

# THE HOME FRONT

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Remove not, O Lord! the festal board that hath been spread in Thy Name, and extinguish not the burning flame that hath been kindled by Thine unquenchable fire. Withhold not from flowing that Living Water of Thine that murmureth with the melody of Thy glory and Thy remembrance, and deprive not Thy servants from the fragrance of Thy sweet savours breathing forth the perfume of Thy love.

Lord! Turn the distressing cares of Thy holy ones into ease, their hardship into comfort, their abasement into glory, their sorrow into blissful joy; O Thou that holdest in Thy grasp the reins of all mankind!

Thou art verily the One, the Single, the Mighty, the All-Knowing, the All-wise.

'Abdu'l-Baha.

Excerpt from "The Unfolding Destiny of the British  
Baha'i Community."

12th June, 1952.  
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"In the months immediately ahead, the strongholds of the Faith erected, in the form of Local Assemblies and already established, in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England, must be maintained, at all costs, in their present strength; the groups and isolated centres already brought into being must, under no circumstances be allowed to decrease in number or be lost to the Faith".

Shoghi Effendi.  
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THESE LIGHTS MUST NOT GO OUT.

Dear Friends,

The Home Front position is serious. You can see for yourselves by looking at the Chart on page 4 and 5. This chart clearly indicates that ACTION is needed NOW. In at least seven of the towns shown, pioneers from other parts of the country will be ESSENTIAL.

In fifty towns of these islands, nine souls serving Baha'u'llah have raised a beacon light to guide the peoples of their town to the love of Baha'u'llah.

Of these Local Spiritual Assemblies, Abdu'l Baha wrote:-

"They indeed are the potent sources of the progress of man, at all times and under all conditions!"

It is unthinkable that one of these beacons - "the potent sources of the progress of man" - should be allowed to go out. (A Local Spiritual Assembly, once formed, needs time to develop into a shelter for the citizens of their locality, to reflect the love and Law of Baha'u'llah). THESE LIGHTS MUST NOT GO OUT!  
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We have THIRTEEN Local Spiritual Assemblies in these Islands where the Light of Baha'u'llah's love, as expressed through His Divine Institutions, is in danger of being extinguished. ALL Baha'is, therefore, should be deeply concerned. The deprivation of one is the deprivation of the whole.

The fifty Lights in these Islands burn as one in the sight of Baha'u'llah. We cannot allow this Light to be dimmed, nor these Cities to be deprived of the wondrous blessing of progress promised by Abdu'l Baha.

A collective effort is required to direct our spiritual energies towards our brothers and sisters who need our help, and a realization that from a Local Spiritual Assembly 'the Spirit of Life streameth in every direction.'

We must all pray that the Grace and Power of Baha'u'llah may find us ready and willing to act in the service of our Beloved Cause. If each of us is a Channel for the love of Baha'u'llah, then no force in the world can prevent us from keeping our FIFTY LIGHTS from burning brightly.

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The Pioneer Sub-Committee is consulting with several friends who have offered to pioneer, and they are now seeking suitable employment. This Committee will meet each Wednesday evening.

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32 BAHAI'S NEEDED IN THE RIGHT PLACES.

YORK	4	
WATFORD	1	
ABERDEEN	3	
BLACKPOOL	4	
CANTERBURY	1	Pioneers moving in.
CHESTER	1	
DUBLIN	1	Youth declaration will hold.
GLASGOW	3	
INVERNESS	4	
NORTHAMPTON	2	
NOTTINGHAM	1	
SALISBURY	2	
SWINTON	2	
ROMFORD	1	
TOURNAI	1	Youth declaration will hold.
WINCHESTER	1	

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Meditation of Baha'u'llah.

"Assist Thou Thy servants, O my God, to help Thy Cause, and give them to drink what will quicken their hearts in Thy realm, lest anything hinder them from remembering Thee and from extolling Thy virtues, that they may quit their homes in Thy name, and summon all the multitudes unto Thee."

Words of Abdu'l Baha.

"Then, O ye friends of God! Appreciate the value of this precious Revelation, move and act in accordance with it, and walk in the straight path and the right way. Show it to the people. Raise the melody of the Kingdom and spread abroad the teachings and ordinances of the loving Lord so that the world may become another world, the darkened earth may become ILLUMINED and the dead body of the people may obtain new life."

A Wonderful Offer to Pioneers for  
Inverness, Aberdeen and Glasgow.

The Edinburgh Community have consulted on ways and means of helping the three Local Spiritual Assemblies in Scotland, which are below numbers, and have decided that they will financially assist a pioneer to settle in Scotland for as long as is needed for the pioneer to obtain a position. The financial aid has been covenanted already, and a small committee of three elected to administer this fund.

This is a wonderful result of Consultation and truly according to the Guardian's behest.

Please search your heart and as a first step consult with the Pioneer Sub-Committee so that the possibilities may be explained.

We are delighted to include a short report of our Dear Hand of the Cause's visit to various places after Teaching Conference.

John Ferraby has recently visited a number of communities in the South and West of England, and in Ireland. During these visits he met the Bishops of Exeter and Salisbury, with whom he was able to discuss similarities and differences of the Baha'i Faith and Christianity. He also met a Professor of Philosophy at the University of Exeter with whom he discussed the relation between Science and Religion. Further he met the Lord Mayor of Belfast and the Mayors of Winchester, Salisbury and Torquay, to whom he explained that a Baha'i Spiritual Assembly is not only a spiritual assembly of the Baha'is, but also a religious body of its town.

Meetings with the Baha'is were held in Salisbury, Bournemouth, Winchester, Torquay, Exeter, Bristol, Dublin, Belfast and Bangor, and talks were given on such subjects as the World Centre, Teaching by Living the Baha'i Life, the Oneness of Religion, Science and Religion. In some towns, Mr. Ferraby met seekers who were close to the Faith or prominent local people known to the Baha'is.

Further reports from the different Communities will be published in the next Home Front.

The N.T.C. wishes to say THANK YOU to all the Communities who helped to make John Ferraby's tour a success.

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C A L E N D A R

19 DAY FEASTS - 2nd March - Loftiness.  
21st March - Splendour.  
9th April - Glory.  
28th April - Beauty.  
17th May - Grandeur.

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INTER-CALARY DAYS:

26th February to 1st March, inclusive.

LYME PARK WEEKEND SCHOOL:

22nd/24th May.

WEEK-END SCHOOLS:

1st March - Birmingham.  
4th/5th April - Inverness.  
13th/14th June - Porthcawl.  
To be arranged - Northampton.

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N.T.C. MEETINGS:

14th/15th March.  
11th/12th April.

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