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"O friends. Be not careless of the virtues with which ye have been endowed, neither be neglectful of your high destiny. Suffer not your labours to be wasted through the vain imaginations which certain hearts have devised. Ye are the stars of the heaven of understanding, the breeze that stirreth at the break of day, the soft flowing waters upon which must depend the very life of all men, the letters inscribed upon His sacred scroll. With the utmost unity, and in a spirit of perfect fellowship, exert yourselves that ye may be enabled to achieve that which beseemeth this Day of God. Centre your energies in the propagation of the Faith of God. Whoso is worthy of so high a calling, let him arise and promote it. Should the greatness of this Day be revealed in its fullness, every man would forsake a myriad lives in his longing to partake, though it be for one moment, of its great glory." (Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh)

Dear Friends,

Let us praise God that He has graciously preserved us all amid the dangers and troubles which surround us, and let us all rejoice that we are privileged to live in this great and glorious Day.

It is difficult in these winter months of long blackouts to maintain our life as a community, but we can be united in spirit even if we cannot so often meet in the flesh. The Spiritual Assembly urges you all to help each other by your prayers and also to attend the weekend meetings at the Centre whenever you possibly can.

And above all, let us never forget for a moment what the Guardian has described as "the most urgent of all our obligations, namely to teach the Cause, telling far and wide this message of "salvation to a sorrow-stricken world." Organised teaching and public meetings are not possible until the longer days come again, and the task of teaching the Cause in London rests at present in the hands of each one of us - to speak of the Cause wherever we are and to whoever we meet, to give to everyone we can, in these days of sorrow and trial, the glorious tidings which have been entrusted to us. This is both our responsibility and our very great privilege.

The Spiritual Assembly begs all absent friends to keep in touch with either the Assembly or members of the community still in London, so that we all may have news of them. The Assembly also wishes to remind you of its recent letter asking you to send news of yourselves periodically when unable to come to the Centre.

IN MEMORIAM. We regret to announce the passing, on November 12th, of Mrs. Taylor (better known as "Auntie Nellie"), A Bahá'í funeral was held at Richmond Cemetary and for the first time in this country the full Bahá'í prayers for burial were read.

TRANSFER. Mrs. K. V. Brown and Miss Molly Brown expect to live in Torquay for some time to come and the Assembly has therefore regretfully advised the National Assembly of their transfer to that community. However they will be working for the Cause also in their new surroundings and will be of great help no doubt in the Torquay community.

MR. BALYUZI. has for the present joined the evacuated members of the London community and has gone to Evesham, on account of his work. He does not know how long he will stay there, but we hope he will come back in London before long.

LONDON SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY. A by-election has been held to replace Mrs. Brown on the Assembly and Miss M. Clayton has been elected.

#### 19-DAY FEASTS.

Masá'il - Questions.	Saturday, Dec. 14th at 2 pm.	Hostess;
		Miss M. Wellby
Sharaf - Honour.	" " 28th at 2 pm.	Hostess:
		Miss A. E. Baxter

#### MEETINGS AT THE CENTRE:

Meetings are held every Saturday and Sunday at 2 pm. The Saturday meeting provides an opportunity for a weekly reunion of the friends and tea is provided. The meeting on Sunday is the usual weekly public meeting, but for the present no details of programmes can be given in advance.

FUNDS. Owing to the departure of the Treasurer, Mrs. Brown, it is not possible to give a detailed statement of the financial position until after the appointment of a new treasurer. Friends are reminded however of the urgent need to continue and to increase our contributions to the funds, as our current expenses are affected by the rising costs, and we need to get a surplus in hand to help in teaching work.

BAHA'I LENDING LIBRARY. The Librarian wishes to take stock of the books in the Lending Library and asks all friends who have borrowed books either to return them quickly, if they have read them, or to send a postcard to the Centre stating which books they have. This will greatly help in stocktaking and in the inauguration of a new system of recording.