

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

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"Let there be no misgivings as to the animating purpose of the world-wide Law of Baha'u'llah. Far from aiming at the subversion of the existing foundations of society, it seeks to broaden its basis, to remould its institutions in a manner consonant with the needs of an ever-changing world. It can conflict with no legitimate alliances, nor can it undermine essential loyalties."

(SHOGHI EFFENDI).

**November, 1935.**

## National.

### THE TEACHING VISIT OF MRS. BISHOP.

Upon the invitation of the National Teaching Committee, and the advice of the Guardian, Mrs. Charles Bishop of the International Baha'i Bureau, Geneva, came to this country for one month (September 27th—October 27th). In this News Letter we read reports received from various centres, of her valuable teaching activities. In addition to localities mentioned later, Mrs. Bishop visited York and Birmingham. There are two Baha'is in York—Mrs. Kenworthy and Mrs. Pegg, and one Baha'i in Birmingham—Mr. Marshall. Through their efforts Mrs. Bishop met a few interested people. Mrs. Bishop's teaching tour has given our work a fresh stimulus. While thanking her for her services to the cause in Great Britain, we confidently hope to have another visit from her in the near future.

### SUMMER SCHOOL.

The National Assembly wish to bring the question of a Summer School to the attention of the friends. No final decision has been reached by the Assembly, but it has been agreed to make all possible efforts to arrange it. A need is felt to have such an opportunity for serious study of the Baha'i teachings.

### WILLS.

The National Assembly urge the Baha'i friends to deposit copies of their wills with their assemblies. Baha'u'llah puts it as our duty to leave Wills.

### JOHN O'GROAT JOURNAL.

Mr. R. J. G. Millar, the Editor of John O'Groat Journal kindly continues to review the "World Order." Mr. Millar writes in his issue of September 17th, that, "The Movement has devoted followers all over the world; and although it is still little known in Britain, it seems destined to capture the attention and support of thinkers and statesmen who are at their wit's end everywhere to find the solution of true brotherhood and right relationships among the peoples of the world."

## London.

### NEW CENTRE.

The London Baha'i Centre moved from 19, Grosvenor Place, S.W.1, to 86, Lancaster Gate, W.2, on September 30th. The new centre is more spacious, and commands a beautiful view of Hyde Park.

### MEMBERS.

Mrs. Annie B. Romer left for the United States in June. Her devoted services to the cause in Great Britain will always be remembered with affection and gratitude.

Miss Beatrice Irwin sailed for America at the end of August. Her departure necessitated the election of another member for the London Spiritual Assembly. At a meeting on September 15th, Miss Evelyn Baxter was elected. Miss Baxter is now the "Recording Secretary" of the assembly, and Mrs. Brown is the "Corresponding Secretary."

Miss Golden Kilford accompanied Mrs. Romer to the United States. We are expecting her return in December.

Mr. Aziz Yazdi, who was staying in Wales during the past year, is now back in the London area.

Mr. Habib Bakeroff Khamsi came to London from Beirut, Lebanon, in August. He will reside in London and therefore is a new member of our community.

Miss Julia Goldman is going to be in London for some time, and is another welcome addition to our number.

### VISITORS.

Mrs. Bolles and Miss Bolles came to this country in September. They will be here until December. Mr. Zabih stayed in London for a few days. We were glad to meet them all.

### MEETINGS.

Sunday evening meetings have been very successful, and have attracted a good number of earnest and seeking souls. Due to the holiday season, they were temporarily stopped in August. The new Room has a central situation, and we expect to have more people at our meetings.

Mrs. Charles Bishop's visit has been of considerable help to our teaching efforts, for which we are very grateful. Mrs. Bishop addressed four of our Sunday meetings in September and October, and spoke on a variety of subjects. Her lucid, clear and eloquent exposition of the cause left a deep impression on the people. In these talks Mrs. Bishop outlined the achievements of the great religious systems of the past, exhibiting their oneness of purpose, and demonstrating their subjection to cyclic law. The Manifestation of Baha'u'llah, she concluded, was the progenitor of a new cycle in human relationships. Jesus put the emphasis on the individual, Muhammed extolled the State, and Baha'u'llah stressed the Society. Every cycle has a different focal point.

