

TWELFTH DAY OF RIDVÁN. Sunday, 2nd May, 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.

DECLARATION OF THE BĀB. 11.54 p.m. on Saturday, 22nd May, and 3.30 p.m. on Sunday, 23rd May.

As last year, this Feast will be celebrated at the correct time of two hours after sunset on May 22nd, and also on the afternoon of the following day. The afternoon celebration will be combined with a public talk on "The Forerunner - the Báb". Contributions in kind are invited.

ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLAH. 3.0 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, May 29th. The commemoration will be held at 3.0 a.m. and again at 3.30 p.m. for those unable to attend the early morning meeting.

NINETEEN DAY FEAST OF 'AZAMAT (Grandeur). Monday, 17th May, at 7.0 p.m. Hostesses: Miss Cansdale.

PRAYER MEETING. Saturday, 15th May, at 3.30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY MEETINGS AT 3.30 p.m.

During May and June a series of talks on "The Emergence of a World Faith" will be given at the Sunday meetings, as in the enclosed programme. Copies of the programme for distribution to friends can be had from the secretary.

The attendance at Sunday Meetings has been gradually falling off again since the larger meetings of early January, although there are still new enquirers coming from the advertisements. This falling-off is due to members bringing fewer friends than in January. Let us all make a drive to make this next series of meetings, which starts on the last day of Ridván, really successful.

STUDY CLASSES. Thursdays at 7.0 p.m.

6th May	Mr. Wilkins
13th "	Miss Wilson
20th "	Miss Cansdale
27th "	Mr. Ferraby

DECLARATIONS. We are glad to welcome Mr. Brian Stevenson as a member of the community.

Miss Hedy Soerber, who has redeclared herself on reaching her twentyfirst birthday, has now become a voting member.

#### GIFT FROM THE U.S.A.

A parcel of food has been received from the Bahá'ís of New York, which the Assembly has passed on to the Convention Catering Committee for use during Convention.



TEACHING COMMITTEE NOTES.

'Abdu'l-Bahá has given very definite instructions as to the fundamental requirements in teaching the Cause. It is not great learning which is required, or even great knowledge of the Faith, however desirable that may be. What is needed above all else is a deep conviction of the truth of the Message brought by Bahá'u'lláh to mankind.

One of the greatest of Bahá'í teachers, already a leading authority on Islam at the time he was introduced to the Teachings of Bahá'u'lláh, was given the Message by his greengrocer, an illiterate man. A whole Burmese village accepted the Faith as a result of the helpful actions of an individual Bahá'í. It is faith itself which is the most effective teacher, and "The essence of faith", Bahá'u'lláh has said, "is fewness of words and fullness of deeds".

Nobody who is called upon to give a talk or teach the Faith in any way need be afraid, so long as they bear in mind the words written by 'Abdu'l-Bahá to an American believer:

"When the teacher delivers an address, first of all his own words must have a supremely powerful effect over himself, so that others in turn may be affected; his utterances must belike a flame of fire, burning away the veils of dogma, passion and desire. Moreover, he must be in the utmost state of humility and self-effacement, that others may be rendered mindful. He must have attained the station of renunciation and annihilation. Then, and not until then, will he teach the people with the humility of the Supreme Concurrence." (Bahá'í Scriptures, p.452)

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"I now assure thee, O servant of God, that if thy mind become empty and pure from every mention and thought, and thy heart attracted wholly to the Kingdom of God, forgetting all else beside God and coming in communion with the Spirit of God, then the Holy Spirit will assist thee with a power which will enable thee to penetrate all things, and a dazzling spart which enlightens all sides, a brilliant flame in the zenith of the heavens, will teach thee that which thou dost not know of the facts of the universe and of the divine doctrine. Verily I say unto thee, every soul which today ariseth to guide others to the path of safety and infuse in them the Spirit of Life, that soul the Holy Spirit will inspire with evidences, proofs and facts, and the lights will shine upon it from the Kingdom of God. Do not forget what I have conveyed unto thee from the breath of the Spirit."

('Abdu'l-Bahá, Bahá'í Scriptures, p.468)



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