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"In these days the most important of all things is the guidance of the nations and peoples of the world. Teaching the Cause is of utmost importance for it is the head corner-stone of the foundation itself. This wronged servant has spent his nights and days in promoting the Cause and urging the peoples to service. He rested not for a moment, till the fame of the Cause of God was noised abroad in the world and the celestial strains from the Abhá Kingdom roused the East and the West. The beloved of God must also follow the same example. This is the secret of faithfulness; this is the requirement of servitude to the Threshold of Bahá'í."

(From the "Will and Testament of 'Abdu'l-Bahá)

Nineteen-Day Feast of Asmá'

Friday, August 21st - 7.30 p.m.

Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Ferraby.

(Please note that this Feast is held on Friday so as not to clash with the regular Thursday evening meeting.)

The Spiritual Assembly wishes to bring the question of refreshments for the social part of the nineteen-day feasts, to the notice of the friends. Our number has increased in recent years and the attendance at the feast is correspondingly large. Therefore it is not possible now for one individual to provide all the food required for a feast. It is not necessary for all to bring something every time. But if all of us bring something every so often, it will ease the situation. Gifts of tea will be particularly appreciated.

Prayer for Pioneers

In accordance with a recommendation from a nineteen-day feast, the Spiritual Assembly requests that a prayer for pioneers should be read at all meetings, committees included, except meetings at which contacts are present.

Our Community

We extend the most loving welcome to Miss Ingrid Schöbl and Dr. M.A. Rashid who have declared their faith and joined our Community.

It has been a very great joy and privilege to meet the following friends from abroad: Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bolton, Australia; Mrs. Tabandeh Payman, Iran; Mr. F. Roozbehian and Miss Roozbehian, Iran; Miss Doris Skinner, Canada; Mrs. Frankie Theberge, Canada. We are glad to report that Mrs. Theberge will be resident in London.

Consultation on Teaching

Beginning with the Feast of Asmá', a period will be set aside at every 19-Day Feast for Consultation on Teaching, particularly personal teaching. Sharing of recent teaching experiences will be invited.

Summer School at Buxton (August 29th - September 5th)

There are still vacancies, and there is still time to book.

Treasurer's Report

During the last four months there has been a fall-off in donations. Now is the time for much greater effort. Now is the time to search our hearts and give - give until it hurts. Now is the time for such sacrifice as we have never known before.

A Short Report on

The Third Intercontinental Conference

of the Holy Year at Stockholm

This glorious event took place from July 21st to July 26th inclusive. Those who attended it, can never forget the spiritual power that they felt there. There were nearly 400 friends present from thirty countries. The contingent from this country numbered forty-two. Fourteen Hands of the Cause of God were present. Mr. Ugo Giacheri, the Hand of the Cause, the member at large of the International Bahá'í Council and the Chairman of the newly-formed National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Italy and Switzerland, was the personal representative of our beloved Guardian, and delivered his soul-stirring message. Fifty-four pioneers arose from the Conference. Nearly 27,000 Dollars was donated for the purchase of the land for the Mashriqu'l-Adhkar at Stockholm and Frankfurt. Two thousand Pounds was raised for the Haziratu'l-Quds in London. One friend generously donated the sum of 2,000 Dollars to enable us in this country to send pioneers to territories in Europe allocated to us. All of the European territories were covered.

The greatest experience of all, was viewing the holy portrait of the Báb - a gift from our beloved Guardian to the Conference. This carried the friends to heights that can only be measured in one's Soul.

How can we ever adequately render thanks for such bounties?