Mrs. Bishop met the Baha'is at two Nineteen Day Feasts, and spoke at length on the Administration. Her main theme on those two occasions was the fact that any ideal to be vocal and effective should possess a solid medium of organization. Moreover co-operation and working in unity are impossible without directing agencies. The great religions of the world did not fully succeed in their allotted tasks, because they lacked definite provisions for Administration. Thus divisions, sectarianism, and theological argumentation clouded their realities. The Baha'i cause is endowed with clear and unquestionable instructions regarding administrative institutions which by their simplicity and effectiveness will be the pattern for a New World Order.

We hope to start fireside meetings during the coming winter. Such meetings not only bring the people into closer contact, but their informal nature opens the way for fuller and more profitable discussion.

#### THE LONDON BAHAI YOUTH GROUP.

Meetings were suspended during the summer months. They were resumed in September. On the 7th, Mr. A. H. Dehkan of Paris, conducted a discussion meeting.

Two meetings were held in October. On the 4th, we had the privilege of having Mrs. Charles Bishop as our speaker. A Reception was arranged on the 25th to which we invited our friends to meet Mrs. Bishop. Preceding the Reception, Mr. Zabih, a young visitor from Teheran, gave us a moving talk on the heroism of the pioneers of the Baha'i Faith.

Henceforth we shall hold only one meeting during the month, on the first Thursday, which will be devoted to study and discussion.

Our monthly Socials, and monthly Sunday Teas will be continued as before. We firmly believe in good fellowship.

#### Bournemouth.

A public meeting was held on October 24th at the Theosophical Lodge, when Mrs. Charles Bishop gave a splendid address on "Divine Progressive Revelation." The chair was taken by Miss Florence Pinchon, formerly a member of the Bournemouth Community. The audience were keenly interested and asked many questions at the close of the address.

#### Bradford.

The Bradford group sends loving greetings to the Baha'is of every land.

Under the able guidance of Mr. Alfred Sugar of Manchester this group continues to meet monthly.

We have been privileged of late in having gained great inspiration, and help from Baha'i teachers who have visited the group.

During August, Mrs. Brown and Mr. Balyuzi of London addressed one of our monthly meetings. Mr. Balyuzi gave us an inspiring account of how the teachings of Baha'u'llah can have its influence in the spiritual and economic life of the body-politic. This meeting was well attended, and an interesting discussion followed.

Mrs. Bishop spent the week-end of October 12th and 13th in Bradford and addressed two meetings. Friends both from Leeds and Bradford were present at these meetings, and all were inspired and guided into a deeper understanding of this great cause. In Mrs. Bishop we found a radiant Baha'i who spares neither time nor energy in the furtherance of the cause. Her visit has proved of great value to the Bradford group.

A special meeting of friends was called on Sunday, October 20th, when Mr. Zabih (of Teheran) came from Manchester to address the group. His subject, "The History of Sufism in Iran (Persia) and Theosophy in the light of the manifestation of Baha'u'llah," proved to be of great help and especially to those of the group who had originally been interested in Theosophy.

The Manchester friends had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Brown, Miss Molly Brown, and Mr. Balyuzi during the week, August 19th to 26th. Two happy meetings were held in Manchester. A meeting was arranged in Altrincham under the auspices of the Workers' Educational Association, at which Mr. Balyuzi spoke on the history of our Faith.

Meetings at Houldsworth Hall were suspended from August 12th to October 7th. In this interval, gatherings were held at the homes of the friends.

Mr. E. T. Hall has recently written a poem, "The World's Great Need," the theme of which is the absolute and urgent necessity for a Parliament of Man. The Manchester friends feel confident that the circulation of this poem will help considerably to call the peoples' attention to the Baha'i aim of an International Tribunal and a Universal House of Justice. Already the response to it has been very encouraging.

Mrs. Charles Bishop came to Manchester on October 7th and on the same day gave an excellent address on the Baha'i Faith, in Houldsworth Hall. A week later a meeting was arranged for Baha'is only, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chessel, at which Mrs. Bishop spoke on Baha'i administration. The Manchester friends express their deep appreciation of Mrs. Bishop's visit to the North.

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