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NINETEEN DAY FEAST OF NUR (LIGHT). Saturday, June 5th, at 3.30 p.m.  
Hostess: Miss Engler. Chairman: Mr. Wilkins.

NINETEEN DAY FEAST OF RAHMAT (MERCY). Thursday, June 24th, at 7.0 p.m.  
Hostess: Miss Cheesman. Chairman: Miss Baxter.

SPECIAL MEETING. Saturday, June th at 3.30 p.m.

The Assembly is arranging a special meeting for the community as above, for the purpose of discussing plans for the last year of the first Bahá'í century. The Assembly hopes that all members of the community will find it possible to attend this meeting, which they consider a most important one.

SUNDAY MEETINGS, at 3.30 p.m.

The series of meetings "The Emergence of a World Faith" continues during June.

STUDY CLASSES, Thuredays at 7.0 p.m.

3rd June	Mr. Stevenson
10th "	Mr. Wilkins
17th "	Miss Wilson
24th "	Mr. Balyuzi

REFERENCE LIBRARY. In future, committees or those preparing talks may borrow books from the Reference Library, providing they enter their names in the lenders book and do not keep the book for more than a week.

ORGANISATION OF SUNDAY MEETINGS. The Assembly feels that it is important that the Sunday Meetings should give visitors the impression of being properly organised, and they wish therefore to remind members of the community of the things, apart from catering, which have to be done. There are: (1) Preparing the room and opening the door. The person doing this should try to be at the Centre by 3.0 p.m. (2) Hostess, who welcomes visitors, sees that newcomers have literature, and watches that nobody is at a loss. (3) Book Sales, which includes preparing before the meeting the display case of books for sale. The Assembly will ask one person to organise each meeting, that is, to find people to do each of the above jobs.

NEW CENTRE. Convention, the National Spiritual Assembly, and members of the London Community have all suggested recently that the time has come for the London Bahá'ís to take a bigger centre. The possibilities are now being explored. But clearly, if we move to a bigger Centre, the rent will be bigger and it will be possible to pay this higher rent only if contributions increase and remain continuously at the higher level. The Assembly feels that every effort should be made to achieve a larger Centre and wants to make it clear to the community that this can only be done by a big and sustained effort on the part of everyone.

## C O R R E C T I O N .

SPECIAL MEETING. A special meeting will be held after the Public Meeting on Sunday, June 20th, at 6.0 p.m. to discuss the last year of the first Bahá'í Century. It is hoped that the National Spiritual Assembly will be present. The chief subjects for discussion will be the coming Centenary celebrations, Teaching, and a progress report from the Assembly concerning the proposed new Centre. The London Assembly suggests that members of the community may care to think about these topics before coming to the meeting. It considers this meeting a most important one, and hopes that all members of the community will find it possible to be there.

As this meeting will follow immediately after the afternoon public meeting, it is suggested that members of the community bring with them their own food for the evening.

INTER-FAITHS ASSEMBLY. The Assembly has been asked by the Church of Universal Faith at Putney to send a speaker to one of their Inter-Faiths Assemblies, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 3rd and 4th. It is hoped that Miss Isenthal will be able to go, and she would welcome support from members of the community. For particulars, ask Miss Isenthal or the secretary.

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TEACHING COMMITTEE NOTES.

"Heed not the idle contention of those who maintain that the Book and verses thereof can never be a testimony unto the common people, inasmuch as they neither grasp their meaning nor appreciate their value. And yet, the unfailing testimony of God to both the East and the West is none other than the Qur'án. Were it beyond the comprehension of men, how could it have been declared as a universal testimony unto all people? If their contention be true, none would therefore be required, nor would it be necessary for them to know God, inasmuch as the knowledge of the divine Being transcendeth the knowledge of His Book, and the common people would not possess the capacity to comprehend it."

(The Kitáb-i-Iqán, p.210.)

Although this passage from the Kitáb-i-Iqán refers to the Qur'án, it is also true about the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh Himself, for the same argument applies to His Writings as to the Writings of Muhammad. The Writings of Bahá'u'lláh are "a universal testimony unto all people", and it is upon the comprehension of this testimony that knowledge of God depends. In so far as all mankind has been endowed with the capacity to know God and to love Him, it is clear that they have also been endowed with the capacity to comprehend His testimony. It is the right and privilege of everyone on earth to hear the words of Bahá'u'lláh.

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"O my dear one! This day is the day of purification, the day of sanctification, the day of turning toward God, the day of severance from all else save God, the day of lowliness and humiliation, the day of serving the beloved ones of God, the day of becoming utterly destitute of and free from egotism and desire and the day of purity and sacrifice in the path of God. This is incumbent upon thee, so that thou mayest be accepted in the court of the Almighty and praised in His lofty Threshold of Holiness."

Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, p.636.

"Concentrate the soul upon God so that it may become as a fountain pouring out the Water of Life to a thirsty world. Live up to the principles of sacrifice. The world will then become as nothing and be without power to attract you away from God. Sacrifice your will to the will of God. The Kingdom is attained by the one who forgets self. Everything becomes yours by renunciation of everything."

'Abdu'l-Bahá, in "The Divine Art of Living".

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