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"All glory be to this Day, the Day in which the fragrances of mercy have been wafted over all created things, a Day so blest that past ages and centuries can never hope to rival it, a Day in which the countenance of the Ancient of Days hath turned towards His holy seat. Thereupon, the voices of all created things, and beyond them those of the Concourse on high, were heard calling aloud: 'Haste thee, o Carmel, for lo, the light of the Countenance of God, the Ruler of the Kingdom of Names and Fashioner of the heavens, hath been lifted upon thee!'"

(Bahá'u'lláh)

"Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; and ye yourselves like unto men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he cometh and knocketh, they may open unto him immediately. Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching; verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, and find them so, blessed are those servants. And this know, that if the good man of the house had known what hour the thief would come he would have watched, and not have suffered his house to be broken through. Be ye therefore ready also: for the Son of Man cometh at an hour when ye think not.

(Luke 12: 34 - 40)

Nineteen-Day Feasts

Feast of Masá'il (Questions) Friday, December 12th at 7.30 p.m.

Hostesses: Miss Beryl de Gruchy and Mrs. Skaidrita Krivans

Mr. and Mrs. Munsiff and their daughter Joti have been to the Holy land. We are eagerly looking forward to hear them tell us at this Feast about their pilgrimage.

Feast of Sharaf (Honour) Wednesday, December 31st at 7.30 p.m.

Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Balyuzi.

The Youth & Social Committee will present a script by Parvin Basil Hall entitled, "Son of Desire", during the social part of this Feast

Nineteen-Day Feasts' Programmes

The Assembly thinks it will help to produce a smooth-running programme if in future the items of the devotional programme at each 19-Day Feast are announced at the beginning with any explanation necessary, the theme also to be mentioned if there is one. Friends are reminded that the readings used in a programme for a 19-Day Feast should be of a devotional character.

Record of Programmes

All the friends who prepare a programme for a 19-Day Feast, Commemoration meeting, or Sunday devotional meeting, are requested to give details of such programmes to the Secretary of the Assembly afterwards, including a rough idea of the time they take. These programmes will be kept in a card index at the Centre and will provide a valuable reserve for occasions when one is required at very short notice. The co-operation of all is asked in carrying out this scheme.

Thursday Evening Meetings - 7.30 p.m.

There is a varied programme, as usual. Mr. Hugh McKinley is speaking on December 18th. There will be no meeting on Christmas Day.

The Treasurer reports Income and Expenditure for the last three months:

Month	Income	Expenditure	Average
August	£17. 4s. 6d.	£29. 9s. 0d.	Monthly Expenditure
September	£32. 6s. 6d.	£24. 17s. 11d.	
October	£18. 4s. 0d.	£39. 2s. 6d.	

Expenditure from April 1st ... £235. 5. 8.
Income " " " ... £198. 4. 8.
Balance from previous year ... £40. 0. 0.
£2. 19s. 0d.

The above was the state of the Fund by November 12th During the next ten days, our income increased by £5. 8s. 0d.

I have to inform the friends that through continual lack of support from some 60% of the Community, it will not be possible for the first time to fulfil our pledge to the National Spiritual Assembly. We, the London Community as a whole should become really conscious of our responsibility to our Faith. At the recent 19-Day Feast, when some thirty-seven of the friends were present, total contributions to the Fund, in every way, amounted to only 2/9d. In other words, less than 1d each, for the joy and uplift of the devotional programme, the interest of the business session, and the pleasure of fellowship at the material feast. Please think on these things.

Our Community

We extend a most loving welcome to the following friends who have come to our Community: Miss Archibald (Auckland, New Zealand), Miss Pari Tehrani (Persia), Miss Tahirih Vatanparast (Nottingham), Mrs. Florence Fathe-Aazam and Mr. Shidan Fathe-Aazam (U.S.A.), Mr. James Crockett (Preston), Mr. Faizullah Taid, (Birmingham), Mr. Farhad Tehrani (Bournemouth).

Mrs. Hakim and Mr. Van Lith have returned to Persia and Holland respectively.

We have been most happy to meet Mr. Ahmad Hamdi and Mr. Kamil Abbas of Iraq, and Mr. Lambert Steffen of Luxembourg. Mr. Steffen will be visiting us again. Mr. and Mrs. Habib Sabit are still in London, and give us the great joy of meeting them at our Feasts.

Our dear friend, Miss Beth Simpson, of Tunbridge Wells, is ill at Maida Vale Hospital for Nervous Diseases (Women's Ward, Floor 1). Visiting hours are daily 7.30 - 8 p.m., Sundays 2 - 4 p.m. We pray for her early recovery, and send her our love.

Bahá'í News of the United States

Will those friends who wish their names to be put on the circulation list of Bahá'í News, please inform Hasan Bályuzi.

News and Reviews

1. Public Libraries: It is suggested that the book "Prescription for Living", by Ruhyyih Khanum, is very suitable for public libraries, and that all London believers would be doing a service to the spread of the Faith if they can persuade their local librarian to buy the book.
2. Membership of Teaching, and Youth & Social Committees. Mr. and Mrs. Fathe-Aazam, who will be in London until they are able to pioneer in Africa, have expressed their wish to use their time helping the work of the London Community. The Spiritual Assembly has therefore appointed them to the membership of the Teaching, and the Youth Committees.
3. Heating the Centre. Action has been taken to improve the heating of the meeting room at the Centre. With the consent of the Electricity Board, extra wiring is being installed so that two large heaters can be used, and two heaters are being lent by friends.

Secretarial Assistance is very much required and will be greatly appreciated. Any offers please?