

THIS ISSUE OF THE BULLETIN CONTAINS SOME IMPORTANT POINTS. PLEASE NOTE THEM CAREFULLY.

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"Night hath succeeded day, and day hath succeeded night, and the hours and moments of your lives have come and gone, and yet none of you hath, for one instant, consented to detach himself from that which perisheth. Bestir yourselves, that the brief moments that are still yours may not be dissipated and lost. Even as the swiftness of lightning your days shall pass, and your bodies shall be laid to rest beneath a canopy of dust. What can ye then achieve?" (Bahá'u'lláh)

COME TO THE NINETEEN DAY FEAST - III

Why are we Bahá'is? It is surely because each of us has recognized that Bahá'u'lláh is the Messenger of God for this age. He has come, He tells us, to build the Kingdom of God on earth, and we are the bricks of that building. What privilege is comparable to this? What greater service could we render to our fellow men and women than to hasten the growth of that Kingdom?

The foundation of the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh, is the Nineteen Day Feast, for it is here that the life of each individual Bahá'i meets the life of the Community; where the individual contributes his share of the life of the whole and is immeasurably strengthened by it in return.

After all, the whole purpose of the Manifestations of God is to teach men and women about God and to establish love and unity among Mankind. However much, therefore, we teach the Cause, however much we try to improve our own lives, we are neglecting the Kingdom itself if we neglect the Nineteen Day Feast. We cannot see now what this will become, what the Bahá'í Communities of the future will be like, but to take part now in the early years of these Feasts, to take a part in building up the spirit of love and fellowship and service which they are destined to create, is a duty we should be very, very wary of neglecting, and a joy we shall never replace.

Three successive issues of this Bulletin have carried an exposition of the Nineteen Day Feast.

What is our response going to be?

Nineteen Day Feasts are well attended, but they can be much better attended.

Come to the Nineteen Day Feast.

Nineteen Day Feasts

Feast of Kamál (Perfection) Wednesday, August 1st - 7.30 p.m.
Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Millar.

Feast of Asmá' (Names) Monday, August 20th - 7.30 p.m.
Hosts: Mrs. M. Elliott-Smith,
Mrs. B. Leedham,
Miss B. Simmonds.

London Bahá'í Fund

1. The Community has made a very good effort. Our arrears have been paid.
2. It is imperative to keep up this effort. (Continued over)

3. Here is again the name and the address of the Treasurer:

Mr. Donald Millar,
67, Grasmere Avenue,
Merton Park, S.W.19.

4. Are we all contributing to the Fund? If not, let us search our hearts to find the answer, "Why not?"

5. It is essential that we all contribute to the Fund, no matter how small our contribution can be.

London Teaching Committee Section

The Spiritual Assembly is allowing us space in each Bulletin, and we hope to give helpful suggestions and also news of teaching going on in London.

The Guardian's repeated appeals to us in Britain to concentrate on the Home Front and rapidly to increase our numbers, is a call to each individual to teach the Faith. There are many ways of making new contacts and everyone can find the way which suits him and his circumstances. "Only begin and everything will be all right."

The Teaching Committee is eager to give advice or help both to those just beginning to teach and those who want to do more.

Thursday Meetings - 8 p.m. sharp

August 2nd	Prof. Z.N. Zeine	"The Hour of Decision"
" 9th	Dr. F. Kazemzadeh	"World Order is the Goal"
" 16th	Miss M. Lloyd	"The Development of the Bahá'í Principles of Education in Africa"
" 23rd	Miss V. Isenthal	"For Ever and Ever"
" 30th	Mr. H.M. Balyuzi	"Before Abraham was I Am"

Friday Firesides at 7.30 p.m. In the Library Room of the Hazíratu'l-Quds

Our Community

A loving welcome to Miss Lois Houchin, who has declared her faith and joined our Community, and also to Miss Janette Langley of Uxbridge, who has attended London meetings though accepted by the National Spiritual Assembly.

We also welcome most warmly Miss M. Kiyani, who has come from Iran to study in London.

We are happy to report that Dr. H. Moayyad has now completely recovered.

Mr. Nelson Thomas, the first African Bahá'í of Gambia, is seriously ill in St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner. Our prayers are with him.

Mr. A. Nazar has left for a visit to Iran.

By-Election Result

Mr. E. Kamming	14 votes
Mr. J. Wade	4 "
Mrs. R. Wade	3 "

Mr. F. Afnan, Mr. A. Banani, Miss M. Cheesman,
Mr. A. Dehkan, Miss C. Le Gray, Mrs. E. Millar,
Dr. S. Naimi 1 vote each.
