

L O N D O N B A H Á ' Í B U L L E T I N

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"This is the Day, O my Lord, whose brightness Thou hast exalted above the brightness of the sun and the splendours thereof. I testify that the light it sheddeth proceedeth out of the glory of the light of Thy countenance, and is begotten by the radiance of the morn of Thy Revelation. This is the Day whereon the hopeless have been clothed with raiment of confidence, and the sick attired with the robe of healing, and the poor drawn nigh unto the ocean of Thy riches."

(Bahá'u'lláh)

COME TO THE NINETEEN DAY FEAST - II

What is the Nineteen Day Feast? Firstly, it is not our equivalent of a church service, not just a time for community worship? It has been called by 'Abdu'l-Baha, the fulfilment of the Lord's Supper. It is in its entirety, in the fullest sense of the words, holy communion. Not, as in Christendom, "to show the Lord's death till He come," but to meet together, in the awareness that He has come, as the foundation of that Kingdom on Earth which He has brought. Its purpose is, in the words of 'Abdu'l-Baha: "..... so that people may gather together and outwardly show fellowship and love, that the Divine mysteries may be disclosed".

Therefore we commune with God and one another in the three aspects of our lives: firstly, worship of God. In this part of the Feast we pray and read devotional passages from the pens of the Báb, Baha'u'lláh and the Master. This is a special devotional meeting, unlike the services in the Mashriqu'l-Adhkár it does not usually include readings from other Scriptures, nor instructional writings of the Bahá'í Scriptures - just prayers, meditations and devotions. Then we give our minds to the news and work of the Cause of God throughout the world and in London. This should be a most valuable period when problems and hopes and ideas flow freely between the L.S.A. and the Community. Lastly, the social part of the Feast when, unconfined by regulated consultation, we may get to know one another as people and rejoice in one another's company, so developing that love and unity which are the life of our souls and will cause us to grow in the knowledge of God.

Thus the divine mysteries will indeed be disclosed and the bewildered people of the world will be irresistibly attracted to our midst.

NINETEEN DAY FEASTS

Feast of Kalimát (Words) - Friday, July 13th at 7.30 p.m.

Hosts: Mr. F. Farrokhzadeh and
Dr. M.A. Saminiyan

Feast of Kamál (Perfection) - Wednesday, August 1st at 7.30 p.m.

Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. D. Millar

COMMEMORATION of the MARTYRDOM of the BĀB

Monday, July 9th. Meetings at 1 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

FRIDAY FIRESIDES at 7.30 p.m.

In the Library Room of the Hazíratu'l-Quds.

THURSDAY MEETINGS - 8 p.m.

July 5th	Professor Z.N. Zeine	"The Bá'b"
" 12th	Mr. Owen Battrick	"By their Fruits ye shall know them"
" 19th	Mr. D. Jordan	"The Challenge of the Bahá'í Faith"
" 26th	Mr. H.M. Balyuzi	"The Peace that Passeth all Understanding"

OUR COMMUNITY

A loving welcome to Mr. Hushang Mottahedeh, who has come to us from Iran.

We have been most happy and privileged to meet Mr. Ted Cardell, Mr. Philip Hainsworth (Uganda), Miss Margaret Lloyd (Nigeria), Mr. and Mrs. Mutlagh (Iran), Dr. F. Kazimzadeh, Miss B. Root (U.S.A.)

Dr. H. Moayyad underwent a medical operation in June. To him go our love and prayers for his complete recovery.

OUR FINANCES

1. The Treasurer reports that we are still not meeting our obligations. Contributions do not yet reach even the minimum requirements.
2. Here once again is the name and address of our Treasurer:
Mr. Donald Millar, 67 Grasmere Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.19.
3. We should all contribute to the Fund, no matter how small is the amount that we can give. Only then can we all be together in the work of the Cause.
4. Let us one and all rally during July, not only to meet our commitments, but also enable the Assembly to expand the work.
5. Lost opportunities rarely recur. As our beloved Guardian has said, now is the time for great victories.

MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES

Teaching: Mrs. G. Backwell, Mrs. M. Elliott-Smith, Mrs. D. Ferraby (Secretary),
Mrs. B. Leedham, Miss B. Simmonds, Mr. J. Wade.

Commemorations Mr. H. Backwell, Mr. A. Dehkan, Mr. D. Millar,
and Feasts: Mrs. M. Wade.

Welfare: Mrs. E. Millar, Mrs. M. Wade.

Centre Warden: Mrs. B. Karming

The National Youth Committee is entirely composed of London members. The Spiritual Assembly has asked them to undertake also the Youth work in London.
