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HOLY YEAR ENDS IN MID-OCTOBER

"Teach the Cause, teach, teach! Teach as if offering a gift to a king, humbly and submissively, not with force or insistence - imperatively, strenuously - but with gentleness and sweetness, submitting the arguments and truths to the heart and intellect of the hearer; taking care at all times to adapt the offered food to the condition and station of the listener; giving milk to babes, and meat to those who have grown stronger."

"If he teaches because it is God's will, that God may become known - and for that reason only - he will receive knowledge and wisdom and the words will have effect and take root in the souls who are in the right condition to receive them, for they will have been made more powerful by the Holy Spirit. In such a case the benefit to the teacher in growth is as ninety to ten parts of gain received by the hearer; for the teacher becomes like a tree bearing fruit through the power of God."

('Abdu'l-Bahá)

Calendar for October

Thursday, October 1st - 7.30 p.m.	Speaker: Mr. Ian Semple.
SATUR Sunday, October 3rd - 3.30 p.m.	To meet Hand of the Cause of God, Mrs. Dorothy Baker.
Thursday, October 8th - 7.30 p.m.	Speaker: Mrs. Doris Ballard.
Thursday, October 15th - 7.30 p.m.	Speaker: Mr. H. Backwell.
Friday, October 16th - 7.30 p.m.	Nineteen Day Feast of 'Ilm (Knowledge) Hostess: Mrs. Iran Mir-Fakhrai
Monday, October 19th - 7.30 p.m.	Feast of the Birth of the Báb. (contributions in kind are invited)
Thursday, October 22nd - 7.30 p.m.	Speaker from the United Nations Association. (United Nations' Day - October 24th)
Thursday, October 29th - 7.30 p.m.	Speaker: Mr. H.M. Balyuzi.

Our Community

Mr. Ziaullah Asgharzadeh has gone to pioneer in Jersey, Channel Islands. We feel proud, honoured and grateful that a member of our Community has attained the rank of the "Knights of Bahá'u'lláh".

Our most loving welcome to Miss Barbara Simmonds, Mr. Man Mohan and Mr. Geoffery Rideout, who have declared their Faith and joined our Community. We also welcome most warmly and joyously Miss Noura Faridiyan, Miss Vivian Isenthal and Mr. Conor Padilla, who have come to our Community from Edinburgh, Brighton and

Costa Rica respectively. Mr. S. Setareh has left for Tihran. We are eagerly looking forward to his return.

Our Visitors

Again it has been our good fortune and privilege to meet a number of our beloved friends from abroad.

We have met with joy Miss Hopper and Miss Schott of the U.S.A. (on their way to their pioneering post in Madeira), Dr. Adib Baghdadi (from Baghdad), Mr. Goodwill Fiawoo (on his way back from U.S. to his home in Gold Coast), Mr. Rustam Khorsandian (from Bonn, Germany), Mr. A.H. Naimi (from Tehran), Mr. Shapur Rasikh (from Geneva), Mr. H. Sabit (from New York), and Miss Wahbiyah Sabour (from Baghdad).

Treasurer's Report

The friends made an effort to meet the expenses of the previous month. We should on no account relax our efforts. Even more, we should increase our efforts so as to be able to donate more to the National Fund, which is in urgent need of our contributions. Are we sufficiently conscious of our responsibilities in this day?

Opening a New Town

Before the Holy Year comes to its close, a new town is to be opened to the Faith. It is Reading, which because of its proximity to London and excellent train services between the two points, offers us a great chance for extension teaching work. Soon a pioneer will be in Reading, and a public meeting has been arranged for:

Monday, October 12th - 8 p.m.

at the Agricultural Hall

(not far from the Station)

Mr. Ian Semple will speak.

This, the first Bahá'í public meeting in Reading, needs support - support from us. It will be great to be present at a meeting where a new town is opened to the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh, and that at the close of the Holy Year.