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FEASTS.

19-Day Feast of Asmá (Names): Saturday, August 1st, at 3.30 p.m.  
Hostess: Miss Kahn. Chairman: Miss Isenthal.

19-Day Feast of Kamál (Perfection): Thursday, August 20th, at 6.45 pm  
Hostess: Mrs. Brown Chairman: Miss Cansdale.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

It has been decided to hold Prayer Meetings at which prayers will be said for those suffering in the world at present and also for the spread of the Cause. These Prayer Meetings will be held before the commencement of each 19-Day feast, at 6.30 p.m., and the feast will then follow at 6.45 pm. No Prayer Meeting will be held before the feast on August 1st, but instead a special prayer meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6th, at 6.30 p.m. It is hoped that as many believers as possible will attend these meetings, since the world today is so much in need of the Bahá'í prayers.

TALKS. Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

August 2nd	"Abdu'l-Bahá"	Mr. Wilkins
" 9th	"The Bahá'í Life"	Mrs. Brown
" 16th	"The World as a Unit"	Madame Vistona
" 23rd	"Some Basic Bahá'í Principles"	Miss Engler
" 30th	"Progress in Religion"	Miss Isenthal

STUDY CLASSES. Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.

August 6th	"The Spirit of the Administration"	Miss Wellby
" 13th	"The Bahá'í System of Government"	Miss Cansdale
" 27th	"The Individual and the Community"	Mr. Ferraby

CATERING COMMITTEE. The temporary members for August are Madame Vistona and Mr. Wilkins.

REFERENCE LIBRARY. Friends are reminded that the books in the Reference Library are the property of the community, that this is the only Bahá'í Reference Library in the country and that many of the books are irreplaceable. Particular care should be taken to see that any book borrowed or used at a meeting is returned to the Reference Library after it has been used.

EVACUATED MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. It has been suggested that some of the members of the community, who are living out of London as a result of the war, might care to act as host or hostess for a



19-Day Feast by preparing a programme of readings and prayers and arranging for the Catering Committee to purchase the necessary foodstuffs. If any evacuated friend would like to give a feast in this way, would they please let the secretary know. The Assembly wish to stress however that the preparation of a programme is an essential part of the duties of the absent host or hostess, since the personal element would otherwise be altogether lacking.

PUNCTUALITY. Another attempt is being made to start meetings, feasts and committees punctually. This is only possible if the members of the community make a real effort to arrive at the proper time, so do please try. If it has been true in the past to say "Bahá'ís are always late", surely this is an accusation which we should do our best to make untrue in the future.

OPENING OF FRONT DOOR DURING 19-DAY FEASTS. For the benefit of any friends unavoidably compelled to arrive late on such occasions, the front door will in future be left open. Friends are requested to come down quietly and wait outside the room until they hear that a reading or prayer is finished and then to enter with as little disturbance as possible. People reading are requested to pause for a moment before commencing each item in case anyone is waiting to come in. It is hoped in this way to do away with the noisy ringing of the bell which ruins the tranquillity of the feasts.

LONDON BAHÁ'Í FUND. Without giving a detailed financial statement, it can be said that for some time our income has not been so large as our expenditure. This means one of several things; either the situation is saved by a gift from some unexpected source, or we draw away a little more from our already small reserve kept in hand for emergencies, or we shall get into really serious difficulties. We should further consider that in these circumstances we are not contributing so much as previously to the National Fund as we used to do, and the National Fund also needs money badly. We put these facts before the believers for their very serious consideration and feel sure that they will make every effort in their power to help.

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"O My Namesake: Listen to My Call from around My Throne, so that it may summon thee to a Sea which has no boundary and to whose depths no diver has reached. Verily Thy Lord is knowing and generous. Verily, We desired to bestow Our Favour upon thee by mentioning that which We have seen, so that thou mayest behold a luminous World in this dark world, and that thou mayest realise that We have worlds within this world, and offer thanks to thy Lord, The All-Knowing." (Tablet of the Virgin)

"Souls are like unto mirrors, and the bounty of God is like unto the sun. When the mirrors pass beyond (the condition of) dull colouring and attain purity and polish, and are confronted with the sun, they will reflect in full perfection its light and glory. In this condition one should not consider the mirror, but the power of the light of the sun, which hath penetrated the mirror, making it a reflector of the heavenly glory." (Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, quoted in Bahá'í Scriptures, p.473)