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"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)

Beloved Friends,

It is shortly planned to hold a special public meeting, as a follow-up of the release of the Townshend pamphlet, and we want to make this meeting a bigger and better one than we have had for a long time, and we hope this will be the beginning of a leap forward in the size of our meetings.

As you probably know, we are at a disadvantage compared with the communities in the provinces, since advertisement in national newspapers is beyond our present resources, and we must rely upon our list of known contacts - a very short one - and upon your energies in tackling the contact problem. In view of this, the A.D.C. sent us a very helpful letter, and probably you can make use of at least one of their suggested methods for making contacts, and bringing a new listener to a Public meeting.

Do you think you can associate with any other clubs or societies in your part of London? Can you attend any interesting public meeting, and perhaps get talking to the person sitting next to you, or possibly the speaker, after the meeting, and enumerate the similarity of aims and strivings we have in common? Why not send a notice of Baha'i meetings to the secretary of such a society? Another idea is to put a small advertisement in your local paper - some quotation from the Writings, which would appeal to the public in these times of confusion.

We, in London, are so fortunate in having Baha'i visitors from all over the globe. You could invite somebody to tea to meet a traveller from abroad, and then just watch the results! Above all, have you read the Guardian's invaluable instructions on making contacts, on pages 42 - 43 of "The Advent of Divine Justice"?

Here are some ideas on which to work. Now see what your efforts, backed by the help of the "Concourse on High", as promised to us, will do for the Cause of Baha'u'llah.

Loving Greetings,

Your Local Spiritual Assembly.

19-Day Feast of Mulk (Dominion)

Monday, February 7th at 7 p.m.

Hosts: Abbas and Nuran Dehkan

Unity Feast - The First Intercalary Day

Saturday, February 26th at 3 p.m.

Also Bring and Buy Sale.

Wednesday Evenings at the Centre - 7.30 p.m.

February 2nd: "Harmony of Science and Religion"
" 9th: "What the Bahá'ís are Doing"
" 16th: "New Lights on Old Truths"
" 23rd: "The World's Greatest Prisoner"

Meetings for Prayer and Reading of the Scriptures at the Centre - 7.30 p.m.

Thursday - February 10th and Fridays - February 18th and 25th.

Our Pioneers:

Miss Evelyn Baxter went on February 1st to pioneer in Brighton.

The following telegram reached us after the 19-Day Feast of Sultán: "Newcastle Group send loving greetings London Community occasion first Feast. Hilda and Dick".

Our deepest love and gratitude go to Evelyn Baxter and Richard Backwell. We are truly proud of them. More pioneers will go soon from our Community. Wait for the news

Our Community:

Ataullah Khoshbin has come back to us from Cardiff. A warm, loving welcome to him. Shortly after his return he was taken ill and had to go to hospital. We are happy to report that he has now recovered.

Our Visitors:

We have again been privileged and delighted to welcome a number of dear friends from abroad and from other parts of the country:

Rafi Mottahedeh of New York was with us at the end of December. His periodic visits are always a source of joy and inspiration. He had no sooner reached New York than he sent us gifts of sweets which we passed round at our Teaching Conference on January 22nd.

Mrs. Mathews and Miss Crum came to London on their way back to the United States, from a very successful teaching tour in South Africa. Mrs. Mathews gave us an eloquent and exhilarating talk on Wednesday, January 12th.

Hushang Samimi of Tehran arrived in January, to continue his studies. When he heard of the requirements of the Six-Year Plan, he offered to pioneer.

At the 19-Day Feast of Sultán on January 19th, we had with us Joan Benfield of Hertford and Shomays Ala'i and Nura Faridiyan of Northampton.

Then at our Teaching Conference, we had Marion Hofman representing both the N.S.A. and the N.T.C., Hasan Sabri representing the N.T.C.; five of our dear pioneers: Kathleen Hotnell, Ursula Newman, Zara Warman, Walter Wilkins and Robert Cheek; also Nura Faridiyan from Northampton, Bernard Leach from St. Ives, and Derek Faux from Oxford.

How can we thank them all?

Our Contribution to the National Fund

The last quarter of 1948 ... £24. 18. 10. We must rise to much greater heights