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"I testify that verily there is no God save He, and He Who hath come is verily the hidden mystery, the concealed secret, the most great Book for the Nations, and the heaven of beneficence to the world: He is the mighty sign among mankind, and the dawning-place of highest attributes in the world of emanation. Through Him hath appeared that which was concealed from all eternity and was hidden from men of discernment. Verily, He is the One Whose Manifestation was announced by the Books of God in former and latter times."

(From the Tablet of Tajalliyat - Bahá'u'lláh)

"The mighty God, even the Lord, hath spoken, and called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof. Out of zion the perfection of beauty, God hath shined. Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. He shall call to the heavens from above, and to the earth, that he may judge his people. Gather my saints together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice. And the heavens shall declare his righteousness; for God is judge himself."

(Psalm 50: 1 - 6)

Teaching Conference High Lights

(Extracts from the Consolidation Committee News Release)

1. The reading of our beloved Guardian's cable.
2. The spirit of unity, love and harmony, to a degree never before experienced, which pervaded the Conference from beginning to end.
3. The loving messages from Communities and friends at home and overseas.
4. The devotional programme in which prayers were read and chanted in English, French, German, Persian and Turkish.
5. The report that believers in Africa now number 260 in British territories alone and many declarations still await acceptance.
6. No Communities in Southern area are below numbers.
7. Two pioneers arose for Blackburn: John Smith from Blackpool, and Feraidoon Eghbali from Bradford.
8. Unconditional pioneer offer by Brigitte Hasselblatt and one other friend.
9. The report that the London Community has resolved to send out five pioneers and send an extra £15 to the National Fund.

Please note that so far one pioneer offer only has been made, and £4.15.0 extra contributed. We must make haste to fulfil our pledge.

10. Report from Bradford of another declaration.
11. Offer of a Bradford friend to visit Blackburn once a fortnight, to help with teaching work.
12. Gaps to be filled in Northern area and Scotland reduced to eleven.

Please note that at the 19-Day Feast on January 19th, the Secretary of the Consolidation Committee told us that if we fulfil our pledge and send out five pioneers, minimum requirements will be met.

Blackburn and Edinburgh still need pioneers urgently.

13. The warm and loving welcome offered, and excellent arrangements made for the Conference by the Sheffield Spiritual Assembly.
14. The gratitude and joy with which the friends received flowers from the Shrine of the Báb, the perfume from a phial held by our beloved Guardian, after Mehrangiz Munsiff told of her pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
15. The determination expressed by the Conference to achieve "a consecration unexampled" and a devotion to match the Dawmbreakers.

Nineteen-Day Feasts

Feast of Mulk (Dominion) - Saturday, February 7th, 3.30 p.m.
Hostess: Miss S. Golden Kilford.

Feast of 'Ula (Loftiness) - Monday, March 2nd, 7.30 p.m.
Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Backwell.

Intercalary Days

Thursday, February 26th, 7.30 p.m. Weekly Public Meeting.
Miss Shamsi Sidagat of Brighton will speak on "Bahá'í Calendar".

Friday, February 27th, 7.30 p.m. Fireside Meeting at the home of
Mrs. Doris Ballard, 353 Park West, W.2.

Saturday, February 28th, 3.30 p.m. Unity Feast at the Centre.
Attendants from Britain at the first Inter-Continental Conference of the Holy Year, which is held at Kampala, Uganda, from February 12th to 18th, will speak at this Unity Feast, about the Conference.

Sunday, March 1st. Friends are asked to hold small gatherings in their homes on this last day of the intercalary period.

Unity Feast

Wednesday, February 4th, 7.30 p.m.

To bid farewell to Mrs. Mehrangiz Munsiff and Miss Tahirih Vatanparast, who are leaving on the 7th to pioneer in Africa. They will first attend the Conference at Kampala.

Symposium

Thursday, February 5th, 7.30 p.m.

This weekly meeting will be in the form of a symposium, and will be conducted by the Youth Committee.

Week-end School - Sunday, February 1st

Sessions: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., 2.30 - 4.30 p.m.
and at 6 p.m.

Theme: The History of our Faith

A special lunch kindly provided by Mr. Nazar, will be served at the Centre. 5/- charge. Proceeds will go to the fund.

Help for the Centenary Exhibition

If you like to help with painting the exhibition screens, please let Mr. Donald Millar know. He will tell you when and where it is to be done.

Our Community

Miss Pari Khamsi and Miss Nancy Cooper have left for Tihiran and Blackburn respectively.