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Bahá'í Centre, 46 Bloomsbury Street, W.C.1.

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THE NEW LONDON SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY.

Chairman: Miss Baxter  
Secretary: Mr. Ferraby

Vice-Chairman: Madame Vistona  
Treasurer: Miss Cansdale

Miss Cheesman  
Mrs. Hyett  
Miss Isenthal  
Miss Wellby  
Mr. Wilkins

NINETEEN-DAY FEAST OF 'AZAMAT - GRANDEUR.

Sunday, 17th May, at 6.30 p.m.      Hostess: Mrs. George.

As this feast falls on a Sunday, it has been decided to hold it after the Sunday afternoon meeting.

FEAST OF THE DECLARATION OF THE BÁB, Friday, May 22nd, at 11.52 pm.  
and Saturday, May 23rd, at 3.30 pm.

It has been learned from the new Edition of Bahá'í Procedure that the correct time for celebrating the Declaration of the BáB is two hours after sunset. As the Bahá'í day is reckoned from sunset to sunset, this feast falls on the evening of May 22nd, according to the present Western calendar. The Assembly has therefore decided to hold two feasts, so that those who are unable to be at the Centre for the late evening meeting may still attend. Gifts in kind are invited.

THE ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH. Friday, May 29th, at 3 am. and 7 pm.

The correct time to hold this meeting is 3 am. but a second meeting will be held at 7 pm. for those unable to attend the early morning one.

SUNDAY MEETINGS, at 3.30 pm.

During May various speakers will deal with the Bahá'í attitude to different problems, as follows:

May 3rd	"The Bahá'í Conception of God"	Miss Baxter
" 10th	"Bahá'í Teachings on Eternal Life"	Mr. Wilkins
" 17th	"The Bahá'í Understanding of the Terms 'Mind, Soul and Spirit' "	Miss Wellby
" 24th	"Bahá'í Teachings on the Oneness of Mankind"	Mr. Ferraby
" 31st	"The Bahá'í Design for Living"	Madame Vistona

Invitation by a Sympathiser of the Cause. Saturday, May 16th.

Madame Nermi, a sympathiser of the Cause, has been unable to attend meetings at the Centre lately. She has invited the London Bahá'í friends to visit her at her house near Hampton Court on the afternoon of Saturday, May 16th, so that she may not be entirely cut off from contact with the Cause. Details may be obtained by enquiry from the Secretary. Those who wish to take part in this visit, please let the Secretary know by Sunday, 10th May, so that Madame Nermi can be told how many visitors to expect.

Southern Summer School - May 23rd, 24th, 25th and 26th, at Torquay  
The Southern Summer School will be held in Torquay at Whitsun weekend. Will friends who hope to attend let the Secretary know, so that they may be given further information when this is available. The Summer School will extend to Tuesday, 26th May, only if there is a sufficient number of people able to attend that day.

Study Classes - Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.

May 7th	Miss Cansdale
May 14th	Miss Wellby
May 21st	Mr. Ferraby
May 28th	Miss Baxter

"Indifference breeds deterioration. Silence is the cause of retrogression. Thoughtlessness leads to forgetfulness. Passivity, inaction, produce oblivion. Consequently do ye not seek one moment of rest by day or by night. Nay, rather strive after composure of heart in the heaven of Unity. Do ye not for one moment obey the instinct of the worldly consciousness for ease. Seek ye divine happiness through the hardships and sorrows of this physical world, and behold spiritual well-being in the struggles of this fleeting existence. Distill sugar and honey from the bitter poison of suffering. Recognize the caress of divine favor in the arrows of misfortune. Consider the lowest degree of humiliation in the path of the Blessed Perfection as the highest station of Glory. Know descent to be identical with ascent, and consider death itself the essence of life."

(Bahá'í Scriptures, old edition, p.439)

"In these times thanksgiving for the bounty of the Merciful One consists in the illumination of the heart and the awareness of the soul. This is the reality of thanksgiving."

(Ditto, p.455)