

LONDON BAHÁ'Í CENTRE at the NATIONAL HAZÍRATU'L-QUDS

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"O servant of Truth! Wouldst thou obtain the sovereignty of earth and heaven? Seek nought but true servitude upon the threshold of Abha Beauty. Wouldst thou win the joy of liberty in this world and the next? Desire but submission unto His holy will. Wouldst thou discover the true way to God? Follow the path of His Covenant. Wouldst thou behold the light of eternal splendour? Fix thy gaze upon His bountiful grace vouchsafed from the Abha Kingdom." ( 'Abdu'l-Bahá )

PIONEER CALL

The Guardian has described the Home Front as "now standing in such dire need of a flow of pioneers... unexampled in British Bahá'í history". He tells us the phenomenal progress achieved in Africa may be "duplicated, nay surpassed" in the British Isles provided we display "a determination no less unyielding and a dedication no less whole-hearted and complete" than that displayed in Africa.

To achieve this goal there must be pioneers, and few Communities can spare members to pioneer without imperilling their Assembly status. A grave responsibility rests upon the London Bahá'ís who constitute the largest Bahá'í Community in the British Isles. Their dedication and determination must be a vital factor in stimulating the phenomenal progress that lies within reach. Who will arise to pioneer?

Do not be deterred by difficulties; faith and consultation can move mountains. The London Assembly will be delighted to consult with or advise anyone who wants to pioneer, but thinks it impossible.

TEACHING CALL

In the last paragraph of his recent letter, the Guardian appeals once more to "every individual" to contribute to the progress of the Ten Year Plan. Thus again he brings the achievement of the Plan down to the level of the effort of each one of us. Individual teaching, undertaken by each and every believer, is the basis on which the growth of the Faith, by the grace of Bahá'u'lláh, rests. Assemblies and Committees can make plans, give advice and so on, but it is the individual person, the single voice, which speaks of the Faith to yet another waiting soul, and that is the responsibility which rests on us all.

The London Community is a large one and London is a very big city. More Fireside Meetings, weekly, monthly or intermittently, held in different parts of London would help to spread the Faith more widely, to act as a leaven amongst the millions of Londoners. Who will start a new Fireside? Can the Teaching Committee help you to get going? (London Teaching Committee)

FIRESIDES

Fridays - 7.30 p.m. In the Library Room of the Haziratu'l-Quds.  
Saturdays - 8.- p.m. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kamming -  
 Flat 2, 21 Princes Avenue, Muswell Hill, N.10.  
 (Tudor 8339)  
Last Saturday of the Month In the afternoon - at the home of Mr. and  
 Mrs. Wade, 14 Northumberland Road, New Barnet,  
 Herts.

" BE LIKE A FOUNTAIN ..... "

1. Contributions to the London Bahá'í Fund still need a good increase.
2. Increased contributions are imperative.
3. The minimum requirement is a pound a day, £19 every 19 days.
4. Spiritual solidarity of the Community demands contribution by everyone, absolutely everyone.
5. Here is the name and the address of the Treasurer:

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

NINETEEN-DAY FEASTS

Feast of 'Izzat (Might) Saturday, September 8th, 3.30 p.m.  
Hosts: Mr. and Mrs. Wade.

Mrs. Philip Harvey and Mr. Farhad Tehrani invite you to attend a memorial meeting for their mother who passed away in the early part of August, in Abadan, Persia. This meeting at 3 p.m., prior to the Feast.

Feast of Mashyyat (Will) Wednesday, September 26th, 7.30 p.m.  
Host: Mr. S. Setareh

(Please note that this Feast is held a day earlier, so as not to clash with the Thursday evening meeting.)

THURSDAY MEETINGS - 8 p.m.

September	6th	Speaker:	Mr. John Ferraby	Subject:	"Mysticism and the Bahá'í Faith"
"	13th	"	Prof. Z.N. Zeine	"	"Tests"
"	20th	"	Mr. H.M. Balyuzi	"	"The Word made Flesh"
"	27th	"	Mr. Owen Battrick	"	"The Independent Investigation of Truth"

## OUR COMMUNITY

We extend a very warm welcome to Miss M. Massoudi, who has returned from Leeds.

Miss Barbara Simmonds has pioneered to Cardiff. We are proud of her.

Also the warmest welcome to Mr. Bruce McCombe who has returned from New Zealand.

We have been most happy and privileged to meet the following friends from abroad:

Mrs. Mildred Mottahedeh (New York)  
Mr. and Mrs. Hashemi (Pioneers in Cyprus)  
Dr. and Mrs. R. Forouzan (Tehran)  
Mr. Hamdi (Baghdad)  
Mr. Azizi, and Mr. and Mrs. Manavi (Tehran)  
Mr. and Mrs. I. Ettehadieh (Monte Carlo)

### AN INVITATION TO THE PERSIAN MEMBERS OF THE LONDON COMMUNITY

The Persian Committee of the National Spiritual Assembly requests you to come to a meeting on Friday, September 21st at 7 p.m. to hear the beloved Guardian's Nawruz Letter to the Baha'is of the East. This very important document cannot be duplicated.

#### LET US ASK OURSELVES

1. Do we go to the 19-Day Feast?
2. Do we teach the Faith?
3. Do we contribute to the Fund?