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"Faith is the magnet which draws the confirmations of the Merciful One. Service is the magnet which attracts the heavenly strength. I hope thou wilt attain both.

( 'Abdu'l-Baha)

Beloved Friends,

We have all seen the recent communications from the Guardian. Listen to his words:

"All the institutions of the Faith, so laboriously erected since the inception of the Formative Age, most of the financial resources of the community that have been accumulated, the deliberations of the elected representatives of the entire body of the believers, both local and national, should henceforth be dedicated to the vital requirements and noble aims of an enterprise which, if successful, will pave the way, and provide the necessary agencies, for the proclamation of the Faith to the masses throughout the British Isles ... the present plan is but a stepping stone that must lead eventually the English believers to execute so tremendous and meritorious an undertaking. The duties and responsibilities now facing them, must, however, be fully discharged. No time or effort should be wasted. All, young and old, must be aroused to a new consciousness of their collective responsibilities. A greater measure of self-sacrifice, a greater audacity, a greater reliance on the sustaining grace of Baha'u'llah, are required to lend the necessary impetus to the progressive unfoldment and ultimate fruition of this dynamic process which the followers of Baha'u'llah labouring in the heart of a world encircling empire, have set in motion."

Comment can add nothing to the urgent message contained in these words of the Guardian of the Cause of God, a message which should inflame our souls with the sacred desire to bring afresh all that we have and all that we are to the arena of service.

All can serve. No effort is unneeded. Your assembly appeals to you each and all to contribute your share in whatever way you can.

Let the whole of the London Baha'i Community be active in the service of the Cause. If you are in doubt as to what you can specifically do, please write to the assembly.

We have already sent out three pioneers: Kathleen Brown, Ursula Newman and Walter Wilkins. The London Community has won this honour. Let us pray and beseech the Almighty to be worthy of further distinction in the path of service.

Beloved Friends,

The possibilities of this precious hour are unimaginably great. If we do our part one grace of Baha'u'llah will do the rest.

"Greater measure of self sacrifice, greater audacity, greater reliance on the sustaining grace of Baha'u'llah."

With loving greetings,

Your Local Assembly.

### Our Third Pioneer

Walter Wilkins will have gone to Birmingham by the middle of this month. The vacancy on the assembly will be filled by July 5th. The assembly will elect a new treasurer after the by-election. Please send your donations still to Walter Wilkins until the appointment of a new treasurer.

Book sales will in the future be in the hands of Miss Cheesman and Mrs. Slade.

We shall miss Walter and it is difficult to think of our Centre without him. But we feel so tremendously honoured that he is going from our Community to serve the Six-Year Plan.

### First Meeting at the Alliance Hall

The first of this series of monthly meetings is on Friday, July 19th at 8 p.m. Please carefully note the time.

Invitation cards are available at the Centre. We are launching on a new experiment. Bring your friends and ask them to bring theirs.

19-Day Feast of Kalimat (Words)

Saturday, July 13th at 3.30 p.m. Hostess: Miss Cheesman.

The Martyrdom of the Bab - July 9th

There will be two Commemoration Meetings, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Library Books

The Library Committee requests you to return the books you have borrowed as soon as you can. The Committee wishes to complete its index.

Notes and News

Dick Backwell who joined the Faith whilst serving in the forces abroad, has returned to this country and is now resident in the London area. We welcome him with greatest joy into our midst.

Nuran Dehkan is appointed the Youth Correspondent of the National Youth Committee, in our Community. The Assembly has asked her to organise youth activities in London as speedily as possible. Apply to her for information.

The National Spiritual Assembly and the National Youth Committee met in London over the last week-end in June.

Philip Hainsworth, the chairman of the National Youth Committee is just back from Haifa. He was there while serving in the Army.

Mr. Manuchehr Zabih of Tihiran arrived from Paris on June 28th. We extend to him a very hearty welcome.

The Summer School is booked to full capacity.