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HOLY YEAR

November 1952

"While engulfed in tribulations I heard a most sweet voice, calling above My head. Turning My face, I beheld a Maiden - the embodiment of the remembrance of the name of My Lord - suspended in the air before Me. So rejoiced was she in her very soul that her countenance shone with the ornament of the good-pleasure of God. and her cheeks glowed with the brightness of the All-Merciful. earth and heaven she was raising a call which captivated the hearts and minds of She was imparting to both my inward and outer being tidings which rejoiced My soul, and the souls of God's honoured servants, Pointing with her finger unto My head, she addressed all who are in heaven and all who are on earth, say-This is the Best-Beloved of the worlds, and yet ye comprehend 'By God! This is the Beauty of God amongst you, and the power of His sovereignty within you, could ye but understand. This is the Mystery of God and His Treasure, the Cause of God and His Glory unto all who are in the kingdoms of Revelation and of creation, if ye be them that perceive." (Bahá'u'lláh)

"For thus saith the Lord of Hosts; yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts." (Haggai 2: 6 - 7)

The Feast of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh

"Request Communities observing Baha'i Holy Days solar calendar, celebrate befitting solemnity approaching anniversary Baha'u'llah's Birthday, falling middle two month period during which, a hundred years ago, Author Faith received first intimation His glorious Mission."

(From the Guardian's recent cable to the Bahá'i World)

The Feast will be celebrated at the Centre on Tuesday, November 11th - 7.30 p.m.

The Spiritual Assembly wishes that as many of the believers as possible should attend the Feast to render it a befitting tribute to Baha'u'llah.

(Contributions of flowers and food items are welcomed)

Tuesday, November 25th - 7.30 p.m. The Feast of the Day of the Covenant (Contributions in kind are welcomed)

Anniversary of the Passing of 'Abdu'l-Baha Commemoration Meeting. Friday November 28th, at 1 a.m.

(For those who cannot attend at that hour, a devotional programme can be had from the Secretary of the Assembly, for use in their homes.)

Feast of Qawl (Speech)

Tuesday, November 4th - 7.30 p.m. Hostess: Mrs. Doris Ballard. Sunday, November 23rd - 3.30 p.m. Host: Mr. S. Sitarih.

The Treasurer Reports

Income and Expenditure from 1st April to 14th October, 1952:

Through the real awareness of some of the friends to the critical state of the Fund, we have been able, up to the present time (the first six months), to keep our pledge to the N.S.A. by contributing regularly the sum of £12.10s.- per month, a total of £90. This has also been made possible by the stringent efforts on the part of the L.S.A. in keeping expenses down to an absolute minimum.

The cost of the Alliance Hall meeting commemorating the centenary of the Martyrdom of Tahirih was borne entirely by one of the friends who has now left the country.

Friends might be interested to know how many have supported the Faith financially this year, through the London Fund since the 1st April: a total of 31 out of approximately 76, or less than 40%. Let us hope that 100% will have contributed to the life-blood of the Faith before the end of the year, thus ensuring that our deficit be turned to a healthy balance.

Our expenditure this year has exceeded income by £19.11.5d., but by virtue of a balance at the close of last year, we have in hand £20.8.7d towards some bills due in, such as Electricity, Cleaning, and £20.16.8d rent to be paid on the 31st of this month.

Income				Expenditure			
Contributions	£156.	4.	4.	Rent	£50.	-,	
Feast Collections	7.	17.	4.	Electricity	9.		3.
Shrine Fund	8.	2.	-	Cleaning	11.	7.	6.
Book sales (ended May)	11.	14.	5.	Printing	11.	15.	8.
Miscellaneous	2.	19.	7.	Hire of Halls	5.	3.	8.
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Total:	£186.	17.	8.	Total:	£206.	9.	1.

Thursday Evening Meetings - 7.30 p.m. There is a varied programme. On November 6th Miss Lilian Wyss, believer from Australia, now pioneering in Switzerland, will speak.

L.S.A. By-Election Mr. Rustam Sabit, owing to certain unavoidable circumstances, was not able to attend the meetings of the Spiritual Assembly. A vacancy was recognised and in the by-election, Mr. Ian Semple was elected.

Our Community We offer the most loving welcome to Miss Elizabeth Blumer, who has declared her faith and joined our Community.

Another pioneer has gone from London - Mr. M.H. Karimi, to Nottingham. We are proud of him.

Mr. Bruce McCombe was married to Miss Monica Rey, at the Centre on Monday,

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October 13th. We offer them our best wishes and heartfelt congratulations.

We have had the great pleasure of visits from Mrs. Bahiyyih Ford and Mr. Habib. Sabit, both of U.S.A. Mrs. Ford spoke at a Thursday evening meeting, for which we were truly grateful.

Our Lending Library

- (a) Those friends who have taken books from the Library may kindly furnish the following details to the Librarian, Mrs. Doris Ballard, 353 Park West, Edgware Road, W.2. immediately.
 - (i) The full name and address of the borrower. (Please also indicate your non-Baha'i contact if he/she has a book from the Library.)
 - (ii) The name/s of the book/s borrowed.
 - (iii) The approximate date on which borrowed.
 - (iv) Approximate date on which it will be returned.
- (b) Normally a book will be loaned for one fortnight only.
- (c) Every time a book is borrowed from the Library, the full name, address and telephone number (if any) should always be entered in the Register provided for the purpose at the Centre.
- (d) If you have any Baha'i books you would like to present to the Lending Library, please inform the Librarian.

YOUR CO-OPERATION WILL BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED

Please note that the books from the Reference Library should on no account be taken away from the Centre.

News and Reviews

1. Youth Broadsheet. Issued by the National Youth Committee, can be had from their Secretary (Miss Betty Belevitch, 38 Elizabeth Street, Manchester, 8). Please send 1/- to cover postage.

Extracts from the Guardian's letter, 4.5.52, to the National Youth Committee: "All over the Bahá'i World, we see that not an inconsiderable proportion of the most active and devoted pioneers are young people... Pray for all of you for your success and the deepening of your capacities in the Service of Bahá'u'lláh... May the Almighty bless and aid you to achieve great victories in the Service of the Faith."

- 2. Bahá'i Centre, Blackpool. If you have any photographs, books or a copy of "The Greatest Name" or any other suitable gift to spare for this new centre and the Blackpool Community, please send it to Mrs. S. Lowe (Secretary, Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'is of Blackpool), 6 Mansfield Road West, Blackpool. The Assembly has given a gift of "The Greatest Name", carved on a wooden panel.
- Baha'i Publications from America. Coupons of different denominations can be had in the U.K., in accordance with UNESCO Book Coupon Scheme. They can then be sent to American Baha'i Publishing Committee, in payment of the selected publications. For more details, consult the Secretary (Eruch Munsiff) at AMBassador 6671 or FULham 4470.
- 4. 3rd Inter-Continental Conference at Stockholm (21st 26th July 1953) The Guardian desires our "effective participation". If you hope to attend, please inform the N.S.A. Secretary as soon as possible.
- 5. Punctual attendance at all Bahá'í meetings brings credit to the Community and enhances the reputation of the Cause we all hold so dear to our hearts.