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NEW CENTRE.

The landlady of 46 Bloomsbury Street has received an offer for three floors of the house, including the basement. She has therefore asked us to leave the premises by October 29th. The Assembly is at present looking for another centre and further announcements about this will be made later in the month. It is hoped that all the community will be able to assist in preparing for the move; this will be discussed at the 19-Day Feast of Mashíyyát (Will), which is being held on the afternoon of Saturday, October 2nd.

THE BIRTH OF THE BÁB - Wednesday, October 20th, at 7.0 p.m.

This is the last celebration of the Birth of the Báb in the first century of the Bahá'í Era, and is therefore of particular importance. The programme will consist of a narrative connecting selected readings from "The Dawnbreakers". Contributions in kind to the Feast are invited.

19-DAY FEAST OF MASHIYYÁT (Will). Saturday, October 2nd, at 3.30 p.m.

Host: Mr. Stevenson. Chairman: Mrs. Hyott

19-DAY FEAST OF 'ILM (Knowledge). Saturday, October 16th, at 3.30 p.m.

Host: Mr. Dohken. Chairman: Mr. Wilkins.

SUNDAY MEETINGS. A return is being made to the policy of having two-monthly series of talks. During October and November the series will be entitled "Man and Religion". It is intended that this series should be followed by others leading up to the Centenary as a climax.

As the address of the Centre will change at the end of October and the new address is not yet known, it is not possible to have a printed programme for the first two months, but a duplicated one for October is enclosed.

STUDY CLASSES. The study of the Kitáb-i-Íqán will be continued this month.

October 7th	Mrs. Brown
" 14th	Mr. Wilkins
" 21st	Mr. Balyuzi
" 28th	Mr. Stevenson

NEW BOOKS. Two new books are now on sale at the Centre. "Portals to Freedom" by Howard Colby Ives is a reprint of an account of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's visit to America, and makes fascinating reading. At present it is the chief source of published anecdotes about 'Abdu'l-Bahá. The price is 8/-. "A Commentary on the Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá" by David Hoffman is an explanation of the meaning of the Will and is a useful aid to the understanding of Bahá'í Administration. The price is 1/-.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferraby wish to convey through this Bulletin their very sincere thanks to all those in the London Community who contributed to the wedding present given them by the Bahá'ís of this country.

TEACHING COMMITTEE NOTES.

"O ye beloved of God! Repose not yourselves on your couches, nay bestir yourselves as soon as ye recognise your Lord, the Creator, and hear of the things which have befallen Him, and hasten to His assistance. Unloose your tongues, and proclaim unceasingly His Cause. This shall be better for you than all the treasures of the past and of the future, if ye be of them that comprehend this truth." (Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, p.330)

Over and over again in the Bahá'í Writings teaching of the Cause is referred to. We are urged to expend every effort, seeking neither rest nor composure. We are guided as to how to prepare ourselves for teaching. We are instructed what to say to enquirers. Above all, we are assured that the moment we make an effort to teach the Cause, the Heavenly Hosts will descend to aid us in our task and the Bounties of God will inspire us.

References to a few of these passages are given below:

Gleanings, chap.CXXIX, p.279-280.

" " CXLIV p.314

" " CLVIII p.335

Paris Talks, p.107

Bahá'í Scriptures (American) p.475 and p.540-544.

FROM THE TREASURER:

Dear Friends, Co-sharers in the promulgation of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh in London,

Are not we alone responsible to Bahá'u'lláh for the spread of His Faith in this city? Let us arise and show our gratitude for His Message not only in words, but by supporting the Bahá'í Fund, which alone makes teaching the Cause possible. If the Fund is the life-blood of the Cause, as 'Abdu'l-Bahá says, let it be vigorous, strong and circulating healthily, i.e. from the believers to the Fund, from the Fund to the world at large. Regularity in giving, however small the gift, is a prime requisite for a satisfactory finance.

We commend particularly at this time, the last few months of the first Bahá'í Century, the Centenary Fund opened at the last 19-Day Feast by contributions placed in a box which will be prominently displayed at every forthcoming Feast; and the New Centre which will also stand in great need of help. Both of these funds are in the care of your Treasurer, who greets you in the name of the Spiritual Assembly, Alláh-u-Abhá. May Bahá'u'lláh bless all your giving.

In His Service,

A.F.Baxter.

"The beginning of all things is the knowledge of God, and the end of all things is strict observance of whatsoever hath been sent down from the empyrean of the Divine Will that pervadeth all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth."
(Gleanings from the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, p.5.)