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THE FIRST BAHÁ'Í CENTENARY, AND CONVENTION FOR YEAR 101.

The Centenary programme will be issued separately, and the Convention programme will appear in the Bahá'í Journal. About midnight on the night of May 22nd/23rd will be held the devotional meeting celebrating the Declaration of the Báb, which commemorates the actual moment of the Centenary. The Guardian has particularly stressed the importance of this meeting and has asked all believers to attend it.

Convention is from Saturday, May 20th to Monday, May 22nd. The London community is providing tea on Sunday and Monday afternoons, and supper on Saturday and Sunday evenings, besides being responsible for the feast at the midnight Centenary Commemoration. In addition, refreshments are being provided at some of the meetings in a public hall during the Centenary week.

The Food authorities will not allow anything extra for all this and we are therefore entirely dependent on our own resources. We ask for your co-operation. The main needs will be tea, sugar, powdered milk, tinned meat or fish, tinned soups, cakes and biscuits or the materials to make them, lemon and orange squash, etc. The help of all will be welcome. In order that the people responsible may know how much food they need to purchase, friends are asked to advise the secretary of the London Spiritual Assembly at least a fortnight before Convention starts.

Friends are reminded that very few will be able to get home after the night meeting on May 22nd - only those within walking distance can do so. It is therefore advisable to bring a rug, as one may feel chilly if trying to sleep afterwards.

RIDVÁN. The Twelfth Day of Ridván is being celebrated on Tuesday, May 2nd, at 7.0 p.m. It will be preceded at 6.20 p.m. by a memorial meeting for Mr. Shetji N.R. Vakil, the late chairman of the Indian National Spiritual Assembly.

The Ridván programme will consist of a narrative concerning Bahá'u'lláh with readings from the Bahá'í Writings. Please invite all your friends. Visitors may also attend the memorial meeting if they wish it. Contributions in kind to the feast are requested.

(The memorial meeting is being held on this date because it is the first anniversary of Mr. Vakil's death. It has not been possible to hold the memorial meeting before this.)

NINETEEN DAY FEAST.

Feast of 'Azamat (Grandeur), Wednesday, May 17th, at 7.0 p.m.
Host: Mr. Asgarzadeh.

SUNDAY MEETINGS. The series of Talks, "The Promised Day is Come", continues until the Centenary. There will be no public meeting at the Centre on Sunday, May 21st, as the Convention will then be in progress. On Sunday, May 28th, there will be an informal discussion meeting. A new series of talks will begin in June.

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.

HELP WITH THE CENTENARY PREPARATIONS.

We regret to report that the only reply received from last month's appeal for help with the work arising out of the first Bahá'í Centenary has come from a believer who has extremely bad health. The appeal for help still stands.

THE BAHÁ'Í JOURNAL.

The London Spiritual Assembly wishes to draw the attention of members of the community particularly to the front page of the forthcoming Journal, and to the article on Bahá'í Administration at the back.

THE NEW LONDON SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY.

At the election on the First Day of Ridván, the following were elected:

Mr. H.M. Balyuzi
Mrs. K.V. Brown
Mrs. D. Ferraby
Mr. J.G. Ferraby
Miss V. Isenthal
Miss U. Newman
Mr. B. Stevenson
Miss M. Wellby
Mr. W. Wilkins

This Wondrous Day.

Verily I say, this is the Day in which mankind can behold the Face, and hear the Voice, of the Promised One. The Call of God hath been raised, and the light of His countenance hath been lifted up upon men. It behoveth every man to blot out the trace of every idle word from the tablet of his heart, and to gaze, with an open and unbiased mind, on the signs of His Revelation, the proofs of His Mission, and the tokens of His glory.

Great indeed is this day! The allusions made to it in all the sacred Scriptures as the Day of God attest its greatness. The soul of every Prophet of God, of every Divine Messenger, hath thirsted for this wondrous Day. All the divers kindreds of the earth have, likewise, yearned to attain it. No sooner, however, had the Day Star of His Revelation manifested itself in the heaven of God's Will, than all, except those whom the Almighty was pleased to guide, were found dumbfounded and heedless.

O thou that has remembered Me! The most grievous veil hath shut out the people of the earth from His glory, and hindered them from hearkening to His call. God grant that the light of unity may envelop the whole earth, and that the seal, "the Kingdom is God's," may be stamped upon the brow of all its peoples. (From the Writings of Bahá'u'lláh, quoted in Bahá'í World Faith)