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TO READ THIS BULLETIN CAREFULLY,
AND TO KEEP IT BY YOU FOR REFERENCE.

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"Must a series of profound convulsions
"stir and rock the human race ere Bahá'u'lláh
"can be enthroned in the hearts and consciences
"of masses, ere His undisputed ascendancy is
"universally recognised, and the noble edifice
"of His World Order is reared and established?"
(Shoghi Effendi)

Beloved Friends,

Forgetful of God, unmindful of the sole remedy that can restore health and vitality to this ailing world, mankind is rushing headlong into catastrophe. Are we strong enough to stand unbowed before the storms that will overtake the human race? Have we reached the state of consciousness in which we can realize ourselves as "many souls in one body". Let us keep these questions alive in our minds and hearts during this month of April, so blessed by the happy and momentous "Ridvan"; and let us meditate humbly over these pregnant words of Bahá'u'lláh :

"Please God ye may be all strengthened
"to carry out that which is the Will
"of God".

April will be a busy month. The Events at the Centre will be tabulated in chronological order, instead of under separate headings as previously.

Saturday, April 2nd. 3.30 p.m.

CLASS TO STUDY THE TALKS OF THE MASTER. Once more you are urged to attend this monthly class. It will widen our vision and bring us into more intimate contact with the Master mind of 'Abdul-Baha .

Sunday, April 3rd. 6.30 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING -- "The Integration of the Individual".

Wednesday, April 6th, 8 p.m. L.S.A.

Friday, April 8th, 8 p.m. STUDY CLASS.

Saturday, April 9th.

4 p.m. NINETEEN DAY FEAST. Jal'al - Glory. Hostess: Mrs.Knight.
Election of Delegates to the Convention.

7.30 p.m. YOUTH GROUP - Whist Drive at the home of Miss Wellby and Miss Cansdale, 124A St.John's Wood High Street, N.W.8. All Young Baha'is and friends are invited.

Sunday, April 10th, 6.30 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING -- "Love, the Creative Principle".

Sunday, April 17th, 6.30 p.m.

PUBLIC MEETING -- "The Integration of Society".

Wednesday, April 20th, 8 p.m. L.S.A.

Thursday, April 21st. 7 p.m.

THE FEAST OF RIDVAN -- ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF THE SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY.

Friday, April 22nd. 7 p.m.

NATIONAL CONVENTION -- First Session.

Saturday, April 23rd.

2.30 p.m. NATIONAL CONVENTION -- Second Session.

7.30 p.m. CONVENTION DINNER. The dinner will be held in a restaurant near the Centre. (Details can be had from either Miss Cansdale or Mr.Balyuzi). The cost will not be more than 2/6 per head. This can be made a noteworthy occasion. Please come and bring your friends who are interested in the working of the Cause. The measure of our response can determine to a great extent the intensity of our work in the coming administrative year.

Reservations should be made not later than April 14th.

Sunday, April 24th.

11 a.m. NATIONAL CONVENTION - Third and last Session.

6.30 p.m. PUBLIC MEETING - "Integration with the Manifestation of God".

Friends other than delegates are particularly requested to attend as many sessions of the Convention as they can.

Tuesday, April 26th, 8 p.m. YOUTH GROUP MEETING.

Thursday, April 28th, 8 p.m.

NINETEEN DAY FEAST : Jam'ali - Beauty. Hostesses: Misses C. & R. Le Gray.

Friday, April 29th, 7 p.m. THE NINTH DAY OF RIDVAN - Public Feast.

Friends are requested to contribute in kind.

IN MEMORIAM :

"Death conferreth unto every confident believer
"the cup that is life indeed. It bestoweth joy and
"is the bearer of gladness. It conferreth the gift
"of everlasting life". (Baha'u'llah)

Tuesday, March 15th - Mrs. Thornburgh-Cropper.

The wreath sent by the Spiritual Assembly bore the following inscription:

"To the beloved friend of the Master (Abdul Baha),
"Mary Virginia Thornburgh-Cropper.

"In loving and grateful memory of pioneer work
"in founding the Faith of Baha'u'llah in London from:
"The London Spiritual Assembly of Baha'is.

"O Son of Man. Thou art my dominion and my dominion
"perisheth not. Thou art my light and my light shall never be
"extinguished. Thou art my glory and my glory fadeth not; thou art
"my robe and my robe shall never be outworn". (Baha'u'llah - Hidden Words)."

A very warm message of thanks was received for the flowers and the inscription.

If any of the friends who knew Mrs. Thornburgh-Cropper would care to participate in the sending of the wreath, gifts for this purpose may be handed to the Treasurer.

NINETEEN DAY FEAST PROCEDURE.

The following points have been resolved by the Spiritual Assembly :-

1. At the Nineteen Day Feast, the friend giving the Feast shall be in charge of the spiritual part. During the business part, a member of the Spiritual Assembly shall take the chair.

2. All remarks should be addressed to the chair.
3. The chairman should exercise love, tact and discretion in stopping digressions and preventing discussion from becoming disorderly.

The Nineteen Day Feast is a unique institution. It is divinely-ordained. We must find in it a haven, a refuge. The old World and its conflicting tendencies should be left at the door. At the Feast we are destined to discover the New World with all its glory. From the Feast we should draw that measure of spiritual energy which can carry us over the next nineteen days.

FUNDS. Funds are still low, and WE ARE JUST SOLVENT. The Assembly has decided to contribute five pounds annually to the National Funds. This sum is negligible and bears no relation to the numbers in the London Community, but it is a beginning and the Assembly has dedicated itself to the task of making regular subscriptions to the funds at the disposal of the N.S.A.

Contribution to Baha'i Funds is voluntary. Only love and devotion to Baha'u'llah can prompt us to give. What counts is the act of giving itself. A penny a month given in fulness of heart goes a long way to confer blessings upon the donor and the community.

FIRESIDE MEETING: Every Saturday at 8.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. E. P. Cranmer, 31, Queen's Avenue, Muswell Hill, N.10.

THEATRE GROUP: "The Rector of Hallowdeane" by Mrs. Basil Hall will be presented on Sunday, May 1st, at 8.30 p.m. at Queen's Gate Hall, the London Academy of Music, South Kensington.

Tickets: 1/6, 2/6, 3/6, 5/-. All reserved.

For a Sunday performance tickets cannot be sold at the door, and only members of the Group can buy tickets. Miss Marguerite Wellby, the secretary, can secure tickets for you.

Miss Zara Warman has just declared her adherence to the principles of the Faith of Baha'u'llah, and we are very pleased to welcome her as a member of the London community.