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Praise be to Thee, O my God, that Thou hast aided me to remember Thee and to praise Thee, and hast made known unto me Him Who is the Day-Spring of Thy signs, and hast caused me to bow down before Thy Lordship, and humble myself before Thy God-head, and to acknowledge that which hath been uttered by the Tongue of Thy grandeur BAHÁ U LLAH

19-DAY FEASTS

Feast of Kamal (Perfection) Friday, 2 August: 7.30 p.m. Host: Mr. Youssefian

Feast of Asma (Names) Tuesday, 20 August: 7.30 p.m. Host Mr. & Mrs D. Millar

PUBLIC MEETINGS

These will be held at London Bahá'í Centre, as usual, at 7.45 p.m.

THURSDAY

SPEAKER

1 August :	Mr. Philip Hainsworth
8 August :	Mr. John Wade
15 August :	Dr. Sohil Bushrui
22 August :	Mr. Micky Michaeloff
29 August :	Mrs Lina Smithson

The Monday Informal Discussion Evenings (7.45 p.m.) are getting more and more popular. In last month's Bulletin, the way these evenings are organized has been described at length. Please ensure that you offer your fullest co-operation to the Co-ordinator on duty. Sometimes right at the start, the friends and non-Bahá'ís present collect in small groups. This should be avoided and discouraged. No doubt after the Co-ordinator has completed the discussions and closed the session, small groups for detailed discussions are welcome. As the discussions on Monday usually involve detailed treatment of individual phases and precepts of the Faith, please acquaint your friends attending these discussions, with the basic principles of The Bahá'í Faith, before the discussions commence. If that is done, they will be able to enjoy and participate in the discussions. A brief announcement describing the objectives of the Informal Discussion Evening is displayed on a large card at the Centre. Please read it and show it to your friends.

LENDING LIBRARY

The demand for borrowing Bahai books and publications, by the non-Bahai friends is growing each day. All of them can not be expected to buy Bahai books. They can be served only if our Lending Library is well stocked with the basic Bahai books. You can help the library by buying one or more books and donating them. Please contact Miss. Jean Campbell, if you want to help in this important teaching effort. Jean will help you in selecting books needed for the library and enter them in the list of books available for loaning. Many thanks to those who have already donated books to the Lending Library. Please do not borrow more than one book at a time from the Lending Library, and return it within a fortnight, if you can. With your co-operation, the library can then serve many more people.

The Assembly has also started a Postal Lending Library and some books have been already donated. The library is managed by Edith Millar. Please contact Edith (CHERYWOOD 1325), if you wish to donate books.

"BAHAI WORLD FAITH"

This is an American publication and costs 22/- a copy. Orders can be given to Jean Campbell at the Centre. Only those who have registered an order and made payment to Jean can hope to get a copy of this much - sought - after publication.

BOOK SALES

Please enter the names of the books you buy at the Centre, in the book provided. Please do not use a fresh page for your entry but draw a line below the last entry and then make your entry of the books you are going to buy. That procedure would avoid the scattered blank spaces in the book.

"WHITE - ELEPHANT" SALE

Any item, which is in good condition and you can spare, can be donated for this sale. Please hand over your donation to Freda Nazar of London Youth Committee. Freda will keep all items received in safe custody and we shall have a bumper sale next month. Please watch for the date. Last year, two such sales benefited the Fund by over £70.

LONDON YOUTH COMMITTEE

has elected it's office - bearers.

Freda Nazar Chairman
Alexandra Beer Secretary
Jyoti Munsiff Treasurer

Their first activity will be a theatre-visit. If you want to join the group, please send 5/-d to the Treasurer, L.Y.C., 28, Inner Park Road, S.W.19 so as to reach before 10th August 1963. The visit will be to Shaftsbury Theatre and the play running there is "How to succeed in business without really trying". Please be at the theatre on Saturday 17th August by 8 p.m.

