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"This is the day of rejoicing and the hour of ecstasy! This is the season of the dead arising from the graves and gathering together! And this is the promised time for the attainment of plenteous grace.

Be calm, be strong, be grateful, and become a lamp full of light, that the darkness of sorrows be annihilated, and that the sun of everlasting joy arise from the dawning place of heart and soul, shining brightly."  
(Abdu'l-Baha)

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Beloved friends,

As with the passage of time, the bankruptcy of the present-day human society becomes more and more apparent, the onward march of the Cause of God throughout the five Continents gathers fresh momentum. Amidst the ruins and the sorrows and the afflictions of a world still oblivious of its God, the followers of Baha'u'llah, the workers in the divine vineyard, wherever they may be, lovingly and diligently build, brick by brick, the structure of a world community - the haven and refuge of the entire human race. How privileged we are to have recognised the Lord of Hosts in His day and to have entered His impregnable fold. No efforts and no sacrifice can be fully adequate to render the gratitude we owe for that privilege. And this privilege entails vast responsibilities. Are we aware as we should be, of the responsibility we have towards our fellow-beings? They are wandering in the mazes of their own creation, and it is our bounden duty to show them the straight path of God, cleared in His day of all encumbrances.

This particular year in the life of our Community, is designated by the Guardian as the "crucial year", and so, beloved friends, very great efforts are called for. Are we, as yet, doing our best and our utmost? It is up to everyone of us to find the answer in humble and earnest prayer and meditation.

This year's Summer School provided an uplifting atmosphere, and released a remarkable spirit, the sparks of which were felt at our last Nineteen Day Feast.

The Assembly stated that a fresh start in our Community can no longer be delayed, and the discussions at the 19-Day Feast fully endorsed this view. Thus determined, let us now move forward. In the words of the Guardian "no sacrifice is too great" in the path of the Kingdom.

With warmest loving greetings,  
Your Local Spiritual Assembly.

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#### PROGRESS OF THE SIX-YEAR PLAN

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Work in the five goal-towns: Birmingham, Leeds, Liverpool, Northampton and Nottingham, chosen to attain assembly status by next April, is vigorously pursued by the National Teaching Committee and the local believers. Northampton has already more than the necessary nine to form an assembly, but two of the believers may move to another goal-town. Leeds has seven believers. Birmingham and Nottingham have five each. Liverpool has three.

In the four other goal-towns: Altrincham, Blackburn, Blackpool and St. Ives, too, teaching work is steadily going on. At St. Ives the local believers, with the help of visiting teachers, held an exhibition and an outdoors meeting by the quayside, in July. The quayside meeting drew big crowds, with some vehement opposition.

Una Townshend, whom we were very happy to have with us in London for some months, has pioneered in Dublin. We pray that her efforts be crowned with glorious success.

Very soon a chart indicating the progress of the SIX-YEAR PLAN will be on permanent exhibition at the Centre.

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#### 19-DAY FEASTS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FEAST OF IZZAT (MIGHT) WHICH FALLS ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH, WILL BE HELD AT 12.30 P.M.

Richard Backwell is the host.

Please bring your packed lunch with you

Feast of Mashyyat (Will): Friday September 27th at 7.0 p.m.  
Hosts: Abbas & Nuran Dehkan.

FIRESIDE MEETING, every Thursday at the home of Molly and Hasan Balyuzi, 6 Cannon Place, N.W.8. (Hampstead Tube Station)  
Time: 8.0 p.m.

## MEETING AT ALLIANCE HALL

Friday, September 13th, at 8.0 p.m.

This second meeting of the monthly series to be held at the Alliance Hall, will be devoted to the Commemoration of the Master's first public address before a Western audience at the City Temple. The date, as you know, was September 11th, 1911.

The programme of the meeting will consist of a dramatic presentation of the life of Abdu'l-Baha.

Please tell your friends of the meeting. Extra invitation cards will be sent to you, very soon.

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SECRETARIAL HELP. More help is required. Please get in touch with the secretary, and say what you can do. We have to build up an efficient secretariat at the Centre. In this connection, we would also mention that we want to build up a good mailing list, and would be glad if you would let us know the names and addresses of any contacts to whom invitations to meetings should be sent. As soon as you make a new contact, send in the address.

### NEWS AND NOTES

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1. Mr. B.P. Adwani, a believer from Delhi, is staying in London for a few weeks, and also making short trips to the Continent, where he hopes to contact European believers, too.
2. Mrs. K.V. Brown and Sir William Hornell were married quietly at our Centre, on Friday, August 16th. They will be living in Nottingham. We wish them every happiness, and send them loving greetings.
3. The new Prayer Book is now available for sale, at the Centre. Also a new edition of the Renewal of Civilisation, by David Hofman, at 2/6d.
4. Summer School photographs will be on show at the Centre at next 19-Day Feast, and copies may be ordered, of any or all of the following: 1st week group, 2nd week group, 1st week Youth Group, and 2nd week Youth Group.  
Prices: post-card size @ 1/- each. Enlargements: @ 2/6d each.

BAHA'I TALK AT THE SPEAKER'S FORUM, HYDE PARK.

On Sunday, Sept. 9th, at 11 a.m. we will venture on a new experiment - speaking in Hyde Park. Arrangements are made by a committee appointed by the N.S.A. The speakers will be Mrs. Basil Hall, John Ferraby, and David Hofman. Please be there if you can. Your help will be needed in talking to interested people.

19-DAY FEASTS.

IZZAT - Night. Sat., Sept. 8th 3.30 p.m.

Hostess: Mrs. Basil Hall

MASHIYYAT - Will. Thurs., Sept. 27th, 7.0 p.m.

Hostess: Ursula Newman.

SUNDAY MEETINGS. at 6.30 p.m.

Sept. 2nd "The Baha'i Faith & World Peace"  
John Ferraby.  
9th "The Baha'i Faith & Immortality"  
Mrs. K.V. Brown.  
16th "The Baha'i Faith & the Individual"  
Ursula Newman.  
23rd "The Baha'i Faith & Justice"  
H.M. Balyuzi.  
30th "The Baha'i Faith & Religious Unity"  
Vivian Isenthal.

FIRESIDE MEETINGS. We earnestly hope that this autumn the number of Fireside Meetings will increase. Miss Isenthal's at Ealing is resumed after a break for holidays in August. The one in Kensington is going ahead, and after Mrs. Preston's departure for Kenya, will be carried on by Miss Newman. Mrs. Saunders is holding fireside meetings in Purley. Mrs. Basil Hall and Mr. & Mrs. Balyuzi are planning to start theirs in Hampstead. The more Fireside Meetings we have in different districts, the better, We certainly need several more.

NEW PUBLICATIONS. The Publishing Trust has brought out the following new publications, which are on sale at the Centre:-

"The Baha'i Faith" - Introductory pamphlet containing new material. 1d.  
"The Message of Baha'u'llah". - based on the booklet "Baha'u'llah and His Message" by Dr. Esslemont. 6d.