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"Bahá'u'lláh has drawn the circle of unity. He has made a design for the unity 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)

Nineteen-Day Feast of Sultan (Sovereignty)

Saturday, January 19th at 3.30 p.m. Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Rustam Sabit.

L O N D O N T E A C H I N G C O M M I T T E E

Thursday Evening Meetings - 7.30 p.m.

The schedule is being varied this month: 1st week - a Talk; 2nd week - Readings and Discussion; 3rd week - Devotional Meeting; 4th week - a Talk; 5th Week - Questions and Answers.

Sunday Devotional Meeting - January 6th. Tea at 3.30 p.m.
Devotional 4.30 p.m.

Lost Property A book was missed from the back room at the Centre after the Thursday evening meeting on December 20th. If anyone has it, will they please return it quickly. It is "The Sorcerer's Apprentice" by E. Huxley and belongs to the Wimbledon Public Library. It was wrapped up in brown paper.

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Bye-Election Result Rustam Sabit elected to the Assembly.

Committee Appointment Mrs. Ramzi is appointed to the Teaching Committee.

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Our Community A most loving welcome to Miss Joan Field and Mr. Farhang Afnan, who have come to our Community from Portsmouth and Bexhill respectively.

Eruch Munsiff left London in December for a long visit overseas. We are looking forward to his return.

It was with very great joy that we met at our last Nineteen-Day Feast on December 31st, William Forster, American Pioneer to Liberia, Mrs. Hutchinson-Smith of Sydney (well-known to us from her previous visits), and our own Marguerite Preston from Kenya. That Feast was indeed a memorable occasion. The words that these dear friends spoke to us, bringing as they did the love and the greetings of our brothers and sisters from many parts of the world, truly gladdened our hearts. William Forster left by air early on the following day for Liberia. Our prayers accompany him in his great undertaking.

On December 29th, Eric Manton of Northampton, and Terry, his fourteen year old son, left London to board a ship for East Africa, and thence travel to Northern Rhodesia - their pioneering post. Some of us went to the station, but unfortunately missed them, and a telegram to the ship conveyed to them our love.

The visit of our dear friends from Norwich on Sunday, December 2nd, was another very happy occasion. We are indeed grateful to them for giving us such joy.

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Brighton

We have gladly undertaken to help with the teaching work in Brighton, to the limit of our capacity. To be able to do so, is a bounty conferred upon us by Bahá'u'lláh.

A public meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24th - 7.30 p.m. - at the Institute, Queen's Square, Brighton. We are providing the speaker. It will be Hasan Balyuzi. Other members of our Community are also going there to support the meeting. All are welcome.

This Bulletin will, until next Ridván, carry a schedule of Brighton meetings.

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Deepening in the Faith

Study classes to this end, which will naturally be only for the Bahá'is, are now arranged. They will be held on alternate Wednesdays.

January Schedule: 9th - "The Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh"
 23rd - "Thirty Years of Guardianship"

Holding these classes was specially recommended at a Nineteen-Day feast.

Attendance at Public Meetings

Although public meetings, and especially those held in outside halls, are primarily for inquirers and contacts, they cannot be fully effective unless a substantial number of believers are present to welcome our guests and establish friendly relations with them. Often times it is during informal talks after the advertised programme, that Bahá'is can help the inquirers. Also, the more of us present, the warmer can be the spirit of the meeting.

Bahá'i Calendar

This year the Publishing Trust could not issue a Baha'i diary. As we have no calendar cards available, it is suggested that it may be found useful to cut out the page containing the Bahá'i calendar from last year's diary, and paste it in the diaries we use.

Treasurer's Report

Contributions have increased, but we are now paying for the Centre out of our own donations, and so greater effort will be needed. In relation to our numbers, we should also be much better supporters of the National Fund.

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