. GLASGOW - Consolidation
Motherwell - Assembly status.
4. Newcastle - Assembly status
Carlisle - Assembly status

Southern Region

10. CAMBRIDGE - Consolidation
NORWICH - Incorporation
Newmarket - Assembly status
Peterborough - Assembly status
11. BRISTOL - Consolidation
Gloucester - Assembly status
12. OXFORD - Consolidation
READING - Consolidation
Wokingham - Assembly
13. HOVE - Consolidation
LONDON - Dispersion
Canterbury - Assembly status
*Brighton - rapid increase in numbers
14. BOURNEMOUTH - Incorporation
PORTSMOUTH - Incorporation
Salisbury - Assembly status
Winchester - Assembly status
15. Exeter - Assembly status
Torquay - Assembly status

Northern Region

5. BRADFORD - Incorporation
LEEDS - Incorporation
Sheffield - Assembly status
York - Assembly status
6. BLACKPOOL - Incorporation
Blackburn - Assembly status
* Southport
* St. Annes
7. CHEADLE - Incorporation
ECCLES - Consolidation
MANCHESTER - Teaching and Dispersion
Swinton - Assembly status
8. LIVERPOOL - Rapid increase in numbers
Bangor (M) - Assembly status
Chester - Assembly status
9. BIRMINGHAM - Incorporation
LEICESTER - Consolidation and
Incorporation
NORTHAMPTON - Incorporation
NOTTINGHAM - Consolidation
Loughborough - Assembly status

Welsh Region

16. CARDIFF - Incorporation
Pontypridd - Assembly status
The Valleys - rapid increase in numbers

Northern Ireland

17. BANGOR - Incorporation
BELFAST - Incorporation
(DUBLIN - Incorporation
Cork - Assembly status)

Note: These towns in capital letters are L.S.A's
These towns in ordinary letters are Goal Towns
Those marked * are Groups.
Those towns in brackets are in E.A.T.C. territory
Those Assemblies underlined are requested to convene a meeting of the believers in their UNIT to consult together on the implications of this Plan.

TEACHING UNITS

Working details drawn up by the N.T.C.

1. Initially one of the Assemblies in each of the Teaching Units (those underlined) is asked to call a meeting of the believers in that Unit to consult together on the implications of this Plan. The convening Assembly will report on the result of the consultation.
2. In a few cases the N.T.C. will be directly responsible for certain Teaching Units.
3. The N.T.C. and R.T.C's will keep in touch with the Teaching Units through the convening Assembly, and copies of any communications will be sent to each community in the Unit. It is essential that the Units are not saddled with paper work, other than that necessary to facilitate the work.
4. The intention is that these communities should mutually aid and support each other's activities in order to attain their goals, and give concrete expression to the concept of teaching everywhere. Primary goals are given on previous page.
5. Each community should keep the other members of their Unit fully informed of their activities, and in turn must do their utmost to encourage, support and assist the activities in the whole of the Unit.
6. No community or believer should feel restricted to work only inside the Teaching Unit. If they can also help elsewhere, then it is all to the better, as this plan is additional to any individual, local, regional or national teaching that can be done.
7. No standing committees are to be formed, though there is no objection to ad hoc committees if essential.
8. These Units now eliminate the feeling that isolated believers are outside Baha'i activities. They should be recognised as outposts for advancing the work and should be drawn within the stream of teaching activity.
9. The N.T.C. will, as heretofore, decide policy, initiate plans supervise the work of the R.T.C's and will provide the drive necessary to ensure that the Teaching Units are activated, and receive all the assistance necessary to fulfil their object.

Individual Action

1. Daily mention of the Faith.
 2. Association with organisations with kindred aims.
 3. Visiting the sick.
 4. Personal deepening through reading the scriptures.
 5. Dissemination of literature.
 6. Initiating a fireside.
 7. Regularly supporting a fireside.
 8. Regularly supporting a Study Class.
 9. Visiting and/or writing to isolated believers.
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PIONEERS

At Teaching Conference on 16th and 17th January, it was announced that since Teaching Conference last year no less than 72 believers had arisen to serve in the pioneering field, far exceeding the expectations of the National Teaching Committee.

Unfortunately there is not enough room left in this issue to print the names of all the pioneers, as we wished to, though we hope it will be possible to do so in our next edition.

Meanwhile you will be interested to know that of the total number of pioneers, 56 went to posts on the home front, 7 pioneered to E.A.T.C. territory, 3 went overseas, and 6 went to the London Extension Teaching Goal Towns, which we have previously told you about.

We think you will also be interested to know how many pioneers came from Assemblies, and we have pleasure in listing them below:-

Belfast	2	Leeds	3
Birmingham	5	Leicester	4
Bristol	3	Liverpool	3
Cambridge	1	London	14
Eccles	1	Manchester	7
Edinburgh	2	Reading	3

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Bolivia (South America) In the last two or three months no less than 20 new Local Spiritual Assemblies have been formed.

St. Helena On 20th January Jagdish Saminaden from Mauritius, left London for this remote island in the South Atlantic Ocean, made famous by Napoleon being exiled there. We ask you to remember him, and indeed all the pioneers all over the world, in your prayers, that their difficulties may be removed and their tasks speedily accomplished.

Marriage We are very happy to announce the engagement of our dear pioneer to Aberdeen, Jackie Thomas to Daryush Mohrabi, whom she will be joining in the Orkneys after they are married at the beginning of February.

Aberdeen As you know Jackie has done some wonderful work in this Goal Town, and she is very sorry to have to be leaving it, but fast on the heels of the news of her impending marriage has come the further news that Ilse Becker will be moving to Aberdeen on 1st March where she will be continuing her further nursing training. This is indeed good news, as it has ensured that Aberdeen will remain open and the work able to go forward without hindrance.

Inverness Our pioneers to Inverness, Harold and Betty Shepherd have now been able to open a very nice Guest House there, and we feel this provides a wonderful opportunity for we Baha'is to encourage our friends to holiday in this beautiful Scottish town, and at the same time gain spiritual sustenance. The terms are exceptionally moderate, and if you would like further information do write to the Shepherds, Glasdair, 42, Island Bank Road, Inverness.

Carlisle On 9th and 10th January a happy and successful public meeting and One-Day School were held, which were very ably supported by the friends from Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Newcastle. There were 19 people all together and it was enjoyed by all.