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Dear Friends,

We asked for a goal for our Six-Year Plan - the Guardian set it. We have looked to the N.S.A. for the initial steps - they have unfolded their plans. We met to pray for guidance and success - what next?

Too often we are so conscious of our shortcomings, that we fail to realise our potential strength. It is right that we should recognize our failings, but this should not lead us to despair, but rather act as a spur to reach higher goals.

When we believe in our hearts and show in our lives what we have accepted as the truth, namely: that if we arise to teach the Cause, God will assist us with His Heavenly Hosts - we shall set forth with joy, and not with a heavy, burdened conscience; we shall devote whatever talents we possess to fulfilling our promise to the Guardian.

Abdu'l-Baha says: "Doubt not that God is with us, on our right hand and on our left, that day by day He will cause our numbers to increase, and that our meetings will grow in strength and usefulness."

With loving greetings,

The London Spiritual Assembly.

NEW MEMBER. London Community gains a new member, and we are very happy to welcome Mrs. F.V. Saunders of Purley, who has already met some of the friends at the celebration of the Birthday of Baha'u'llah.

KEYS. The spare set of keys for which we appealed in the last issue of the bulletin, have not yet been returned. They are very urgently required, so will the present holder please act promptly upon reading this item.

STUDY CLASSES ON THURSDAYS AT 7.0 P.M.

NINETEEN DAY FEASTS in December.
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12th. Tuesday at 7.0 p.m. Feast of Masa'il - Questions.

Hostess: Cecilia Le Gray. Chairman: Dorothy Ferraby

31st. Sunday at 12.0 p.m. Feast of Shara' - Honour.

Host: Donald Millar. Chairman: Kathleen Brown.

(Please bring the first course of your lunch, and
the host will provide the sweet course.)

The N.S.A. will not be meeting during December, but the
L.S.A. meet on December 4th and 18th.
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LIBRARIES. Some time ago, at one of the Feasts, it was
===== explained that the L.S.A. had discussed the
possibility of placing Baha'i books in all the London
libraries, and that members of the community could help,
by personal contact, in their own borough. Why not ask,
direct, whether they have any books on the Baha'i Faith,
and if they regret that they have none, offer to make
good the deficiency, and to lend a copy of Esslemont's
book to them for consideration by their committee? This
method did work in a recent instance. Alternatively, write
in and ask whether they would like to display our quarterly
magazine, New World Order, among other periodicals?

BOOKS FROM U.S.A. Please watch out for an announcement in
===== the next issue of the Journal, which
gives news of Baha'i books arriving from the States. Early
application for the books will be essential, if you want to
secure one of the coveted copies!

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"Look not upon the creatures of God except
with the eye of kindness and of mercy, for Our loving
providence hath pervaded all created things, and Our grace
encompassed the earth and the heavens. This is the Day
whereon the true servants of God partake of the life-
giving waters of reunion, the Day whereon those that are
nigh unto Him are able to drink of the soft-flowing river
of immortality, and they who believe in His unity the
wine of His Presence, through their recognition of Him
Who is the Highest and Last End of all, in Whom the Tongue
of Majesty and Glory voiceth the call: " The Kingdom is
Mine. I, Myself, am, of Mine own right, its Ruler."
From Gleanings from the Writings of Baha'u'lla