BRIGHTON COACH TRIP

One hundred and twelve persons, Bahais and their friends, took part in this outing. We had two full coach loads and some came by car. Bahais of Brighton and Hove joined us and so generously distributed cherries and plums from large boxes. The day turned out to be dry and pleasant with occasional chilly wind. Nothing dampened our spirit and all had a very enjoyable time. Though the contribution made by each was cheaper than railway fare, there was some money left unspent and after deducting all expenses the Fund got richer by £10.1.6d. That was not enough, friends. One of the leading Brighton newspaper published a three inch column news-item under a large heading: "Bahai Outing To Hove". Grateful appreciation goes to all who supported this outing and for their cheerful co-operation in all respects.

TEACHING

Interest of the general public in wanting to know more about the Bahai Faith has been evident in the number of requests received from various groups and clubs for Bahai speakers.

Attendance at Thursday Public Meetings and Monday Informal Discussion Evenings has been very encouraging. Usually both the rooms on the first floor get filled to capacity. Have you recently taken your 'contact' to any of these two evenings? Please do that and both of you will feel uplifted with the spirit of unity, understanding and fellowship.

BAHAI HOLY DAYS

On these days, children of Bahai parents can be kept away from attending the schools. School authorities can be advised that such absence is permissible according to Section 39(2) (b) of the Education Act, 1944, for religious abservance. If the Head of any school declines to permit the child's absence on a Bahai Holy Day, please get in touch with the National Assembly and they will do the needful. Observance of holy days would not only inculcate in a child the importance and significance of Bahai holy days, but would also serve to bring the Faith to the notice of the school authorities, teachers and fellow-pupils.

BAHAI MARRIAGE

Annette Martin and Sheik Nazeer Dooman got married at the Centre according to Bahai rites on 27th June. They have left England for Nazeer's home in Mauritius. We wish them a happy married life in the service of the Faith.

Peter Hardwick and Mohtaram Nikonbin were married on 1st June. Best of Bahai luck to them!

DECLARATION

The Assembly has been very happy to accept - Mr. Eric Reginald Marston as a Bahai. We welcome him and pray for his sincere and devoted services to the cause of God.

Major (Dr.) Nawab A. Kuraisy, who had known about the Faith for many years, was also accepted by the Assembly as a Bahai. We wish him happiness and success in his Bahai activities.

ASSEMBLY MEETINGS

London Assembly meets every alternate Tuesday at the Centre. If there is any matter in which the Assembly can help or advise please contact the Secretary (COL.8021)

STUDY CLASSES

Are held on each Friday evening at the homes of Bahai Youths. Please contact any London Youth for details.

SOUTHSEA COACH TRIP

The last coach-trip to Brighton was so enjoyable and worth while that the friends have shown a keen desire to have another one. The details of the next trip are as follows:

Sunday 18th August 1963.

Starting Point: 27, Rutland Gate,
Knightsbridge, S.W.7. (KNI.2566)

Time of Starting: 8.30 A.M.

Return Fare: 15/- per person

Packed Lunch to be taken by each.

On this occasion, we shall also have a public meeting in Southsea, besides lots of fun. Southsea is a very pleasant sea-side district near Portsmouth. The demand for this outing is bound to be very heavy. Some friends, who decided to join Brighton trip late, were disappointed because no seats were available. So PLEASE HURRY & BOOK EARLY. Firm bookings and payments are now accepted by Ernch Munsiff (28, Inner Park Road, S.W.19. PUT.8472)

PIONEERING

London community has supplied dozens of pioneers to various British towns and cities. The need for more pioneers has once again arisen. Those who can help the Faith by pioneering to places outside London may contact The Secretary of the Pioneering Sub-Committee at 27, Rutland Gate, S.W.7.

BAHAI FUND

Receipts: £385. 9. 3. (upto 13th July)

Outgoings: £279. 9. 5. (" " ")

Please send your contributions regularly to the Assembly Treasurer, Ernch Munsiff.