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"I say unto you that anyone who will rise up in the Cause of God at this time shall be filled with the Spirit of God, and that He will send His hosts from heaven to help you, and that nothing shall be impossible to you if you have faith. And now I give you a commandment which shall be for a Covenant between you and me: that ye have faith; that your faith be steadfast as a rock that no storms can move, that nothing can disturb, and that it endure through all things even to the end; even should ye hear that your Lord has been crucified, be not shaken in your faith; for I am with you always, whether living or dead; I am with you to the end. As ye have faith, so shall your powers and blessings be. This is the standard - this is the standard - this is the standard."                      9    ('Abd'ul-Bahá)

Dear Friends,

We are in the month of fasting, the "period of meditation and prayer, of spiritual recuperation during which the believer must strive to make the necessary readjustments in his inner life, and to refresh and reinvigorate the spiritual forces latent in his soul". May we as individuals and as a community derive the utmost benefit within our capacity from this time of "spiritual recuperation" as the Guardian describes it.

On March 21st, we enter the 97th year of the Bahá'í Era. To you, one and all, your Spiritual Assembly sends loving Nawruz greetings. The current issue of the Bahá'í Journal carries messages from the Guardian, which give us the hope, the certitude and the courage to work our hardest in the service of Bahá'u'lláh.

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19-Day Feast of Ula - Loftiness, Saturday, March 2nd, at 6.30 pm.  
Host: Mr. Louis Rosenfield.      Please note the time of this feast.

The National Spiritual Assembly is meeting in London during this weekend.

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NAWRUZ FEAST - Thursday, March 21st, at 7 pm.

A programme has been arranged, based on events and anecdotes in the life of the Master. An observer once said that 'Abd'ul-Bahá "walked the mystic path with practical feet". He brought joy to people, and the question that His lips ever uttered was "Are you happy?".

SUNDAY MEETINGS - 5.30 pm.

March 3rd	"The Spiritual Basis of World Order"	Mr. David Hofman
" 10th	"The Bahá'í Faith and the Hebrew Tradition"	Mr. John Cohen
" 17th	"My Journey in Iran - 1939"	Mr. Z. Asgarzadeh
" 24th	"The Path of Human Endeavour"	Miss E. Clayton
" 31st	"Spring"	Miss Ursula Newman

"BAHA'I COMMUNITY AND WORLD AFFAIRS"

Tuesday, March 5th - 7.30 p.m. "Universeal and Regional Federation" Mr. Louis Rosenfield

Tuesday, March 19th 7.30 p.m. "Individual Values" Miss M. Wellby

We cannot over-emphasise the value of this series. Come to it.

FIRESIDE MEETINGS.

Tuesdays, March 12th and 26th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cohen, 115 Amhurst Road, Hackney, E.8., at 8 pm.

Thursdays, March 7th and 28th, at 7 pm., at the home of Mrs. G. Lam, 22a Elvaston Place, S.W.7.

TREASURER'S REPORT. If all expected donations and arrears of subscriptions come in, it is expected that at the beginning of March we shall have about £3. in hand, after paying or making reserves for all expenses. This is not a very large sum and does not allow much for an extra gift to the National Fund, which it was hoped to make before the end of the Bahá'í year. Please do not forget that the need of the National Teaching Campaign is urgent.

THE WOMEN'S SERVICE COMMITTEE has arranged to purchase wool for the purpose of providing knitted articles for Merchant Service Men and others. Offers of help to knit socks, scarves, etc., will be appreciated. The Committee is indebted to Mrs. Lam who has undertaken to procure the wool and distribute it to those friends who are willing to assist. Further details of the scheme will be given by the Secretary of the Women's Service Committee at the 19-Day Feast on March 2nd.

The Women's Service Committee would be glad to receive suitable gifts which could be placed on sale at 18 New Farm Avenue, Bromley, Kent, on Saturday, April 13th, when the Committee will be at Home to Bahá'ís and friends from 3.0 to 8 p.m. Tea at 6d. per head will be provided. (Cheap day ticket from Victoria 1/7d. Trains four minutes past each hour).