

**News Letter from Baha'is  
of the British Isles.**

**December, 1932.**

To the friends of God in London.

Upon them be Baha'u'llah-el-Abha.

Oh ye heavenly friends of Abdul Baha,  
Christmas is approaching.

It is a day when His Holiness Christ (may my life be his sacrifice), stepped on this lower world so that the graces of Heavey might envelope the world of Humanity, that the Light of the Kingdom might shine forth and quicken the souls of men. Praise be to God that all these events took place, and this day became glorious! Therefore I extend to you all congratulations.

It is my hope that through the Light of the Sun of Reality which has shone forth from the dawning place of Baha'u'llah the East and the West will be illumined, and the Orient and the Occident will embrace each other like lovers, because the effulgence of the Sun of Truth has enlightened all the Universe.

Unto you be the glory of Abha.

(Signed) ABDUL BAHHA ABHAS.

December 2nd, 1920. Haifa.

Through Aga Lotfullah Hakim.

#### London News.

At the end of September the Bahai centre was moved from Walmar House to 19, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

Here we have a large room for meetings and also a small one opening out of it which is very useful. These rooms are on the third floor and the windows look out over the trees of Buckingham Palace Gardens, so there is plenty of light and fresh air. By this move we have obtained a most suitable centre at slightly less cost, but even this has only been achieved by sacrifice and generous help from friends abroad. It will need continued effort and unshakeable faith to keep this Bahai Home during these troubled times, but we believe that God will help us as He has up to now.

Since our last Letter was circulated we have had many visitors. Miss Anny Grünzweig who was brought up in the Bahai Cause in Stuttgart and now lives at Beirut in Syria and is in frequent communication with Haifa.

Miss Julia Goldman from Honolulu is now in England and we have been very much pleased to welcome her at our meetings, at which she has spoken several times.

Other visitors who have been with us are : Dr. N. P. Nigan, Mr. A. C. Chakiavartti and Miss A. Allen.

The Bahai Room is open daily from 1 to 5 (except Saturdays and Sundays) for consultation and reading. A well stocked Library of Baha'i writings is available.

#### London.

A "Youth Group" has recently been formed among the London Bahais, and it is exceedingly promising for it is full of enthusiasm and fire.

They have their meetings every Friday night at 8 o'clock, tea is served at 10, but they often do not separate till 10.30, so great is their interest.

The energetic committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. Alisade, Mrs. Brown, Mr. Balyuzi, Mr. Dekkan, Mr. Dear, Miss Phillips and Mr. Aziz Yazdi, and the two Misses le Gray, seems to have hit on a most successful plan for keeping up this interest and including everyone in its activities, for though at the first meeting there were only 6, ever since the numbers have run to 19 or 20, with the young men and the girls in about equal proportions.

Mr. Aziz Yazdi from Egypt, and the young Persian men students here in London at present, help the meeting a good deal.

One week the "Youth Group" has half-an-hour's address given by one of its members, a reading from the Bahai writings, and questions and discussions. The following Friday every member present has to speak for 5 minutes on a given subject. This is a most excellent way of overcoming their self-consciousness and nervousness, and learning to put their ideas in order and express them.

As Abdul Baha says to everyone : "Teach the cause, teach, teach!" we must be capable of speaking about it. In a wonderful tablet on teaching he says : "Teach as if offering a gift to a King, humbly and submissively, not with force or insistence—imperatively strenuously—but with gentleness and sweetness, submitting the arguments and truths to the heart and intellect of the hearer. Be as the servant of God, and therefore the servant of the hearer; taking care at all times to adapt the offered food to the condition and station of the listener; giving milk to babes, and meat to those who have grown stronger.

"If he teaches because it is God's will, that God may become known—and for that reason only, he will receive knowledge and wisdom and the words will have effect and will take root in the souls who are in the right condition to receive them, for they will have been made more powerful by the Holy Spirit. In such a case the benefit to the teacher in growth is as ninety to ten parts of gain received by the hearer; for the teacher becomes like a tree bearing fruit through the Power of God."

## **Manchester.**

The Manchester friends are now feeling themselves fairly well established in their room for public services at 17, Queens Road, Manchester, and are looking forward to increasing activities in spreading the cause in this northern city. The consistent attendance of the friends is a conspicuous feature and many people have been attracted and have evinced an interest in the teachings. We are endeavouring to maintain their awakened interest.

The Sunday devotional services bring satisfaction to heart and mind and give spiritual sustenance and stimulate enthusiasm to spend our time and energies in working for "The Most Great Peace" and the unification and harmonisation of the world.

Though dependent upon the local friends up to the present as speakers we have been fortunate in having Mr. E. T. Hall, Mr. A. Sugar, Mr. Wray, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Craven, Mr. E. Sugar, a promising exponent, and our worthy treasurer, Mr. Chessel, as willing workers to act in that capacity.

The Esperanto group is in process of reconstitution and hopes to make progress in the near future.

The friends are indebted to Miss Lucy Hall for musical assistance in the services and which have been willingly rendered.

United in heart and mind in the service of "The Blessed Perfection," and under the inspiration of "The Master" and the "Supreme Concourse" we are prayerfully pressing forward in our endeavour to establish upon the earth the ideals of the Cause of Baha and may the blessing of The Most Glorious rest upon all those who are united with us in working, all over the world, to this divine end.

## **Bournemouth.**

Since the last News Letter was issued there have been no special meetings in Bournemouth. The friends meet every Sunday at Rizwan, and some happy, helpful gatherings have been held, and many are finding that in these days of trial and uncertainty, there is healing and strength to be found in the Bahai teachings. The local Service Fund has proved of great benefit in helping sick and needy people. Also a regular monthly contribution is sent to the N.S.A., representing weekly donations from various members of the Group, for the Temple Fund.

Information concerning the Movement can be obtained from the Secretaries :

MRS. ROMER, Bahá'í Room, 19, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1.

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For the National Spiritual Assembly cables should be addressed : "National, care Asgarzadah, London."

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