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"We, verily, have come to unite and weld together all that dwell  
on earth."                    (Bahá'u'lláh)

"The lamp of the Covenant is the light of the world, and the  
words traced by the Pen of the Most High a limitless Ocean."  
   ('Abdu'l-Bahá)

"To deepen in the Cause means to read the writings of Bahá'u'lláh  
and the Master so thoroughly as to be able to give it to others  
in its pure form."                    (Shoghi Effendi)

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Beloved Friends,

It is essential to make greater use of the Bahá'í Books for purposes of study and instruction. We should be well acquainted with the literature of the Cause and especially with the Scriptures. When teaching the Cause, we meet people with different problems to resolve, and we should know which books will particularly satisfy their needs. And how often do we find that when preparing instruction for others, our own eyes are opened.

As we ponder over the revealed Word, new worlds open up before our inner eye. The Word of God is like unto a sea, deep beyond all fathoming. The more we delve with purpose, with faith and with constancy into this limitless, immeasurably rich sea, the more treasures we discover and the more bounties we gain - treasures that make life truly abundant, bounties that will ever endure.

With loving greetings

In His Fellowship,

The London Spiritual Assembly.

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References for the Study of the Covenant

The Kitáb-i-'Ahd (The Will and Testament of Bahá'u'lláh)

The Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá

The Dispensation of Bahá'u'lláh, Sections 3 and 4.

God Passes By - Chapter 14.

Twenty-Five Years of Guardianship by Rúhiyyih Khánum.

The Chosen Highway - Part 3, Chapter 1.

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PIONEERS

All friends will have received the N.S.A.'s letter on this vital subject. As one of the two large Communities in the country it naturally falls to us - to our honour - to provide most of the pioneers for the Plan. The Local Assembly asks you all to consider earnestly this matter, and to come and see us if we can help you to offer for this essential national work.

P.T.O.

19-Day Feasts: The Feast of Masá'il (Questions) - Sunday, December 12th at 3 p.m.  
Hostess: Miss Evelyn Baxter.

The Feast of Sharaf (Honour) - Friday, December 31st at 7 p.m.  
Hostess: Mrs. Basil Hall.

At The Alliance Hall: Thursday, December 9th at 7 p.m.  
Speaker: John Ferraby  
Subject: "The Unfoldment of World Civilisation"

Wednesday Evenings at the Centre - 7.30 p.m.

December 1st "World Unity by Faith, not Fear"

December 8th "The Earth One Country"

December 15th "The Impossibility of Schism"

December 22nd "The Earth Is God's"

Our Community. We extend the most loving and joyous welcome to Mr. Eruch Manekshaw Munsiff who has declared his faith and joined the Community, also to Mr. Alessandro Nezzo who has come to us from Naples, Italy.

Our Visitors. We have been very happy to meet and welcome two of our dear friends from Iran: Mr. Atai of Tehran, and Mr. Katirai of Hamadan, now studying in this country. Mr. Atai has come for medical treatment and is now at the National Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, N.W.1. Dr. Lutfullah Hakim has entered St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner for treatment. We pray for their speedy recovery.

Our Pioneers. Our dear friend Richard Backwell writes from Newcastle that there are now three believers there: Hilda Strong, Manuchelar Sabetian and himself. He has come across traces of Dorothy Jacobs' stay there, one contact especially remembering "the religion of happiness". He writes further, "I have accepted an invitation to speak to the local Theosophical Society, but that isn't till January. Of forty or so contacts listed I have now visited or written to the addresses of thirty. Only eleven of them remain at their old addresses."

We send him our deep love, and pray for the complete success of his pioneering work.

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Bahá'í News. The friends who wish to receive the Bahá'í News issued by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States, are requested to notify the Secretary. From next month, it will be circulated only to those friends who have done so.

New Publications obtainable at the Centre.

Cloth bound edition of the "Hidden Words", 2/6.

Teaching Manual (issued by the National Teaching Committee), 2/6.

New World Order Diary for 1949, 2/-

Bahá'í Youth Bulletin - Autumn Number, 6d.

Notes and News.

1. Sixteen friends from London attended the "Final Phase Day" at Northampton.
  2. Fog prevented many from attending the Commemoration meeting on November 28th. Those who attended had an unforgettable afternoon. Dr. Hakim gave them a soul-stirring account of the Ascension of the Master, and described events which he had witnessed himself.
  3. Our book sales show a remarkable increase over last year's figures.
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