

July
May 1943.COMMEMORATION OF THE MARTYRDOM OF THE Báb.

Friday, July 9th, at 2.0 p.m. and 7.0 p.m. The correct time to hold this Commemoration is noon by the sun (which is 2 pm. by the clock), but another meeting will be held at 7.0 p.m. for those unable to be present at the correct time.

NINETEEN DAY FEAST OF KALIMÁT (Words): Tuesday, July 13th, at 7.0 p.m.

Host: Mr. Cole. Chairman: Mrs. Brown.

NINETEEN DAY FEAST OF KAMÁL (Perfection): Sunday, August 1st, at 3.30 p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. Hyett.

As this Sunday is a 19-Day feast and comes in the middle of Summer School, no public meeting will be held on this day.

SUNDAY MEETINGS at 3.30 p.m.

During July and August a series of talks under the title "What is a Bahá'í?" 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.

STUDY CLASSES.

It has been decided to hold a series of study classes based directly on the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh. Each study class will be complete in itself. In July and August the discussion will be introduced by reading some of the Tablets of Bahá'u'lláh, and it is hoped that in September a start will be made to study the Book of 'Iqán. Those in charge of the study classes during July are:

1st July	Mr. Ferraby
8th "	Mr. Wilkins
15th "	Mr. Baiyuzi
22nd "	Miss Gansdale
29th "	Mr. Stevenson

CONTACTING SOCIETIES. The Teaching Committee suggests that it would be very useful to the teaching work if members of the community who have the opportunity would go to meetings of the following societies in order to make fresh contacts. Those who do are asked to report the results of their visits at a 19-Day Feast.

- 1) Youth House, Camden Town
- 2) Swedenborg - New Church
- 3) New Thought Alliance
- 4) Church of Universal Truth, Putney.
- 5) Ethical Church
- 6) Workers Educational Association
- 7) International Arts Centre
- 8) Theosophical Society
- 9) International Friendship League

Addresses may be obtained from the secretary on application.

TEACHING COMMITTEE NOTES.

The importance and vital necessity of prayer cannot be overemphasised. We have been privileged to be entrusted with the carrying out of a historic two-fold task in this year which is rapidly passing. Let us first redouble the fervency of our prayers. The Teaching Committee submits the following references to passages from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá on prayer, for study during the coming month:

"Reveal Thyself, O Lord, by Thy merciful utterance and through the mystery of Thy divine being, that the holy ecstasy of prayer may fill our souls, - prayer that shall rise above words and letters and transcend the murmur of syllables and sounds so that all things may be resolved into nothingness before the revelation of Thy splendour."

- References:
- 1) Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, page 80.
 - 2) Selections from Bahá'í Scripture - whole section on prayer on pages 250-62.
 - 3) Bahá'í Scriptures (old edition) para. 869 and 945
 - 4) Paris Talks, page 164.

"Read the Verses of God every morning and evening, and he who does not read will not be known by the Covenant of God and His Testament. And he who turns away from them in this Day, verily he is of those who have turned away from God since the eternity of eternities. O ye servants, fear God! Be not deluded by meaningless repetition of prayers, but worship by day and by night. Should anyone read but one Verse of the Verses with fragrance and spirituality, it shall avail more unto him than to read with slothfulness all the Books of God, the Protector, the Self-Existent."
 (Bahá'í Scriptures, para.138)