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"The disciples of Christ forgot themselves and all earthly things, forsook all their cares and belongings, purged themselves of self and passion, and with absolute detachment scattered far and wide and engaged in calling the people of the world to the Divine Guidance, till at last they made the world another world, illumined the surface of the earth, and even to their last hour proved self-sacrificing in the pathway of that Beloved One of God. Finally, in various lands they suffered glorious martyrdom. Let them that are men of action follow in their footsteps."

(From the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha)

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Dear Friends,

Since our last bulletin, the Annual Teaching Conference at Manchester has taken place. This year's Teaching Conference was a beacon light. Never before had the friends met in a conference with such resolve and sense of dedication as was seen this year at Manchester. We only wish that more of the London friends had been there to experience the joy of that occasion.

We hoped to be able to hold the Festival of Nawruz at a large hall, but no public hall in a central position was available for the evening of the 21st, therefore it has to be held at the Centre. Last year we were uncomfortably crowded and many people went away, which was not so good. The Assembly feels that it is necessary to keep the attendance this year within bounds. At the same time, we want others to share with us the joy of the New Year. The Assembly has therefore worked out the following plan: invitation cards will not be sent to the people on the mailing list until you have taken the cards you wish to send to your personal friends. If you can use all the cards, so much the better. In that case, we shall have at the festival such friends as we particularly like to have with us. Since the time is short, it is essential to be quick in the matter. So please write to the secretary at the earliest possible moment

With regard to the refreshments we offer our friends, the catering will be in charge of Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Hyett, and as we do not want to have masses of one kind of sandwich, only, will you please telephone Mrs. Hyett and tell her what you propose to bring? Her number is Flaxman 4859, and you can ring her any morning before ten, or after nine in the evenings.

Here is another meeting that requires your urgent attention. The National Spiritual Assembly has arranged a second meeting at Caxton Hall, on Wednesday, April 17th, at 7.0 p.m. The subject for talks and discussion, is "World Citizenship And How To Achieve It". Invitation cards for this meeting, too, are available at the Centre. Help is also needed for addressing envelopes. A really big effort should be made to make this meeting even more successful than the last one, which was in January.

With the next bulletin you will receive a list of allocations for the 19-Day Feasts during the coming Baha'i year. Should you find the date allocated to you inconvenient, please notify the secretary immediately. We wish to keep as much as possible to the alphabetical order.

And now, here are heartfelt greetings for Nawruz and best wishes for a really fruitful New Year, from your

Spiritual Assembly.