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CONVENTION. Convention is being held in London during Easter weekend, Saturday April 24th - Monday April 26th, which comes in Ridván this year. Programme is enclosed.

Will anyone who is able to provide accommodation for delegates and visitors to Convention from outside London, please let the Secretary know immediately.

RIDVÁN.

1st Day of Ridván: Wednesday, April 21st, at 7 p.m. The election of the Local Spiritual Assembly for the year 100 takes place at this feast.

9th Day of Ridván: Thursday, April 29th, at 7.0 p.m. After the spiritual programme, there will be some form of social entertainment. Contributions in kind are invited.

12th Day of Ridván: Sunday, May 2nd. It is proposed to hold this Feast immediately after the advertised Sunday afternoon talk, which will not be followed by discussion. Visitors are of course welcomed to the Feast. Contributions in kind are invited.

NINETEEN DAY FEASTS.

Feast of Jalál (Glory): Friday, April 9th, at 7.0 p.m. Hostess: Miss Baxter.

Feast of Jamál (Beauty): Wednesday, April 28th, at 7.0 p.m. Hostess: Miss Isantha.

SUNDAY MEETINGS, at 3.30 p.m.

The series of talks on "The Unfoldment of World Civilisation" is continued this month.

STUDY CLASSES, Thursdays at 7.0 p.m.

1st April	Mr. Wilkins
8th "	Miss Cansdale
15th "	Mr. Balyuzi
22nd "	Mr. Ferraby
29th "	Ninth Day of Ridván

TEACHING COMMITTEE NOTES.

(The Spiritual Assembly has asked the Teaching Committee to prepare each month a few notes for the Bulletin, which may be of help to members of the community)

Dear Friends,

The end of the year just newly opened will mark the close of the first Bahá'í century. This century constitutes the foundation of our Faith, the basis of the new world to be built of the Spirit of Bahá'u'lláh. The early martyrs who willingly offered their lives and the great pioneers of the Faith have given us an eternal example. This is part of our Bahá'í heritage. Let us then rededicate ourselves to the task we have undertaken and reconsider our lives from every aspect - our work, our relations with others, remember our aim is perfection in all things, great or small. 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the Great Exemplar, clearly sets forth the standard, the goal of every Bahá'í, and this is the answer to the recurrent question: "What is a Bahá'í?"

"He is a true Bahá'í who strives by day and by night to progress and advance along the path of human endeavour, whose most cherished desire is so to live and act as to enrich and illuminate the world, whose source of inspiration is the essence of Divine virtue, whose aim in life is so to conduct himself as to be the cause of infinite progress. Only when he attains unto such perfect gifts can it be said of him that he is a True Bahá'í. For in this holy Dispensation, the crowning glory of bygone ages and cycles, true faith is no mere acknowledgement of the Unity of God, but rather the living of a life that will manifest all the perfections and virtues implied in such belief."

"If one possesses the love of God, everything that he undertakes is useful, but if the undertaking is without the love of God, then it is hurtful and the cause of veiling one's self from the Lord of the Kingdom. But with the Love of God every bitterness is changed into sweetness and every gift becometh precious. For example: a musical and melodious voice imparteth life to an attracted heart but lureth toward lust those souls who are engulfed in passion and desire.

"With the love of God, all sciences are accepted and beloved, but without it, they are fruitless; nay, rather, they are the cause of insanity. Every science is like a tree; if the fruit of it is the love of God, that is a blessed tree. Otherwise it is dried wood and finally food for fire."

('Abdu'l-Bahá, in Bahá'í Scriptures, page 467)