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NAWRUZ. Sunday, March 21st, at 3.30 p.m., at the Centre. It is proposed to give a radio history of the first 99 years of the Causa. The to taking part will speak into a microphone in the back room, which will be connected with a loudspeaker in the meeting room. The programme is being prepared by Mr. Balyuzi, and will consist to a large extent of readings on events in the history of the Faith. It is desired to have a variety of voices giving the readings, as in a B.B.C. feature programme. Will any member of the community who would be willing to take part please let the secretary know by Sunday, March 1st.

The programme should provide a good entertainment for visitors, so bring all your friends. Contributions in kind for the Feast are invited.

MONTH OF FASTING. The Fast starts on the first day of the month of 'Ulá, on March 2nd, and finishes on Nawrúz, March 2lst. The Fast is from sunrise to sunset each day. The times of sunrise and sunset are given at the end of this Bulletin.

NINETEEN DAY FEAST OF 'ULA (Loftiness), Tuesday, 2nd March, at 7.0 p.m. Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Balyuzi.

The election of delegates will take place after the monthly Devotional Meeting. The London Community has been allotted 9 delegates this year.

Convention is being held in London again this year, on April 24th, 25th and 26th, which is the first weekend in Ridván and the workend of Easter. A number of delegates and visitors are of course expected, and accommodation will be required for them. Will anyone able to provide accommodation for one or more of these nights please let the secretary know.

PURLIC MEETINGS. During March and April a further series of talks has been arranged, of which a programme is being printed. One is being sent to every member of the Community, and as many others as are required may be had from the secretary for giving to friends or sending to societies, otc.

STUDY CLASSES. Thursdays at 7.0 p.m.

4th March Mr. Wilkins
11th " Miss Wilson
18th " Mrs. Brown

25th " Miss Cansdale

LOST PROFERTY. A small leather case containing four yale keys was left at the Centre a couple of weeks ago. Will the owner please claim it.

"... these events have deeper reasons. Their object and purpose is to teach man certain lessons. We are living in a day of reliance upon material conditions. Men imagine that the great size and strength of a ship, perfection of machinery or the skill of a navigator will insure safety, but these disasters sometimes take place that men may know that God is the real protector. If it be the will of God to protect men, a little ship may escape destruction whereas the greatest and most perfectly constructed vessel with the best and most skilful navigator may not survive a danger such The purpose is that the people of the world may as was present on the ocean. turn to God the one protector; that human souls may rely upon his preservation and know that he is the real safety. These events happen in order that man's faith may be increased and strengthened. Therefore although we feel sad and disheartened we must supplicate God to turn our hearts to the kingdom, and pray for these departed souls with faith in His infinite mercy, so that although they have been deprived of this earthly life they may enjoy a new existence in the surrome monsions of the heavenly Father,

"Let no one imagine that these words imply that man should not be thorough and careful in his undertakings. God has endowed man with intelligence so that he may safeguard and protect himself. Therefore he must provide and surround himself with all that scientific skill can produce. He must be deliberate, thoughtful and thorough in his purposes, build the best ship and provide the most experienced captain, yet withal let him rely man God and consider God as the one keeper. If God protects, nothing can imperil man's safety; and if it be not His will to safeguard, no amount of apparation and precaution will avail."

(* Abdu 1-Baha in "The Promulgation of Universal Peace", n.45.)

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