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"Sanctify your souls from whatsoever is not of God, and taste ye the sweetness of rest within the pale of His vast and mighty Revelation, and beneath the shadow of His supreme and infallible authority". (Baha'u'llah).

Beloved Friends,

We are now in the last month of the Baha'i year. This is a period of re-dedication. We are also approaching the end of our adminstrative year. And this year we knew as the "Crucial Year" in the growth of the Cause in these Isles. Have we, Beloved Friends, done our share in service to our Maker? Have we responded to the unerring call of our Guardian? These questions we shall bear in our minds as we journey through this month of Ula - this period of spiritual renovation.

The Progress of the Six-Year Plan

The Crucial Year is racing to its end - eight more weeks and what is the state of our goals? Birmingham, Northampton and Nottingham have gone over the line; there are pioneers settled in Edinburgh and Dublin; Leeds and Blackburn have yet to attain Assembly status, and Bournemouth yet to be reestablished. Eight more weeks to go. Certainly we shall emerge entirely successful, but only by sacrifice. More pioneers are needed picneers are needed.

Nawruz Festival.

The Feast will be held at the Alliance Hall, on March 21st, at 7.30 p.m. The programme will consist of prayers, readings and music.

To provide material refreshment we must all make an effort.

effort. Please write to Mrs. Hyett who is now the Warden of the Centre, and let her know what you can bring.

The Warden and the Centre Committee.

Mrs. Hyett as the Warden has a Committee to work with composed of:-Miss Freda Champion. Mrs. M. James.

They are in charge of the Centre, will make it like a home for us and will see that the Centre is open on Sunday afternoons at 3.30 p.m. and if required a Fireside Meeting is held. We should give them every help we can. contd.

Meeting in Memory of Lydia Zamenhof

Tuesday, <u>March 11th</u>, at <u>7.30 p.m.</u> at the Alliance Hall. Cards are sent out for this meeting. Esperantists are co-operating with us; let us turn up in very good numbers.

Election of Delegates to National Convention.

This year, owing to pressure of time and work, a meeting for the election of the delegates could not be arranged and so voting is to be done entirely by mail. You have received ballot papers and a statement by the National Assembly on the sacred responsibility of electing delegates, that statement speaks for itself. Our Community is awarded seven delegates.

The healing prayer can be used all the time now-a-days, when so much sickness and winter hardship abound in the world, but perhaps the Friends would also remember Canon Townshend; he is at work on another book about the Cause but owing to severe neuritis in both arms, is unable to write. Your prayers will speed the resumption of this valuable work.

TIMES OF SUNRISE AND SUNSET DURING THE FAST.

<u>Date</u>		Sunrise	Sunset	<u>Dato</u>		Sunrise	Sunset
March	2nd 3rd 4th 5th	6.45 6.43 6.39 6.37	5.43 5.45 5.45	March	12th 13th 14th 15th	6.23 6.19 6.16 6.14	5.58 6.00 6.01
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From March 16th, adjustment to Summer Time is necessary.

IMPORTANT MOTICE ABOUT CONVENTION

The date fixed for Convention, 26th /27th April, coincides with the Cup Final and it has been found impossible to obtain hotel accommodation in London for these dates. CONVENTION WILL THEREFORE BE HELD IN BIRMINHAM on the dates already fixed and hotel accommodation has already been reserved. Those wishing accommodation should, as before, inform the Secretary of the Convention Arrangements Committee, Miss V. Isenthal, 95 The Avenue, London, W.I3, before March 3Ist.

Exact prices are not yet known but are expected to be about II/6d for bed and breakfast. In writing for accommodation, please say whether you are prepared to share a double room, which might possibly be cheaper, and state clearly for which nights you require a room,

CONVENTION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN THE ARDEN HOTEL, 140 New St., Birmingham, from TO A.M. to 7.30 P.M. each day.

- National Spiritual Assembly