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EXTRACTS FROM THE GUARDIAN'S LETTER OF APRIL 9th 1949

"The successful carrying out of our various Plans is the greatest sign we can give of our faith and inner assurance, and the best way we can help our fellow-men out of their confusion and difficulties."

"I entreat them to arise as one soul, to exert one more superhuman effort, to fix steadily their gaze on the pinnacle they are visibly approaching and to disencumber themselves from any burden impeding their arduous climb, in a last determined attempt to scale and conquer the summit, from which alone they can catch a glimpse of the future glory of their destiny."

Beloved Friends,

The clarion call has come in the Guardian's last letter and we all realise that the success of the final year of our Six Year Plan depends on the spiritual vision for the future and the present practical help of every Bahá'i in the British Isles.

However great the efforts and sacrifices required they must seem small compared with the tremendous issues involved.

We are not alone in our struggles. Are we not told that equal and even greater sacrifices must be and are being made by Bahá'is in all parts of the world? "The successful carrying out of our various Plans is the greatest sign we can give of our faith and inner assurance, and the best way we can help our fellow-men out of their confusion and difficulties."

We are also assured that we can be successful if the will is strong enough. What a challenge to our faith and our self-respect in the future.

There are so many ways of helping that no one need feel they are unable to take their part, and so share in the blessing of achievement. Prayer, Pioneering, Extra Contribution to the Funds, and Teaching whether locally or by visiting, come to mind at once as of primary importance, also more regular attendance at 19 Day Feasts, bringing helpful ideas, and especially consulting The Assembly about difficulties connected with pioneering and other activities - living one of the basic ideals of our faith in uniting in every possible way to prove that we are "The radiant and spiritually potent community" who can "best discharge their immense debt of gratitude to the Cause of the Most Great Name, Who has singled them out at so critical

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an hour and from such a vast multitude of their slumbering countrymen to serve and glority His Faith". Let us ponder on that tremendous thought.

We must not forget that Bahá'is in every country carrying out a plan are sympathetically watching and frequently helping us. A Bahá'i from a distant country recently remarked that the idea of failure in Britain would be an example quite unthinkable. Surely by pulling together and by determined efforts of each one of us we must succeed, win the promised praise of Bahá'u'lláh, and deserve the constant encouragement of our Guardian. He pleads and entreats us "to arise as one soul, to exert one more superhuman effort" to fix our gaze steadily on the "pinnacle" we are now approaching, to disencumber ourselves "of any burden" impeding our climb, "in a last determined attempt to scale and conquer the summit". He, the Guardian of the Cause of God, tells us that it is from that summit alone that we can get a glimpse of the future glory of our destiny.

Lovingly in His Fellowship,

The London Spiritual Assembly.

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Nineteen Day Feasts

The Feast Núr (Light)
Sunday, June 5th at 3 p.m.
Hosts: Molly and Hasan Balyuzi.
The Feast of Rahmat (Mercy)
Friday, June 24th at 7 p.m.
Host: Ziaullah Asgharzadeh.

Wednesday Evenings at the Centre - 7.30 p.m.

June 1st "Man and Religion"

" 8th "The Purpose of Creation"

" 15th "The Reality of Man"

" 22nd "Religion and History"

" 29th "Progressive Revelation"

These meetings are part of a new series entitled "What every Modern Man should know about Religion".

Visitors: Miss Ruhangiz Fathe-Azam and Mrs. Ruhaniyyeh Ruhani of Tehran (Sisters of Nuran Dehkan) have arrived in London for a stay of several months. It was with great joy that we welcomed them at the 19 Day Feast of Azamat on May 17th. Mrs. Ruhani has her two little daughters with her. At the same Feast we had the great pleasure of meeting Edward Cardell of Toronto, now resident at St. Neots. Once again a most loving welcome to them all.