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"This is the Day whereon naught can be seen except the splendours of the Light that shineth from the face of Thy Lord the Gracious, the Most Bountiful. Verily, we have caused every soul to expire by virtue of Our irresistible and all-subduing sovereignty. We have then called into being a new creation, as a token of our grace unto men. I am, verily, the All-Bountiful, the Ancient of Days."

(Bahá'u'lláh)

"The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light. They that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined..... For every battle of the warrior is with confused noise, and garments rolled in blood; but this shall be with burning and fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the Throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this."

(Isaiah 9 : 2, 5 - 7)

Nineteen-Day Feast of Sultan (Sovereignty) Monday, January 19th, at 7.30 p.m.

Hostess: Miss Marjorie Parker

It is of vital importance to attend this Feast. We will hear reports of the Teaching Conference at Sheffield, and know of the Course of Action to complete the Two-Year Plan.

Teaching Conference - Sheffield

Week - end of January 10th

There may still be time to make arrangements to attend.

Blackburn and Edinburgh Communities are below numbers. They need urgent help and attention. Also below numbers are Belfast, Newcastle and Nottingham.

We can help in the first step by our prayers.

Unity Feast - Thursday, January 8th, at 7.30 p.m.

The Youth and Social Committee will present the script - "Son of Desire",
by Parvin Basil Hall.

Our Community We extend our most loving welcome to Lady Hornell on her return
from Belfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Munsiff and their daughter Joti returned from their pilgrimage to the Holy Land, at the beginning of December. The accounts of their pilgrimage which they related to us at the 19-Day Feast of Masá'il, and at a special meeting on December 21st, as well as the floral gifts from the Holy Land, which they generously gave us, uplifted our hearts and our souls. We offer them our grateful thanks.

We were exceedingly glad to meet our dear friends Mr., and Mrs. Rafi Mottahedeh of New York, and their son Roy, at the special meeting on December 21st. Mrs. Mottahedeh and Roy were on their way to the Holy Land.

Miss Renate Torop and Dr. K. Tankaria (non-Bahá'í) were married according to the law of Bahá'u'lláh, in December. We offer them our heartfelt congratulations and wish them every happiness.

Mrs. Khamsi, the mother-in-law of Mr. Habib Sabit, is at London Clinic, 20, Devonshire Place, W.1., and will be glad to receive visits from the friends. We pray for her full recovery.

Photographs of the Holy Land

The photographs of the Holy Land, taken by Mr. Ted Cardell, can be ordered in the following sets:

1. Shrine of the Báb (15 photographs)
2. Shrine of Bahá'u'lláh and the Mansion of Bahji (7 photographs)
3. Akká and the Prison (11 photographs)
4. Ridván Garden - Akká (6 ")
5. Holy Relics (9 ")
6. Mansion of Mazra'ih (7 ")
7. Monument Gardens - Mt. Carmel (7 photographs)

Miss Cofman, 8 St. John Street, Oxford, has kindly consented to receive orders and money and distribute the photographs. These are available only in sets, and will not be sold individually. Their size is $4\frac{3}{4}$ " x $3\frac{3}{4}$ ". The exact price will depend on postage cost, but will be about 1/- per photograph, including postage.