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"Happy indeed is the man that hath turned towards the sanctuary of Thy presence, and rid himself of all attachment to anyone except Thyself. He is truly exalted who hath confessed Thy glory, and fixed his eyes upon the Day-Star of Thy loving-kindness. He is endued with understanding who is aware of Thy Revelation and hath acknowledged Thy manifold tokens, Thy signs and Thy testimonies." (Prayers & Meditations by Bahá'u'lláh, p.269)

Dear Friends,

The question of Registration is now urgent. August 13th is the limit fixed by the National Spiritual Assembly and after this date friends not registered will forfeit their voting right until such time as they register. This failure to register may eventually entail their forfeiting the right to attend Nineteen-Day Feasts.

It is vital to realise that this decision of the National Spiritual Assembly is not by any means a disciplinary measure. The sole intention is to safeguard the interests of the Cause of God.

Dear Friends, The Spiritual Assembly requests you to give this matter your immediate and prayerful consideration. Should any of the friends feel that they need further explanation or a statement of the responsibilities incurred by registration, the Assembly would be very happy to offer whatever advice and help is required. Do not hesitate to write to the Assembly if you have any problem to resolve.

TEACHERS' TRAINING CLASS:

To teach the Cause is the foremost duty of a Bahá'i. To be able to teach effectively, we should have a sound knowledge of the Faith. The class now organised is to serve that purpose. Its first meeting, held on Friday July 19th, was considered a success by those present. Thirteen people attended the class. During this month the class will meet on Fridays, 2nd, 16th and 30th at 7.30 p.m.

The last fifteen minutes of the class will be devoted to answering questions. Please bring with you any problems or difficulties you may have found in studying the Teachings. Questions may be presented in writing if so desired. Do not miss this opportunity to prepare yourself for teaching.

ENROLMENT: We welcome most warmly Miss Hedi Sperber (Youth), who has declared her faith and joined our community.

19-DAY FEASTS:

Kamal - Perfection. Thursday, August 1st, at 7 p.m.
Host: Mr. W. Wilkins.

Asma - Names. Tuesday, August 20th, at 7 p.m.
Hostess: Miss M. Parker.

SUNDAY MEETINGS: at 6.30 p.m.

August 4th	"What's the good of Religion?"	Mr. H. M. Balyuzi
" 11th	Abdul Baha - "I am walking my chosen highway; I know the destination."	Mr. D. Hofman
" 18th	"Freedom through Self-discipline"	Miss A. E. Baxter
" 25th	"There is no prison save the prison of self". - Abdul Baha.	Miss M. Clayton
	"Do you know your Prejudices?"	

YOUTH GROUP:

Study Classes: Fridays August 9th and 23rd at 8 p.m.

Public Meeting: Tuesday, August 13th at 8 p.m. Speaker: Miss Wellby.

Social Function: Saturday August 17th at 5.30pm. A visit to the Studio of Miss V. Isenthal, 95 The Avenue, West Ealing.

Fireside Meeting: Saturday, August 31st at 7.30 p.m. at 6 Burgess Hill, Finchley Road, N.W.2.

TREASURERS REPORT: Friends already realise how precarious the income of the London Bahá'í Fund is through the difficult conditions of the times. We are obliged to spend as we receive, having no balance to make up any deficits, yet through the spiritual forces working in the community each month we meet our liabilities. We must become more conscious of these spiritual forces, especially the strength to the community and to the individual of regular steady contribution to the Fund. The amount is not the point to stress; it is the sacrifice and steadfast effort which counts. The Spiritual Assembly would feel the community had risen a step higher if it could announce that every member of the London Community was contributing to the Fund regularly. Don't worry about the smallness of the contribution. Increase it whenever possible, so that the spiritual force as a result of sacrifice also can flow through the community. Do please meditate on this and act on it even if you give only 1d. a week.

The Fund now stands as follows:

In Hand	£14. 3. 7.
Arrears outstanding	1. 5. 0.
Expected for July not yet received	1. 13. 6.
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Required	£17. 2. 1.
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Expected deficit	£ 1. 17. 8.