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"I beseech Thee, O my Lord, by the Name of Him round Whom
"circleth in adoration the Kingdom of Thy Names, that Thou wilt
"graciously assist them that are dear to Thee to glorify Thy
"Word amongst Thy servants, and to shed abroad Thy praise amidst
"Thy creatures, so that the ecstasies of Thy revelation may fill
"the souls of all the dwellers of Thine earth.

"Since Thou hast guided them, O my Lord, unto the living
"waters of Thy grace, grant by Thy bounty, that they may not be
"kept back from Thee; and since Thou hast summoned them to the
"habitation of Thy throne, drive them not out from Thy presence,
"through Thy loving-kindness. Send down upon them what shall
"wholly detach them from aught else except Thee, and make them
"able to soar in the atmosphere of Thy nearness, in such wise
"that neither the ascendancy of the oppressor nor the suggestions
"of them that have disbelieved in Thy most august and most mighty
"Self shall be capable of keeping them back from Thee."

("Prayers and Meditations of Bahá'u'lláh")

Dear Friends,

The month of February ends with the Intercalary Days. Bahá'u'lláh instituted these four days as an occasion of rejoicing and also of sharing our joy with those less fortunate than ourselves - by giving especially at this time to charity, so that we may enter the month of fasting with the spirit of sacrifice already active in our hearts. Let us therefore fulfil both commands by coming to the Centre during these four days to share the event with all our fellow Bahá'ís and also by supporting as generously as we are able the appeal which is to be made by the Women's Service Committee at that time.

19-DAY FEASTS.

Saturday, February 8th, at 2 pm. Mulk - Dominion.
Hostess: Miss M. Clayton
Saturday, March 1st, at 2 p.m. 'Ulá - Loftiness.
Hostess: Miss M. Chessman.

INTERCALARY DAYS. For the first three Intercalary Days The Centre will be open in the afternoons from 3 pm. to 7 pm. provided air-raids are reasonably quiet, so that friends who wish to meet can do so. But it is realised that any larger celebration can only take place on Saturday and therefore a small social meeting and entertainment is to be arranged to follow straight on after the 19-Day Feast on Saturday, March 1st. It will probably take the form of a lantern lecture and some musical records and songs. As the evenings will by then be lighter, it will still be possible to go home before dark.

MEETINGS AT CENTRE.

Meetings are held every Sunday, and every Saturday when there is not a 19-Day Feast, at 2 p.m. The Saturday meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for a weekly reunion of the friends. The meeting on Sunday is the usual weekly public meeting, and everyone is invited to bring their friends.

BY-ELECTION.

Mr. Fuad Afnan has been elected to take the place of Mr. Balyuzi on the London Assembly.

WOMEN'S SERVICE COMMITTEE.

The Committee will make a special appeal for funds for use in its charitable work during the Intercalary Days and begs for the support of all the friends.

The Committee also asks that friends would send to the Centre any old knitted garments which could be unravelled and reknitted. The Committee is prepared to have the unravelling and reknitting done and will send the finished garments to suitable charities.

OPENING THE CENTRE IN THE AFTERNOONS.

It has lately not been possible to have the Centre open every afternoon, due to shortage of people who can take charge, and on several occasions visitors have called and found nobody there. Will any friends who can ever spare an afternoon, either regularly or occasionally, for this very useful job please communicate with the Secretary.