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"Thy day of service is now come....Arise for the triumph of My Cause, and, through the power of thine utterance, subdue the hearts of men." (Baha'u'llah)

Beloved Friends,

Our public meeting this month at The Alliance Hall is on Tuesday the 9th. We will devote it to a Commemoration of Abdu'l-Baha's first public meeting in the Western World which took place on September 11th, 1911, in the City Temple.

The programme will include the showing of a film of the Shrines, and there will be music as well as prayers and readings from the Scriptures.

We want to make this a really great occasion. The Guardian has recently stressed the great bounty that was given to this country when it was chosen to be the first in the Western World to be honoured by a public address from the Master. We want to fill the Hall so that some of the light and power brought by Him may be reflected on as many seekers as possible.

We urge all the friends to be present and each to bring at least one visitor to them. You have received by now special invitation cards sent out for this occasion. If we had a keen realisation of the blessing of the light that has been bestowed on us we should **feel** bound to share it with others.

With loving greetings,

Your Spiritual Assembly.

MEETING AT EALING

Dear Friends,

On October 1st it is planned to hold a public meeting in one of the suburbs. London is so vast a city, that we are not able to draw so extensively upon that section of the tired populace that goes home to the suburbs after a hard day in town. A meeting nearer their homes may prove more attractive. On the other hand, this means a greater effort for some of the friends to help, but only a concerted effort, for a teaching project of this kind, will really produce beneficial results.

We have booked the theatre at which our Dutch co-worker, Arnold Van Ogtrop, recently gave a performance, and have splendid opportunities to perform a script with professional lighting and sound effects. Details will be worked out by the programmes and Youth Committees, and there will be something useful to do, for every believer who can get to Ealing - either on the stage, or as an usher.

And by the way, - don't forget to inform us if you have any contacts in any of the surrounding districts such as Ealing, Acton, Chiswick, Brentford, Greenford, Southall, Harrow, Hounslow - they could all reach Ealing guite easily. We hope we may have your very active support, and your prayers, for what could be an inspiring evening.

With loving greetings,

Your Spiritual Assembly.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Next issue of the Bulletin will bring you detailed news of The Summer School. Here is just a brief account:

Attendance broke all records. During the fortnight over 200 people attended the School. Average weekly attendance was about 130. At the public meeting on the first Sunday, the Chairman of Hornsea Urban District Council gave us an official welcome. Lectures, the Laboratory Course, Evening Sessions, Dramatic presentations, all proved highly successful.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT THE CENTRE

Beginning with Wednesday, October 8th, a meeting will be held every Wednesday evening at the Centre. Watch for details in the October Bulletin.

NINETEEN-DAY FEASTS

Feast of IZZAT (MIGHT) Monday, September 8th at 7 p.m.

> Feast of MASHIYYAT (WILL) Saturday, September 27th at 3.30 p.m.

OUR PIONEERS

Here is another inspiring report of progress from Ursula Newman:

Dear Friends,

Since the last letter from Dublin much has happened. We have had visiting teachers. Mary Basil Hall spoke to a large and interested audience on July 9th and cheered and encouraged the two pioneers with her gaiety and wit. Philip Hainsworth spoke at two animated meetings, and met and made new contacts.

Dora Coleman, a very active and vital friend has been accepted into the Baha'i Faith. She and her daughter Tessa, aged 12, have helped at all our meetings, even before her declaration. Now we have her full help, which she can give in many ways, bringing new contacts and speaking.

Dick Tabuteau came for one week to Summer School and stated his intention of declaring himself - and so numbers are increasing.

We have lived through exciting days, when the Townshend family stayed in Dublin to find a home. At the meeting on August 30th there were seven Baha'is present. This was a wonderful occasion as never before had so many Baha'is met in Dublin.

At the Nineteen-Day Feast of Kamal, Doris Gould, Dora and Tessa Coleman, Brian Townshend, Philip Hainsworth and I met to celebrate it. We sent a message of greetings and rededication to the Guardian.

Now we are eagerly looking forward to a prolonged visit from Manouchehr Zabih and perhaps a visit from Mr.Roozbehyan and by October we hope that the Townshends will have settled into their new home. We may then surely expect great results.

Love to you all from,

URSULA NEWMAN

We send Ursula our deepest love.

Next month you will hear from Richard Backwell and Robert Cheek. Robert is now transferring his pioneer work from Bournemouth to Bristol.

Our dear friend George Mabbutt expressed his intention at the Summer School, to pioneer. Before long he will leave our Community and direct his steps further afield in service to The Cause of God. We are pround of him.

NOTES AND NEWS

NEW DECLARATION

With great joy we give you the news that Mrs.Backwell (Richard's mother) has joined our Community.

YOUTH MEMBER

Violette Samandari of Tehran is now in London and taking a training course in nursing.

A warmest loving welcome to the two new members of our Community.

VISITORS

We have been very lucky to see a number of Friends from abroad during the last two months. Meeting them has indeed brought us great happiness.

Our visitors were:

Mrs.Marion Little of U.S.A. who, on her way to the teaching field in Europe, visited many of our Communities and goal-towns, and gave them invaluable help. Mrs. Little came to a Fireside meeting in London and also spoke at The Nineteen-Day Feast of Kalimat on July 18th.

Abdul-Hadi Damirji of Alexandria and his son. Mr.Damirji's father was a follower of the Faith since the days of Baha'u'llah and a well-known scholar. His photograph is printed in Baha'i World, Vol.III.

Robert Gulick of U.S.A. He spoke at the Feast of Kamal on August 1st. Mr.Gulick had recently visited Persia.

Fariburz Roozbehiyan of Tehran, who brought us greetings from the Friends in Persia, at the Feast of Kamal. Mr.Roozbehiyan has presented our Centre with a beautiful photograph of the Hazirat'ul-Quds in Tehran, for which we are immensely grateful.

Franz Bausback of Vienna. Mr.Bausback came to this country as a guest of The British Council to attend a course of lectures at Stratford.

To all these Friends we say: THANK YOU FOR THE PLEASURE YOU

COMMITTEES

The Assembly has reorganised the Committees.

Now we have the following:

Teaching, Centre and Service, Youth, Bulletin, Archives and Reception Committees.

List of the Committee members will be published in the October issue of the Bulletin.

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