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N A W R U Z. (New Year). Tuesday, 21st March, at 7.0 p.m.

The programme will be centred round the theme "The New Age", and will include music, poems and quotations indicative of the new age, as well as readings from the Bahá'í Writings. It is hoped that members of the community will bring all their friends. Invitation cards are being printed, and may be had on application to the secretary, but visitors will of course be admitted without invitation cards. Contributions in kind are invited.

NINETEEN-DAY FEAST.

Feast of 'Ula (Loftiness), Thursday, March 2nd, at 7.0 p.m.

Hostess: Miss Newman. Chairman: Miss Walby.

SUNDAY MEETINGS, at 3.30 p.m.

A series of talks under the title "The Promised Day is Come" will start in March and continue until the Centenary. Further copies of the programme may be had on application to the secretary.

DISCUSSIONS. A discussion for Bahá'ís and those wishing to know more about the Faith is held at the Centre each Thursday at 7.0 p.m.

LOCAL ELECTIONS. In accordance with the wishes of the community, expressed at a 19-Day Feast, it is requested that any member of the community who will be unable to serve next year, as a delegate or a member of the Assembly, whether because of illness or other causes, will inform the secretary before Monday, March 13th. The names of those unable to serve will not be put on the list of Bahá'ís available for election, although of course they will keep the right to vote. Anyone not sending in their name will be assumed to be available for election, so please let the secretary know if you are prevented from serving.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND. In accordance with a recommendation of the N.S.A., a Centenary collection in aid of the Save the Children Fund is being made, starting on the Intercalary Days and continuing up to the Centenary. Contributions should be given to the Treasurer (Miss Isenthal) and mention made that they are intended for this fund, which was specially commended by 'Abdu'l-Bahá for its work.

TELEPHONE. A telephone has now been installed at the Centre. The number is: ABBEY 5047.

MEMORIAL MEETING. We have just learned that Mr.S.N.R. Vakil, for years chairman of the Indian National Assembly and also the first Hindu to become a Bahá'í, has passed to the Abhá Kingdom on May 2nd last. A memorial meeting for him will be held on Sunday, March 19th, at 2.30 p.m.

MONTH OF FASTING.

The Fast starts on March 2nd and finishes on March 21st. The times of sunrise and sunset are as follows: :

	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>		<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Sunset</u>
March 2nd	7.45 am	6.41 pm	March 12th	7.22 am	6.59 pm
2nd	7.42	6.43	March 13th	7.20	7.0
4th	7.40	6.45	14th	7.17	7.02
5th	7.38	6.46	15th	7.15	7.04
6th	7.36	6.48	16th	7.13	7.06
7th	7.33	6.50	17th	7.11	7.07
8th	7.31	6.52	18th	7.8	7.09
9th	7.29	6.53	19th	7.6	7.11
10th	7.27	6.55	20th	7.4	7.13
11th	7.24	6.57			

"O thou spiritual friend! Thou hast asked the wisdom of prayer. Know thou that prayer is indispensable and obligatory, and man under no pretext whatsoever is excused from performing the prayer unless he be mentally unsound, or an insurmountable obstacle prevent him. The wisdom of prayer is this: That it causeth a connection between the servant and the True One, because in that state man with all heart and soul turneth his face towards His Highness the Almighty, seeking His association and desiring His love and compassion. The greatest happiness for a lover is to converse with his beloved, and the greatest gift for a seeker is to become familiar with the object of his longing; that is why with every soul who is attracted to the Kingdom of God, his greatest hope is to find an opportunity to entreat and supplicate before his Beloved, appeal for His mercy and grace and be immersed in the ocean of His utterance, goodness and generosity.

"Besides all this, prayer and fasting is the cause of awakening and mindfulness and conducive to protection and preservation from tests....."
 ('Abdu'l-Bahá, quoted in "Bahá'í World Faith")