

Baha'i Centre, 46 Bloomsbury Street, W.C.1.

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Dear Friends,

The sad plight of humanity bears witness to these words of Bahá'u'lláh: "The vitality of men's belief in God is dying out in every land; nothing short of His wholesome medicine can ever restore it. The corrosion of ungodliness is eating into the vitals of human society; what else but the Elixir of His potent Revelation can cleanse and revive it?"

And let us meditate over this appeal of the Master, written in the last days of His earthly life: "Oh, how I long to see the believers shouldering the responsibilities of the Cause. Now is the time to proclaim the Kingdom of Abhá. Ah! I am waiting, waiting to hear the glad news that the believers are the embodiment of sincerity and loyalty, the incarnation of love and amity and the manifestation of unity and concord.

"Will they not rejoice my heart? Will they not satisfy my yearnings? Will they not heed my pleadings? Will they not fulfil my hopes? Will they not answer my call? I am waiting, I am patiently waiting."

Nineteen Day Feasts:

Sunday, December 12th, at 4 pm. Masá'il - Questions,
Hostess: Mrs. Basil Hall

Friday, December 31st, at 8 pm. Sharaf - Honour.
Hostess: Mrs. Hyett.

Sunday Meetings, at 6.30 p.m. at the Centre.

December 5th	Treading the Mystical Path with Practical Feet.
" 12th	The Eternal Christ.
" 19th	What is Unity?
" 26th	No meeting.

A Teaching Conference will be held in Manchester on December 19th, about which full details will be found in the "Bahá'i Journal" appearing this week. The London Spiritual Assembly hopes all London believers will assist, to the best of their ability, in making this conference a success.

It is proposed to display for sale at the 19-Day Feast a certain amount of surplus literature from the library and book store. If any friends also have surplus literature, which they would also

like to offer for sale to assist the funds, this would be very welcome and should, if possible, be brought to the Centre in time for the next feast on December 12th.

A Dinner will be given on Monday, December 6th, at 8 p.m., at the Linden Restaurant, 44 Notting Hill Gate, W.11, to meet Mr. Grant of Rangoon, who is the editor of a big newspaper in Burma, and is greatly in sympathy with the Baha'i Teaching and has given the Cause a great deal of help. All Baha'is and friends are invited and the charge will be 2/6d each. Everyone wishing to be present should advise Mr. Balyuzi at the Baha'i Centre on or before Friday, December 3rd.

Fireside Meeting.

Mrs. Cranmer is holding a Fireside Meeting every Saturday at 8.30 pm. Address: 31 Queen's Avenue, Muswell Hill, N.10.

Prayer Meetings will be held at the Centre every Friday for about a quarter of an hour from 6.15 pm.

Youth Group.

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, December 15th, at 8 pm., at which Mr. Balyuzi will speak on "This History of Bahá'u'lláh".

Baha'i Theatre Group.

The Group are at present rehearsing a pageant called "The Drama of the Kingdom" by Mrs. Basil Hall and Madama Gita Barry Orlova, based on "The Seven Valleys" of Bahá'u'lláh.

On December 27th, at 7.30 pm. at 2 Jay Mews, S.W.7., the Group will give a Christmas Party, to which all members and friends are invited.

Teaching Classes.

Classes will be held at the Centre on December 3rd and 17th, at 8 p.m. sharp. The London Spiritual Assembly wishes to emphasise that these classes are only for Baha'is, for the purpose of training teachers, not for the instruction of non-Baha'is in the principles of the Cause.

Publicity Committee.

The Publicity Committee has made the following report to the London Spiritual Assembly: "..... no publicity campaign could be profitably undertaken, until the body of the Cause in London could be presented to the outside world as a solid, healthy and vital organism. The work at the moment should be done quietly. Work by individuals should be encouraged and supplemented. Fireside meetings ought to be held and augmented."

Front Door.

It has been requested by the landlord that the front door should not be left open after 6.30 pm. unless someone stands on guard there. Therefore will friends arriving after that time and finding the door open, please put down the latch and see that the door is shut. Baha'is may obtain a key to the front door at a cost of 6d. each on application to the Secretary.

Treasurer's Report.

There is no deficit at the end of the month and we can just pay our way. However, we still need money to buy several new things for the Centre and also to make a contribution to the National Assembly funds, and until we have done this, the funds cannot be considered to be in a sound condition.

Letters of greeting to the London believers have been received from the following :-

Mrs. Helen Bishop of California
Mrs. Michael of Budapest
Mrs. Hellier of Vancouver.
