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ELECTION OF DELEGATES.

The election of delegates will take place at the 19-Day Feast of Jalál on Sunday, April 9th, at 5.30pm., after the public meeting. A voting paper is enclosed with this Bulletin. The delegates elected will speak for the whole community at Convention and it is therefore desirable that they should have an opportunity to consult with the community before then. This consultation will take place on the Ninth Day of Ridván. Members of the community are asked to make a special effort to come to this Feast, so that they can communicate their views to the delegates. This year the celebration of the Ninth Day of Ridván will not be open to non-Bahá'í visitors.

RIDVÁN.

First Day, Friday, April 21st at 7.0 p.m.

The election of the Local Spiritual Assembly takes place on this day. The hosts will be the retiring London Assembly.

Ninth Day, Saturday, April 29th at 3.30 p.m.

Consultation with delegates will take place at this Feast. It will not therefore be open to non-Bahá'í visitors. Contributions to the feast in kind are requested.

Twelfth Day, May 2nd at 7.0 p.m.

The programme will consist of a narrative concerning Bahá'u'lláh with readings from the Bahá'í Writings. All visitors will be welcomed, so please invite all your friends. Contributions in kind are requested.

NINETEEN DAY FEASTS.

Feast of Jalál (Glory), Sunday, 9th April, at 5.30 p.m. Hostess: Miss Z. Warman. The election of delegates will take place at this feast.

Feast of Jamál (Beauty), Friday, April 28th, at 7.0 p.m.
Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Balyuzi.

SUNDAY MEETINGS, at 3.30 p.m.

The series of talks, "The Promised Day is Come", continues during April. There has been a slight change from the printed programme. Mr. Hofman is unable to speak, so Mr. Stevenson will speak on 'Abdu'l-Bahá on April 30th and Miss Baxter will speak on Bahá'u'lláh on April 23rd.

THURSDAY DISCUSSION MEETINGS, at 7.0 p.m.

A discussion meeting is held every Thursday at 7.0 p.m. for Bahá'ís and those really wishing to know more of the Bahá'í Teachings.

APPEAL FOR HELP. As the Centenary draw near, there is more and more work to be done in connection with it. A very large part of this work falls to the London believers, and it is hoped that all members of the community will take some part in it, either directly, or by relieving others of routine jobs. The spiritual force of a truly communal effort is far in excess of the result of the same effort by individuals separately. The help of all is asked for, even if it is only in addressing invitation cards. Offers should be made through the Secretary of the London Spiritual Assembly.

If One Possesses the Love of God.

O thou son of the Kingdom! If one possesses the love of God, everything that he undertakes is useful, but if the undertaking is without the love of God, then it is hurtful and the cause of veiling one's self from the Lord of the Kingdom. But with the love of God every bitterness is changed into sweetness and every gift becometh precious. For instance, a musical and melodious voice imparteth life to an attracted heart but lureth toward lust those souls who are engulfed in passion and desire.

With the love of God all sciences are accepted and beloved, but without it, are fruitless; nay, rather the cause of insanity. Every science is like unto a tree; if the fruit of it is the love of God, that is a blessed tree. Otherwise it is dried wood and finally a food for fire.

Reality of Thanksgiving.

In those times thanksgiving for the bounty of the Merciful One consists in the illumination of the heart and the feeling of the soul. This is the reality of thanksgiving. But, although offering thanks through speech or writings is approvable, yet, in comparison with that, it is but unreal, for the foundation is spiritual feelings and merciful sentiments. I hope that you may be favoured therewith, but the lack of capacity and merit in the Day of Judgment does not prevent one from bounty and generosity, for it is the day of grace and not justice, and to give every one his due is justice. Consequently, do not look upon thy capacity, nay, rather, look upon the infinite grace of the Bounty of Abhá whose grace is comprehending and whose bounty is perfect.

(From the Writings of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, Bahá'í World Faith.)