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"Thine eye is My trust, suffer not the dust of vain desires to becloud its lustre. Thine ear is a sign of My bounty, let not the tumult of unseemly motives turn it away from My Word that encompasseth all creation. Thine heart is My treasury, allow not the treacherous hand of self to rob thee of the pearls which I have treasured therein. Thine hand is a symbol of My loving kindness, hinder it not from holding fast unto My guarded and hidden Tablets." (Bahá'u'lláh)

Nineteen-Day Feasts

The Feast of Núr (Light)      Wednesday, June 6th at 7 p.m.  
(Please note that this Feast is held on June 6th and not the 5th.)

The Feast of Rahmat (Mercy)      Sunday, June 24th at 3 p.m.

London Teaching Committee

The L.S.A. has given this section to the Teaching Committee and we hope to give each month news of teaching activities and suggestions about how to expand the volume and the effectiveness of teaching in London.

Thursday evening Meetings at the Centre

These meetings are held every week at 7.30 p.m. The topic for June is "The Goal of a New World Order". (Special notices also available.)

A Fireside Meeting is held every Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Slade, 129 Ebury Street, S.W.1., at 7.30 p.m.

The Public Meeting held in Caxton Hall on April 24th was very successful. Between sixty and seventy people were present. We hope in the next Bulletin to report that the second in the series was even better.

## Fireside Meetings

At its first meeting the Committee surveyed teaching possibilities in London. We feel that the most valuable activity, and moreover the most suitable for a big place like London, is holding Fireside Meetings in various different districts. London believers are well scattered over different suburbs and we therefore appeal strongly to everyone who has any facilities to try and hold a fireside meeting, either occasionally or regularly.

Our Committee stands ready to help in any way it can. We can send a speaker, or someone to support you as a speaker, or even most probably somebody to help get refreshments and wash up. We should also be glad to meet with anyone who wants to start and would like to talk it over first. (Secretary: D. Ferraby, 49 Sandbourne Avenue, S.W.19.) A valuable source of help to a beginner is the Broadsheet on Firesides by the Consolidation Committee, which was sent out with the Journal a few months ago.

All over the world it has been found that Fireside Meetings are one of the very best ways of teaching and confirming new believers. So we urge every member of the community to try. And please tell us what we can do to help. "Only begin," as 'Abdu'l-Bahá told us.

N.B. A fireside in a person's home is a private affair if they so wish, or they may ask the Teaching Committee who will send specific people to help them, or if all visitors are welcome, the meetings can on request be announced in this section of the Bulletin.

London Teaching Committee

The membership of the Teaching Committee consists of: Gladys Backwell, Dorothy Ferraby, Beryl de Gruchy, Kathleen Hornell, Habib Hazari. Its term of reference is: "To organise teaching activity in London under the guidance of the local Assembly, and to make recommendations on teaching policy."

Other Committees In addition to the Teaching Committee, "Youth and Social", "Nineteen-Day Feasts", "Welfare" and "Archives" Committees have been appointed.

Beryl de Gruchy and Jeanne Kranen are the Warden and the Deputy Warden of the Centre.

Finances In considering our financial position and responsibilities, the Local Assembly records its recognition of the need for austerity in local expenditure throughout the year, in view of the great call on contributions made by the Shrine of the Báb Fund and the National Fund, as well as the needs of the Two Year Plan.

Expenditure since April 1st has amounted to £88, whereas contributions have totalled £41. Therefore there has been a deficit of £47.

Balance of cash in hand is £192. This figure should be subtracted by £164 which is the balance of the rent of the Centre for the year. This leaves us with £27, £10 of which has just been donated to the National Fund.

Our Community We extend our warmest and the most loving welcome to Mme. Nermi-Egounoff, whose declaration of faith was received and accepted by the Spiritual Assembly at its meeting on May 15th.

We are also very happy to welcome into our Community Miss Taliah Agah and Alapur Alai, who have come here from Reading and Sheffield respectively, to continue their studies.

It brought us great joy to meet Rafi Mottahedeh of New York, once again at our Centre. He was at the Nineteen-Day Feast of 'Azamat, and gave us wonderful and exhilarating news of the U.N. Conference of non-governmental organisations, held recently at Istanbul. We are looking forward to his next visit.

Miss Shamsi Sedaqat of Iran, who has just arrived in this country to take a training course in nursing, visited us at the Centre, before proceeding to Brighton where she takes her Course.

Mrs. Tabandeh Payman, also of Iran, is staying in London at the present time. We have been indeed most happy and gratified to meet these dear friends.