

British Baha'i News Letter.

July, 1929.

"O Children of Baha! Associate with all the people of the world, with men of all religions, in concord and harmony; in the spirit of perfect joy and fragrance. Remind them also of that which is for the benefit of all."

WORDS OF BAHÁ'U'LLAH.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

We have decided to periodically issue a letter similar to the present one, so that those friends living isolated (some of them at great distances from the groups) may share with the friends in the main groups in a general knowledge of the activities, and the progress of the Cause in this country. By this means it is hoped that every believer will feel the warmth and the affection contained in this new and very great Movement which is becoming established in every country in the world. The light of its universal principles is already illuminating countless minds, and its sweet and powerful call to universal peace is already vibrating through the world, but the Light and the Sweet Call are incomplete without the perfect sense and feeling of the grand spiritual Fellowship. Bearing this in mind, the members of the N.S.A. send to each friend the splendid greeting, "Allah'uAbha."

The Bournemouth friends desire it to be known that a Meeting is held every Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, at "Rizwan," Broadstone, Dorset, and anyone interested or wishing to learn more of the Baha'i teachings is warmly invited to attend. There are also occasional meetings in Bournemouth, and invitations are gladly sent to any who can attend. They are hoping shortly to arrange a public meeting, probably at the Town Hall, Bournemouth, when Mrs. Ford of New York will be present to give the Baha'i message.

They send you all most loving greetings and beg you to write to them so that each may help the other in the great work of the Cause.

Whilst sending warm-hearted Baha'i greetings to the members of the London and Dorset Assemblies, and to all isolated believers in various parts of the British Isles, the Manchester friends are happy to inform them that the work of the Cause is going forward in their area with quiet persistence, by regular Wednesday evening and monthly meetings, by personal effort, and by never-ceasing distribution of Baha'i literature.

In their task of diffusing the Glad Tidings of the Baha'i Move-

ment they are cheered by the knowledge that they are no longer alone in the North, since the sweet call of Abha has been raised in that old-time capital of York, where a devoted soul has been for some time giving forth the Baha'i Teachings. Also in that most northerly point of Great Britain, the enlightened fishing port of Wick in Caithness, we now have friends.

It is a far cry from the home of our late brother, Daniel Jenkyn, of St. Ives, Cornwall, so near Land's End, to the home of the "John O'Groat Journal" in Wick in the far north of Scotland, and it is interesting to know that Manchester, so midway, should be the spiritual and historical link between them. The Manchester Assembly owes much to St. Ives in the years gone by, and now Wick is responding spiritually to the Baha'i activities in Manchester. In the minds of the believers the phrase "From Land's End to John O'Groats" clothes itself in new meaning. The beautiful light of Abha has flashed from one end of Great Britain to the other, and matter concerning the Baha'i Movement is appearing with regularity in the pages of the northern journal. The friends in London will be especially pleased at such news—as it was from the hands of their devoted worker, Miss Ethel J. Rosenberg, that the first Baha'i literature reached the present workers in Manchester, and it was the spark thus kindled that the spirit in St. Ives helped so greatly to fan into flame in the bygone days.

Since then, the London, Dorset, and Manchester Assemblies have been working simultaneously, assisted greatly by the saintly exertions of the late Dr. J. E. Esslemont, whose splendid achievement "Baha'ullah and the New Era," was written in Bournemouth, to the Glory of God, and for the express purpose of assisting English speaking friends in the work of diffusing the Glad Tidings of Abha.

The Manchester friends wish it to be known that information regarding meetings, and the literature of the Baha'i Movement, may be obtained from the local secretary, Mr. E. T. Hall, 1, Norton Street, Higher Broughton, Manchester.

The season of Rizwan was made notable by the co-operative effort of the friends through which the great work of building the Mashriq'l Adhkar in America was aided by a £200 contribution from the English Baha'is. Announcement of this was cabled to Chicago during the session of the American National Baha'i Convention there, and elicited a warmly appreciative cabled response. The friends in England redoubled their efforts to swell the contribution when it was made known that every pound raised up to £100 would be duplicated by an earnest worker for the building of the Temple, who modestly desired to remain anonymous. Coupled with the announcement of the gift of £200, was cabled the fact

that Miss Vandell, of London, is contributing approximately £800 to the Temple.

The London friends are enjoying a third consecutive visit to London of Mrs. Mary Hanford Ford of New York. Mrs. Ford has recently travelled on a Baha'i lecture tour through the middle west of America and attended the Annual Baha'i Convention in Chicago. Her inspiring addresses are interesting old and new friends alike.

During the recent past the Wednesday evening meetings at Lindsey Hall have been held continuously and have been well attended. Several workers for world unity, including Mr. Paul H. Steele, of the Church Peace Union, Mr. Dimsdale Stocker, New Thought Movement, Mrs. Lewis, Fellowship of Faiths, Miss Woods, Theosophy, Mr. Larter, Christian Endeavour Fellowship, have told us about their work. On each occasion a Baha'i Chairman has given a brief resumé of the Baha'i Teachings of Unity and shown how the power of the Holy Spirit which is flooding the world today, is bringing about wonderful things in co-operative effort.

Lady Blomfield has spoken recently to large audiences at Lindsey Hall regarding her important work for peace in Geneva, where she has been for the past nine months.

All correspondence should be addressed to Mrs. Annie Romer, Secretary, London Spiritual Assembly, 2, Sloane Terrace, Sloane Square, S.W.1.

"The Tongue of Greatness hath said that which is revealed from the Heaven of Will in this Supreme Manifestation is to unite the people with love and friendship toward all."

"Magnify My Cause, that I may reveal unto thee the secrets of My greatness and shine upon thee with the light of eternity."

"Make mention of Me on My earth, that in My heaven I may remember thee; thus shall Mine eyes and thine be solaced."

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In conclusion we send this letter forth praying that the Holy Spirit will use it to draw us all closer together, whilst blessing our every good effort to serve the Cause.

GRACE CHALLIS,

Chairman, National Spiritual Assembly.

"Rizwan," Broadstone, Dorset.