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"I implore Thee, O my Lord, by Thy name the splendours of which have encompassed the earth and the heavens, to enable me so to surrender my will to what Thou hast decreed in Thy Tablets, that I may cease to discover within me any desire except what Thou didst desire through the power of Thy sovereignty, and any will save what Thou didst desire for me by Thy will."

(Bahá'u'lláh)

The Feast of the Birth of the Báb Saturday, October 20th at 3.30 p.m.
(Contributions in kind towards refreshments are invited)

Nineteen Day Feast of 'Ilm (Knowledge) Tuesday, October 16th at 7.30 p.m.
Hostess: Miss Elizabeth Gorvette

LONDON TEACHING COMMITTEE

Thursday Evening Meetings at the Centre: These will take place as usual at 7.30 p.m. The theme for October will be "This Earth One Country". On Thursday, October 25th, the meeting will be a special one for United Nations Day, with a speaker from the United Nations Association.

Sunday Devotional Meeting on October 7th: Tea at 4 p.m., devotional meeting at 5 p.m. sharp.

Programme Cards are obtainable at the Centre. Are you using them freely?

Autumn Teaching in London: We are making progress in our public teaching. Thursday meetings are very well attended, especially by the Bahá'ís themselves. Further, the public meeting in Caxton Hall on September 17th was very successful, with a fine talk and attendance of over fifty, including more than twenty non-Bahá'ís.

Nevertheless, for a city the size of London and a community as large as ours, there is still very much to be done, particularly in the personal teaching field. Here there is a chance for all of us to obey Bahá'u'lláh's command to teach - opportunities are so varied, possibilities so different for each, that every one of us can do something. If every single Bahá'í in London was making some real attempt to spread the Cause, results would be tremendous. Let each of us make sure that he is not holding the community back.

Once more we remind everyone of the suggestion to devote half-an-hour a week to thinking what we can do to teach the Cause, and may we add the suggestion that during that period each of us pray for the progress of the Cause in London. Pioneers have proved that prayer is an essential part of teaching work; it unlocks the doors, it provides the opportunities. United prayer is therefore a vital preliminary to our teaching work this autumn.

VICTORIA

Professor Zeine: Professor Zeine is leaving for Beirut on Saturday, October 6th at 5 p.m. from Kensington Air Terminus, High Street, Kensington. We shall always remember with profound gratitude the invaluable help he gave us during his stay amongst us, and will look forward eagerly to his next visit. Prof. Zeine will be giving a talk on the Master, at Mrs. Slade's fireside meeting, 129 Ebury Street, S.W.1. on Tuesday, October 2nd, 7.30 p.m.

Another Pioneer Leaves for Africa: Ted Cardell is leaving for Nairobi, Kenya, on Sunday, October 7th. His plane takes off at 6.15 p.m. from the London Airport, Heathrow. Our love goes with him.

Our Community: These friends have left our Community: Miss Violette Samandari to Nottingham; Mr. Tahgigi to Blackburn; Mr. Jalal Ardakani to Tihran. May the blessings of Bahá'u'lláh be always with them.

To the following friends who have come to our Community, we extend the most loving welcome:

Mr. and Mrs. Rustam Sabit, Miss Mary Sabit, and Mr. Ruhi Sabit (from Brighton).
Mr. Nasir Rafat (From Geneva). Mrs. Rose Jones (from Cardiff)
Mr. Ahmad Rafiyi and Mr. Azamatullah Janti, from Tihran.

Mr. Rafiyi is ill in St. Mary Abbot's Hospital, Kensington. We pray for his speedy recovery.

Our Visitors: It was our very good fortune to meet a number of our dear friends in Europe, on their way back from the European Teaching Conference. They were: Miss Sara Ziffon, Miss Else Hornimann (Pioneer), Mr. Roberto Cazearra Huguet, Mr. Fernando Sanz Millan, Mr. Manuel Garcia Vazquez.

They all were present at one of Mrs. Slade's fireside meetings, when during a devotional programme prayers were read in many languages.

We have had also the great pleasure of meeting Mrs. Valeria Nicholls on her return to the United States, from three years pioneering in Europe. Mrs. Nicholls was also a pioneer in South America, during the first Seven Year Plan.

The members of the London Community are requested to let the Editor of the Bulletin know the news of any Bahá'í friends from abroad who pass through London.

Committees: Nasir Rafat, Mary Sabit and Ruhi Sabit are appointed to the Youth & Social Committee.

Bobbie Kamming is appointed the Deputy Warden at the Centre.

Treasurer's Report: On September 20th we had a balance of £25. Although contributions have increased, still greater effort is required. Friends are particularly requested to return the promisory slips which have been sent out by the Treasurer, even if they are unable to make a definite promise.

News & Reviews:

1. We are grieved to hear the news of the passing of Mrs. Hainsworth in Bradford, on September 19th. Our loving thoughts go to her dear son, Philip, a brave pioneer in Uganda.
2. On Sunday evening, September 16th we had the privilege of listening to Dr. Neumann, the engineer in charge of the construction of the Shrine of the Báb. He told us a thrilling story. We are very grateful to him and to Mrs. Neumann for coming to see us.
3. The Exhibition which the Manchester Bahá'í Community arranged at their Centre, in connection with the Festival of Britain, proved a real success. We sent them a telegram of good wishes on the opening day. A member of our Community, Lady Hornell, opened the Exhibition.
4. If friends bring their waste paper to the Centre, at every Nineteen Day Feast, the Secretary will collect from them, and dispose of the paper for the benefit of the Funds.
5. The Sheffield Bahá'í Community have now a Centre at the following address:
23 Spooner Road, Sheffield 10.

We send them our loving congratulations and wish them every success.