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"O Son of Man! Thou art My dominion and My dominion perisheth not, wherefore fearest thou thy perishing? Thou art My light and My light shall never be extinguished, why dost thou dread extinction? Thou art My glory and My glory fadeth not; thou art My robe and My robe shall never be outworn. Abide then in thy love for Me, that thou mayest find Me in the realm of glory."

(The Hidden Words" of Bahá'u'lláh)

Dear Friends,

The Spiritual Assembly sends you its loving greetings, prays for your protection, and supplicates Bahá'u'lláh to confirm us in service and steadfastness.

Many of us have had to leave London, and this gives us added opportunity to teach the Cause of God further afield. Conditions now make it difficult for many others to come to the Centre frequently. Being temporarily cut off from active and constant fellowship with one another, we have to rely more than ever on the Grace of Bahá'u'lláh to strengthen our hearts and feed our spiritual life. The love and the vision which our beloved Faith has given us should be kept bright and unsullied through prayer and reading. See what Bahá'u'lláh promises those who read His verses:-

"Whoso reciteth in the privacy of his chamber the verses revealed by God, the scattering angels of the Almighty shall scatter abroad the fragrance of the words uttered by his mouth, and shall cause the heart of every righteous man to throb. Though he may at first remain unaware of its effect, yet the virtue of the grace vouchsafed unto him must needs sooner or later exercise its influence upon his soul."

And there are two ways, both very imperative, for all of us to carry forward the work of the Cause:

To teach unremittingly wherever we happen to be, and to maintain wholeheartedly, nay even increase, our contributions to the Funds.

The Treasurer reports an expected deficit.

Abdul-Bahá has shown us clearly that sacrifice alone brings joy, blessing and unfailing enrichment.

Dear Friends, let us bring our whole being devotedly to the service of God, of Bahá'u'lláh.

MEETINGS AT THE CENTRE:

Every Saturday and Sunday, at 3 pm. during October and at 2 pm. during November.

The Saturday gathering is meant to provide a weekly reunion of the friends. Don't fail to come whenever you can.

The Sunday meeting is the usual weekly public meeting.

NINETEEN-DAY FEASTS:

Ilm - Knowledge : Saturday, October 19th, at 3 pm. Host: Mr. Asgarzadeh.
Qudrat - Power : Saturday, November 2nd, at 2 pm. Host: Mr. Afnan
Qawl - Speech : Saturday, November 23rd, at 2 pm. Host: Mr. Balyuzi.

FEASTS DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER:

Birth of the Báb - Sunday, October 20th, at 3 p.m. This Feast will take the place of the usual Sunday meeting.

Birthday of Bahá'u'lláh (Nov. 12th) will be celebrated on Sunday, Nov. 10th at 2 pm. taking the place of the usual Sunday meeting.

Day of the Covenant (Nov. 26th) will take place on Sunday, November 24th, at 2 pm.

Friends are requested to bring contributions in kind to all these three feasts.

COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSING OF ABDUL-BAHA: This will be celebrated as last year at the time the passing actually took place, viz.

1 am. on Thursday morning, November 28th. It will of course be necessary for those taking part to spend the night at the Centre and if they wish to sleep after the meeting, they are recommended to bring a rug and cushion with them.

KEEPING THE CENTRE OPEN ON WEEKDAYS: It is not possible at the moment to keep the Centre open every afternoon. Please notify the Secretary if you can take charge any afternoon, even if not regularly. However the Centre will be open some afternoons, although it is not possible to specify which. It is therefore advisable to ring the Centre before coming to find out if it is open.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: Friends who change their address are requested to advise the Secretary at the Centre immediately.

MISS MARJORIE CLAYTON. In order to avoid misunderstanding, Miss Clayton wishes the friends to know that she has been married for some years and her married name is Mrs. Neil Porter.

LONDON SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY: Please keep these names and addresses of members at present in London in case of need; changes and additions may be notified in subsequent bulletins:

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