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"Tear asunder with the hand of Thy transcendent Power, O my Lord, the veil of vain imaginings, that they who are wholly devoted to Thee may see The seated on the Throne of Thy majesty, and the eyes of such as adore Thy unity may rejoice at the splendours of the glory of Thy face. The doors of hope have been shut against the hearts that long for Thee, O my Lord! Their keys are in Thy hands; open them by the power of Thy might and Thy sovereignty. Potent art Thou to do as Thou pleasest. Thou art, verily, the Almighty, the Beneficent."
("Prayers and Meditations by Bahá'u'lláh," p.7-8)

Dear Friends,

At this hour of world upheaval, our compelling duty, indeed our inestimable privilege, is constant service and sacrifice at the Threshold of Bahá'u'lláh. Therein we shall find our supreme felicity. We have before us the example of the heroic souls gone before us and above all the pattern of the life lived and delineated by the Master.

We have just heard of the passing of Martha Root at Honolulu. The Guardian, in a communication to America, has called her the greatest Teacher the Cause has ever produced. Her radiant life and her matchless record of service and spiritual triumph must now, at the close of her earthly sojourn, give us added courage and fresh inspiration.

It has been decided to keep the Centre open on Saturdays and Sundays from 3 pm. onwards. Tea will be served. A Study Meeting will be conducted on Saturday afternoons, according to the wishes of those present. The Spiritual Assembly urges you to make full use of this opportunity to meet at the Centre. Today more than ever we need one another's fellowship.

Within the next week or so, arrangements will be completed to keep the Centre open on weekdays from 3 pm. to 6 pm.

STUDY CLASSES are held regularly on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7 pm. and attendance is satisfactory, though there is still much room for improvement.

SUNDAY MEETINGS are now held at 5.30 pm.

SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 12th and NOVEMBER 26th, are the anniversary of The Birth of Bahá'u'lláh and The Day of the Covenant respectively. The Feasts and the usual Sunday Meetings will be combined, and will begin at 4 p.m. You are requested to contribute in kind to the Feasts.

NOVEMBER 28th is the Anniversary of the Passing of the Master. It is hoped to hold the Memorial Meeting at the actual hour - 1 a.m. However, the final decision is subject to the wish of the community, to be ascertained at the 19-Day Feast on November 4th.

The 19-Day Feast of Qudrat - Power on Saturday, November 4th, will be held at 3.30 pm. Miss Golden Kilford is the hostess. The Spiritual Assembly appeals to you to make a particular effort to attend this Feast, which is held outside the black-out hours. Special instructions from the National Spiritual Assembly will be presented and your attendance is urgent.

The 19-Day Feast of Qawl - Speech will be held on Thursday, Nov. 23rd, at 6.30 pm. Mrs. Basil Hall is the hostess.

We are very happy to extend the warmest welcome to Miss Marjorie Clayton, who has joined our community.

The Treasurer's Report shows a balance of about £7. However we should remember that our expenses still stand at a minimum and that we must very soon increase our contribution to the National Fund.

For our A.R.P. equipment at the Centre we need some blankets or rugs and some old sheets for making bandages.

There has not been by any means a complete response to the National Assembly's request regarding Registration. Please attend to this matter as quickly as possible - send two photographs together with name, address, date of birth and occupation to the Secretary at the Centre. This is very important.

FIRESIDE MEETINGS will be held as follows:

at the home of Mrs. G. Lam, 22a Elvaston Place, S. Kensington, S.W. 7.
on Thursdays, Nov. 2nd, 16th, 30th, at 7 p.m.

at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Cohen, 113 Amhurst Road, Hackney, E. 8.
on Mondays, Nov. 6th and 20th, at 7 p.m.

Lady Blomfield has sent a cordial invitation to all Bahá'is and their friends to attend a Unity Feast at her home, 8 Burgess Hill, Hampstead, N.W. 2., on Saturday, December 2nd, at 3 p.m. Friends who intend to be present are asked to advise the Secretary at the Centre in advance.