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TIMES OF MEETINGS. All afternoon meetings will be held at 3.0 p.m. instead of 3.30 p.m. during the winter, on account of the early black-out. Nineteen-Day Feasts will be at 3.15 p.m., the prayer meetings preceding them at 3.0 p.m.

FEASTS AND COMMEMORATIONS.

Nineteen-Day Feast of Qudrat (Power). To be held on Saturday, 7th November, at 3.15 p.m. Hostess: Miss Snerber. Chairman: Mrs. Hyett.

Nineteen Day Feast of Qawl (Speech). To be held on Saturday 21st November, at 3.15 p.m. Hostess: Miss Welby.

Birth of Bahá'u'lláh. Thursday, November 12th, at 7.0 p.m. Contributions in kind are requested.

Day of the Covenant. Thursday, November 26th, at 7.0 p.m. Contributions in kind are requested.

Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá. Saturday, 28th November, at 1.0 a.m. and 3.0 p.m. The correct time for this commemoration is 1.0 a.m. but the programme will be repeated at 3.0 p.m. for those unable to attend the early morning meeting.

PROCEDURE AT NINETEEN-DAY FEASTS.

The Assembly wish to remind those preparing programmes for Prayer Meetings preceding the 19-Day Feasts that these should not last more than ten minutes. The soul grows tired if the spiritual part of the 19-Day Feast programme is too long.

The Assembly consider it would be a good thing for those reading from the Bahá'í Sacred Writings at meetings to state whether they are reading from the Words of Bahá'u'lláh, the Báb, or 'Abdu'l-Bahá, and where the reading is taken from.

In future it is requested that only questions relating to the report just given should be asked immediately after any report at a 19-Day Feast. There is a tendency at present for discussion to become general before all the reports have been given, so that there is no time to discuss important matters arising out of later reports. Such general questions and suggestions should be kept until all the reports have been discussed.

SUNDAY MEETINGS, at 3.0 p.m.

November 1st	Mr. Balyuzi	"The King of Glory"
" 8th	Mrs. Brown	"The Great Awakening"
" 15th	Mr. Ferraby	"The Poverty of Wealth"
" 22nd	Miss Ursula Newman	"The Rose-garden of the Spirit"
" 29th	Miss Wellby	"Faith and Compromise"

STUDY CLASSES, Thursdays at 6.30 p.m.

Study Classes will again be based on articles taken from the "Bahá'í World".

5th November	Mr. Wilkins
19th "	Mr. Balyuzi

"Man becomes like a stone unless he continually supplicates God. The heart of man is like a mirror which is covered with dust, and to cleanse it one must continually pray to God that it may become clean. The act of supplication is the polish which erases all worldly desires. The delight of supplicating and entreating before God cuts one's heart from the world. When the taste of man is nourished by honey, he never likes to taste any other sweetmeat. Therefore, prayer is a key by which the doors of the kingdom are opened. There are many subjects which are difficult for man to solve. But during prayer and supplication they are unveiled and there is nothing that man cannot find out. Muhammad said, "Prayer is a ladder by which everyone can ascend to heaven". If one's heart is cut from the world, his prayer is the ascension to heaven.

"In the highest prayer men pray only for the love of God, not because they fear Him, or hope for bounty or heaven. Thus the souls in whose hearts the fire of love is enkindled are attracted by supplication. True supplication to God must therefore be actuated by love to God only...."