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"My God, my Well-Beloved! No place is there for any one to flee to when once Thy laws have been sent down, and no refuge can be found by any soul after the revelation of Thy commandments. Thou hast inspired the Pen with the mysteries of Thine eternity, and bidden it teach man that which he knoweth not, and caused him to partake of the living waters of truth from the cup of Thy Revelation and Thine inspiration." (Prayers and Meditations by Baha'u'llah", page 197).

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Dear Friends,

This is the season of Nauruz. May it be a very joyous one. Below is a message from Sister Challis, the Chairman of the National Spiritual Assembly. We thank her for the happiness it brings.

To the London Group and Members of the Spiritual Assembly:

My very dear friends,

I have been asked by the N.S.A. to write to the various Baha'i groups and Spiritual Assemblies from time to time to endeavour to encourage and to strengthen the bond between Baha'is all over the country. It gives me great pleasure to do this, and to tell you how delighted I am to hear of deepening interest in the Cause, especially amongst the young people in the London Group. To the new believers we extend a very warm and loving welcome, and pray earnestly that you may become so steadfast in the faith that the light you radiate may illumine many hearts. May you be enabled by the grace of Baha'u'llah to "Turn your faces away from the contemplation of your own finite selves, and fix your eyes upon the Everlasting Radiance; then will your souls receive in full measure the Divine Power of the Spirit, and the Blessings of the Infinite Bounty".

There may be some in the Group who are deeply interested in the Teachings, but who do not feel sufficiently convinced of their importance to definitely decide to unite themselves with us. Tell these friends that we are praying earnestly for them, that they may realize that "Now is the day of decision". The call rings out as in the days of old "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve". When we enrol ourselves on the side of Baha'u'llah, a great spiritual power comes to us from His Kingdom, to enable us to "live the life" and to guide us in all our problems. We cannot realize this power until we have made the decision and stepped out in faith on the promises given. The teachings are full of rich promises for our spiritual guidance. Abdul Baha said in one of

His last Tablets. "O ye my soldiers of the Kingdom, be ye valient and fearless. Day by day add to your spiritual victories. Have no thought of yourselves, for the invisible armies of the Kingdom are fighting on your side. Enter ye the battlefield with the Confirmations of the Holy Spirit. Know ye of a certainty that the powers of the Kingdom of Abha are with you. The hosts of the Heaven of Truth are with you. Not for a moment are ye alone. Not for a second are ye left to yourselves. The Beauty of Abha is with you. The Glorious God is with you. The King of Kings is with you. The Lord of Lords is with you and the Powers of the Kingdom are with you." Such were His inspiring words to His spiritual army.

With these glorious promises before us -- have we anything to fear? Nay -- let us unite ourselves with renewed consecration and faith to the service of Baha'u'llah, and the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth.

With love to you all, from the members of the N.S.A.

Yours in loving service,

Grace Challis (Chairman)

FUNDS: It is very gratifying to report that the improvement in the condition of the funds is maintained, but still greater efforts are necessary to enable the Spiritual Assembly to extend the scope of our work. The success of the Exhibition at Notting Hill Gate, which closed down on February 25th, warrants holding a similar one in other parts. For this purposes a marked increase in funds is necessary.

MARCH CALENDAR:

Thursday, March 2nd	8 p.m.	19-Day Feast of Ula - Loftiness. Host: Mr. H.M. Balyuzi.
Friday, March 3rd	8 p.m.	Study Class
Sunday, March 5th	6.30 p.m.	Devotional Meeting.
	7.15 p.m.	Talk & Discussion. "Has Humanity a Destiny"
Wednesday, March 8th	8 p.m.	London Spiritual Assembly
Thursday, March 9th	8 p.m.	Youth Meeting. Speaker: Victor H. Finney Esq. M.A. Subject: "Organized Peace or Organised War"
Sunday, March 12th	6.30 p.m.	Devotional Meeting
	7.15 p.m.	Talk & Discussion; "The Folly of Misdirected Civilization". Speaker: Mr. W. Wilkins.
Sunday, March 19th	6.30 p.m.	Devotional Meeting.
	7.15 p.m.	Talk & Discussion; "Has the World Changed Man or Has Man Changed the World?" Speaker: Mr. H.M. Balyuzi.
Tuesday, March 21st	8 p.m.	The Feast of Nauruz. Host: Dr. S. Ali.
Wednesday, March 22nd	8 p.m.	London Spiritual Assembly
Sunday, March 26th	6.30 p.m.	Devotional Meeting.
	7.15 p.m.	"Design for Living". Speaker: Miss M. Wellby.

NAURUZ FEAST AT 8, BURGESS HILL, N.W.2.

Lady Blomfield will hold a Nauruz Feast on Saturday, March 25th, at 4 p.m. Please notify the Secretary if you are coming and bringing friends.

ELECTIONS: The election of the delegates to the National Convention will take place at the 19-Day Feast on April 9th. The election of the Spiritual Assembly will be held on April 21st.

TRANSFER: We are very happy to welcome Madame Vistona into the London Community. Madame Vistona joined the Cause in Montreal.

VISITOR: We are very glad to see Miss Valerie Lynch back in London. She is going to stay here for several months.

FIRESIDE MEETINGS:

Every Sunday, at 4 p.m., at the Centre -- held by Miss Zara Warman.

Every Sunday, at 4 p.m., at the home of Mrs. E.P. Cranmer, 15 Hampstead Lane, N.6.

Tuesdays, March 14th and 28th, at 8 p.m., at the home of Mrs. K.V. Brown, 14 Frogna! Mansions, Frogna!, N.W.3. (Hampstead Tube Station)

Tuesday, March 7th, at 8 p.m. at the home of Miss Wellby and Miss Cansdale, 124a St. John's Wood High Street, N.W.8.

Friday, March 3rd, at 8 p.m., at the home of Misses C. and R. le Gray, 8 Spencer Road, Chiswick, W.4.

Friday, March 10th, at 8 p.m., at the hone of Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, 113 Amhurst Road, Hackney, E.8.

STUDY CLASS. The Study Class meets on the 1st Friday of the month, the subject of study being "The Dispensation of Baha'u'llah" by Shoghi Effendi. A study outline has been drawn up and can be had on application to the Secretary. The friends are urged to make full use of this class.