

"The Divine Springtime is come, O Most Exalted Pen, for the Festival of the All-Merciful is fast approaching. Bestir thyself, and magnify, before the entire creation, the name of God, and celebrate His praise, in such wise that all created things may be regenerated and made anew..... This is the Day whereon naught can be seen except the splendours of the Light that shineth from the face of Thy Lord, the Gracious, the Most Bountiful. Verily we have caused every soul to expire by virtue of Our irresistible and all-subduing sovereignty. We have, then, called into being a new creation, as a token of Our Grace unto men. I am, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days."

(Bahá'u'lláh)

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Annual Meeting - The First Day of Ridván: Thursday, April 21st at 7 p.m.

The Election of the Local Spiritual Assembly and the Annual Reports.

Convention: April 23rd, 24th and 25th, at Deansgate Buildings, Deansgate, Manchester.

Registrar: Mr. R. Coulson, 37 Westbury Road, Manchester 8.
Hotel reservations should be made not later than April 16th.

Here we quote part of a statement received from Convention Committee:

"Convention is a very important time. Not only it is the occasion on which those are elected who will be called upon to direct the affairs of the Faith during the year that follows; it is also the one occasion of the year when there is consultation between the National Assembly and the accredited delegates of each community..... The work of a national community is influenced throughout the whole year by what takes place at Convention."

"During the coming year great deeds have to be done and great vigour shown. This is therefore a specially important convention. From it the inspiration must grow which will carry us through the last year of the Final Phase to victory. That inspiration depends not only on the delegates, but on the whole Community. The difference between a Convention attended by delegates only and one attended also by a large number of the remaining friends is immeasurable. The presence of a large audience following closely the consultation, making comments to the delegates in the intervals and perhaps asking for some proposal to be put forward, creating by their presence a suitable atmosphere for the consultation - such an audience helps to inspire all present with a spirit which will ensure the success of the coming year's work. It is hoped that on all three days of Convention there will be a large attendance of both delegates and other friends to create this spirit..... Friends are asked to make arrangements now to ensure they can attend all three days of Convention. Let one of your contributions to the Six Year Plan be to attend in person all three days of this most vital Convention."

Results of the Election of Delegates to Convention

Hasan Balyuzi	16	)	Henry Backwell	10
Gladys Backwell	15	)	Mary Basil Hall	8
Vivian Isenthal	14	)	Marjorie Parker	5
Donald Millar	13	)	Abbas Dehkan	4
John Ferraby	13	)	May Cheesman	4
Dorothy Ferraby	12)		
Isobel Slade	12)		

Delegates

Eight others had two or one votes.

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Nineteen Day Feasts

- Feast of Jalál (Splendour) - Saturday, April 9th at 3 p.m.
Hosts: Molly and Hasan Balyuzi
- Feast of Jamál (Beauty) - Thursday, April 28th at 7 p.m.
Hostess: Mrs. I. Slade.

Ridván Feasts at the Centre - 7 p.m.

- Friday, April 29th (Ninth Day of Ridván)
Monday, May 2nd (Twelfth Day of Ridván)

Contributions in kind towards refreshments are invited.

- Meeting at Caxton Hall - Monday, April 4th at 7.30 p.m.
Subject: "Bahá'í - The New World Faith"
Speaker: David Hofman
Chairman: H.G. Backwell.

Wednesday Evenings at the Centre - 7.30 p.m.

Theme for April: "Some Answered Questions on the Christian Faith"

Meetings for Prayer and Reading of the Scriptures at the Centre:

Fridays April 1st, 8th, 22nd and Thursday April 14th, at 7 p.m.

VISITOR: It has been our great joy and privilege to meet and welcome Miss Ethel Dawe of Australia, member of the National Spiritual Assembly of Australia and New Zealand.

LETTER FROM HOLLAND

We quote from a letter written by the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Amsterdam:

"To one of us Mr. Job Meertens handed the booklet 'Divine Wisdom' as a gift from the London Bahá'ís to the Baha'ís of Holland. We want to express our sincerest thanks for this lovely gift and your kind thoughts. This very attractive little book with its beautiful excerpts will be a very much valued and appreciated addition to our library. We are always reading the British Bahá'í Journal which very often inspires and encourages us to greater efforts and sacrifices..... With loving Bahá'í greetings from all the friends in Holland to those in London."