

"Bahá'u'lláh has drawn the circle of Unity, He has made a design for the uniting of all the peoples, and for the gathering of them all under the shelter of the tent of Universal Unity. This is the work of the Divine Bounty, and we must all strive with heart and soul until we have the reality of unity in our midst, and as we work, so will strength be given unto us. Leave all thought of self, and strive only to be obedient and submissive to the Will of God. In this way only shall we become citizens of the Kingdom of God, and attain unto life everlasting."

(Abdu'l-Bahá)

New Centre 103, Earls Court Road, W.8.

We are moving into the new centre over the week-end of December 16th.

Nineteen-Day Feasts

1. Feast of Masá'il (Questions) - Tuesday, December 12th  
at 7 p.m.  
(at 129 Ebury Street, S.W.1., by kind invitation of Mrs. Slade.
2. Feast of Sharaf (Honour) - Sunday, December 31st  
at 3.30 p.m.  
(at the new Centre) Host: Dr. M. Samandari

Dr. Samandari invites you to a memorial meeting at 3 p.m. preceding the devotional programme of the Nineteen Day Feast. This meeting is in memory of his uncle who has recently passed on to the Abhá Kingdom.

"Thou art My glory and My glory fadeth not; thou art My robe and My robe shall never be outworn. Abide then in thy love for Me, that thou mayest find Me in the realm of Glory."

(Bahá'u'lláh)

Mother George

Florence George, whom the Master gave the title of "Mother", returned to the Presence of 'Abdu'l-Bahá on Saturday, November 4th. She was ninety-two, and had served the Cause with great devotion and faithfulness since 1910. The funeral took place on Wednesday, November 8th, at Kensington Cemetery, Gunnersbury Avenue, W.5. Three other Bahá'is are laid to rest in this cemetery.

The following cable was received from the Guardian:

"Grieve passing distinguished indefatigable promoter Faith. Ardently supplicating progress soul Abhá Kingdom. Her notable meritorious service unforgettable."

Dehkan Baby

We send our loving greetings and congratulations to Nuran and Abbas Dehkan on the birth of their first son - Firuz Paul. May he live long and blessed, in service to the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh.

Teaching Conference

Here we reproduce the full programme of the Annual National Teaching Conference. We need not emphasize the particular importance of this gathering. It is to be hoped that a large number of the London friends will attend.

"THIS PROPITIOUS HOUR"

Teaching Conference 1951

Bahá'í Centre, 39 High Street,  
Manchester 4.

Saturday and Sunday, 6th and 7th January  
Commencing at 2.30 p.m.

- 2.30 p.m. Devotional Programme
- 2.50 p.m. "FAR BROADER FOUNDATIONS".  
Opening of the Conference, greetings, etc. Reports from the four Regional Committees and the Scottish and Irish Teaching Committees.  
Chairman: R.H. Backwell
- 3.30 p.m. "THE COMMUNITY CONSULTS ....."  
Vital consultation by the whole Conference on important problems facing the Cause in Great Britain.
- 4.30 p.m. TEA
- 5.00 p.m. An open session conducted by the NSA
- 6.30 p.m. SUPPER
- 8.00 p.m. African Committee Session
- 9.00 p.m. Session devoted to THE SHRINE OF THE BÁB, including the latest films.

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Annual National Teaching Conference Programme continued:

SUNDAY

10.00 a.m. "THE HOME FRONT CAMPAIGN" - Chairman: P. Hanisworth.  
Open consultation on all teaching questions with a special  
period devoted to the particular teaching problems of  
THE VIRGIN TERRITORIES (Scotland, Ireland, Wales).

12.30 p.m. LUNCH

2.00 p.m. "THE SACREDNESS OF ITS MISSION" - Chairman: Dorothy Ferraby.  
A series of talks followed by short discussion.

PROF. ZEINE .... "The Bahá'í Way of Life"

DAVID HOFMAN ... "Faith in Action"

HASAN BALYUZI ... "Infant Institutions"

3.30 p.m. Closing Devotional Programme:  
"Undelected in its purpose and undimmed in its vision".

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Registrar for accommodation: R. Coulson,  
37 Westbury Road,  
Crumpsall,  
Manchester.

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Treasurer's Report

The last report from the Treasurer indicated a balance of £35 in hand. Against this must be set the quarterly rent of the new Centre to be paid in advance, the contributions which we should make to the National Fund, as well as the expenses of moving and settling in. Greater efforts are needed to maintain the fund in a healthy condition.

Our Community

With greatest joy we offer a loving welcome to the following friends who have recently come to our Community.

Lady Hornell (one of the first two pioneers of the Six-Year Plan, who now returns after five years in Nottingham).

Mr. Jeevon Lokur (of Bombay, who has come to study for the Bar in London).

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Carey (from Brighton).

Miss Malekeh Khabiri (of Tehran, who has come to pursue her studies).

Our Visitors

We have been most happy to meet Dr. Varqa of Paris, Miss Clarke of Adelaide, Mr. Sami Doktoroglu of Istanbul, Mrs. Farbood of Tehran, Mr. Jamshid Kuchikzadeh of Tehran. Mr. Kuchikzadeh will soon take a pioneering post in Sheffield. Meeting these friends makes more vivid for us the unity created by the master hand of Bahá'u'lláh.

Tuesday Meetings - 7.30 p.m. - at 129 Ebury Street, S.W.1.

December 5th - Speaker: Mrs. Slade  
December 19th - " Prof. Zeine  
(No meeting on the 12th or the 26th)

Miss Derakhshandeh Muqaddam, who arrived here from Tehran in September, has now had a serious operation at London Hospital. She is in Grocers' Ward, Fielden House. Visiting hours are from 3 to 5 and 8 to 9 p.m. The nearest station is Whitechapel. Miss Muqaddam is expected to be in hospital for about three months. We send her our deepest love and pray for her full recovery.

News and Announcements

1. Please send press-cuttings and references about the Faith or about organisations having sympathetic ideals and aims in tune with those of ours, to Miss Ethel Bird, Denever House, 2 Clarence Road, Thorpe Road, Norwich. Miss Bird has been asked by the South-East Regional Committee to compile these records.
2. Miss Margaret Degotardi (twenty-eight years old and a Solicitor by profession) a believer of Sydney, Australia, would like to correspond with friends in this country. Her address is: Room 16, 10th Floor, 39 Martin Place, Sydney.
3. We will be holding a public meeting in the middle of January at Caxton Hall, with Professor Zeine as the speaker. We hope to have a prominent non-Baha'i to take the Chair.