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THE NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHÁ'Í'S  
OF THE BRITISH ISLES.

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Secretary's address:-  
29, Doughty Street,  
London, W.C.1.

Dear Friends,

We have inaugurated this News-Letter with the object of maintaining contact with our fellow believers throughout the Bahá'í world and we hope to use it regularly as a means of conveying our greetings, acknowledging your communications and advising you of the progress of the Faith in these Islands.

We have received with gratitude the official communications of the National Assemblies of America, India and Iran as well as many publications of local Assemblies. The letters of the Unity of East and West Committee have been distributed and eagerly perused and the letters from the Spiritual Assembly of Haifa, containing news of our beloved Guardian, have been most welcome.

The past six months has been a period of steady consolidation within the Faith and has witnessed an expansion of our Teaching activities. We have definitely felt a new spirit and a new energy at work and the results can already be seen. Through study, a deepening of our understanding of the fundamentals of the Faith has been achieved. The receipt of the Guardian's new letter "The Unfoldment of World Civilization" has given a tremendous impetus to our realization of the urgency of the time and of 'the day in which we live'. A new and greater sense of responsibility has been awakened and the friends throughout the country are arising to shoulder the task. There has been a greater recognition and a strengthening of the position of the National Spiritual Assembly. A regular Teaching Bulletin has been issued to every known believer and plans are now in progress for the publication of a magazine for non-believers. Our greatest achievement so far has been the holding of our first Summer School. This occasion has only just concluded and it is with a sense of deep gratitude that we recognise, in the success which it attained, the confirming hand of Divine assistance. We plan to hold Summer School again next year.

The Teaching work has been greatly assisted through the untiring and devoted efforts of Mr & Mrs Charles Bishop. They



have been here since February and have taught in established centres such as London and Manchester, in places where one or a few friends have been working steadily, and have visited many places where there is no resident Bahá'í teacher. The reports of the National Teaching Committee indicate that they have found ready and responsive audiences. Madame Orlova has helped us in London and at Summer School. A start has been made with a small study group in a city which is in the centre of England's industrial population and in other parts of the country, classes are being held.

The World Congress of Faiths was held in London during July with its subject, "World Fellowship Through Religion". In introducing the Bahá'í paper, presented by Rev. G. Townshend with the approval of the Guardian, the Chairman said that in his opinion the Bahá'í Faith came nearer than any to the aims and ideals of the Congress since it put into practise what the Congress sought to achieve.

With warmest Bahá'í greetings.

Faithfully,

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Secretary,  
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Bahá'ís of the British Isles.