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"Be ye guided by wisdom in all your doings, and cleave ye tenaciously unto it. Please God ye may all be strengthened to carry out that which is the Will of God, and may be graciously assisted to appreciate the rank conferred upon such of His loved ones as have arisen to serve Him and magnify His name. Upon them be the glory of God, the glory of all that is in the heavens and all that is on the earth, and the glory of the inmates of the most exalted Paradise, the heaven of heavens."

(Bahá'u'lláh)

Dear Friends,

We read in the Bible that two thousand years ago a nameless boy gave five loaves to feed a multitude, providing material resources to meet a human need and help in Christ's work of teaching of the Word of God. In this we have a parable which illustrates the truth that very small gifts, if devoted without reserve, can produce results of quite unexpected importance. The teaching of the Word of God for this day also requires material resources. We Bahá'ís of the British Isles are offered the tremendous privilege of following the nameless boy in the great army of helpers who provide the material needs for carrying on this divinely inspired work. Sacrifices were required two thousand years ago. Sacrifices are needed today. Sacrifices lead to spiritual growth. Let us not miss this great opportunity. It may not come our way again.

We in London, have an adopted goal town - Brighton. To win it to the Cause will need material resources and much prayer and self-sacrifice. Should we not each one of us ask ourselves: "What can I do?" Every one of us can do something, merely sharing the sacrifice and the blessing.

With loving greetings,

In His Fellowship and Service,

London Spiritual Assembly.

19 - Day Feasts

19 - Day Feast of Masá'il (Questions) - Monday, December 12th at 7 p.m.
Hostess: Miss Vivian Isenthal.

19 - Day Feast of Sharaf (Honour) - Saturday, December 31st at 3.30 p.m.
Hostess: Mrs. Mary Basil Hall.

Wednesday Evenings at the Centre - 7.30 p.m.

Meetings vary from week to week, but there is always a chance of informal talk and discussion over a cup of tea. Sometimes the enquirers stay on for a long time and ask questions. These meetings need continued support.

Our Pioneers

In the course of the last few weeks, two pioneers have gone from our community: Rashid Hakimiyan (originally of Bombay), to Belfast, and Iraj Poostchi (originally of Shiraz), to Nottingham. We are grateful to them. May their services be confirmed and blessed.

Our Community

Two Bahá'í youth from Persia, Cyrus Mansuri and Faramarz Tayidi, have recently come to our Community. Our warmest loving welcome goes to them.

Ataullah Khoshbin has left for France.

Our Visitors

It has been a great delight to meet once again our dear friend Rafi Mottahedeh of New York. He came to a Wednesday evening meeting and told us of the work of the International Bahá'í Community at the United Nations.

We have met with greatest pleasure Mr. Sinclair of Australia and Mr. Nahai of Tehran at our 19-Day Feast. Mr. Sinclair has come for medical treatment, and will be with us for some time.

Mr. Nahai, on hearing our Treasurer's Report, offered a very generous donation to the Funds, particularly to aid the work in Brighton. We send him our heart felt thanks.

These visits from Bahá'í friends of other lands make more vivid for us the reality of the firm spiritual bonds which unite the followers of Baha'u'llah all the world over.

B R I G H T O N - The Goal Town We Have Adopted.

The Spiritual Assembly recently held a consultation meeting with Isobel Locke representing the National Teaching Committee. All the members of the Adoption Committee were also present.

Later, the enlarged Adoption Committee invited the Brighton Group to meet with it in London. Plans were worked out for a Bahá'í Week in Brighton with intensive teaching work. Details will be announced later.

We have now undertaken to extend every possible help to the Brighton Group, and bring it up to Assembly status. This means gaining a great honour. Mrs. Slade and Vivian Isenthal will speak at Wednesday meetings in Brighton, during December. Meetings are held at 7.30 in the Institute, Queen Square.

New Premises For the Centre. The tenancy of the present premises has been extended until January 25th. So far, we have not found a suitable place. The National Assembly has agreed to increase its subsidy to £100 per annum. We should all be looking for new premises.