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The London Spiritual Assembly,
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1st Letter

From the Bahai Friends of London, through the London Spiritual Assembly, to the Bahai Friends East and West through their Spiritual Assemblies:-

For the beautiful letters and inspiring news lately received from the Bahai Spiritual Assemblies of Haifa, Beyrout, Port Said, Shanghai, Moscow, Tashkent, Merv, Ashkabad, Baku, Vladivostock, Teheran, Tabriz, Meshed, Birdjand, Shiraz, Gasvin, Marand, Arag, Kashan, Kirmanshah, Resht, Tahidjan, Enzeli, Karachi, Calcutta, Bombay, Rangoon, New York, Boston, Washington, Kenosha, Stuttgart, Paris, Chicago, Philadelphia, San Francisco, we rejoice, and ask fervent prayers from all, that the confirmations of the Holy Spirit may descend upon the Friends in London so that the Divine Message of Baha'u'llah may be given in England with clearness, inspiration and dynamic power.

"The Promised One hath Come", and the Messianic Outpouring is for all whose hearts are born of the spirit in this New Dispensation of Grace and Truth. May the united prayers of the Friends attract earnest hearts to these Glad-Tidings so that a new era of consciousness in the Cause be unfolded.

At the Conference of Living Religions within the British Empire, which is to take place at the Wembley Exhibition, it has been arranged that the Bahai Message is to be presented on September 26th. All the Friends are active in endeavouring to use this opportunity for the Glory of God and the good of humanity. Owing to interest felt by the Friends in every region of the world in the progress of the Cause at the Wembley Conference, the Committee of Correspondence will endeavour to include in its next letter all authentic information.

A pamphlet written by Dr. Esslemont for use at the Conference as an introduction to the Cause, has been published by the National Spiritual Assembly of England.

The visits of Mrs. Maxwell, and Mr. F. Schopflocher of Canada mentioned in the last Circular letter have been the source of much inspiration and stimulus to the Friends.

The recent visitors have been Monsieur and Mdme. Dreyfus-Barney, who in their short stay gave most interesting addresses and laid great emphasis on the fact that the Spirit of Baha'u'llah is affecting the ideals of the different progressive movements now working towards unity and peace.

Mrs. Schopflocher passed through London on her way to Canada, and brought the Friends the happiness of hearing of her work in the far East and of her contact with the boundless activity of Miss Martha Root, and of the readiness of the souls everywhere to receive the Message of Baha'u'llah.

All the Friends in England unite in reverent love and sympathy for the persecuted in Khorassan, especially for the relatives of that blessed soul, Sheikh Abdul Medjid, whose blood has been shed in the Path of this Divine Cause.

Baha'u'llah has revealed that the blood of the martyrs has watered the Tree of the Cause, therefore we are sure that the outcome of that persecution will bring new impetus to the spread of the Divine Message in those regions.

The National Spiritual Assembly of England, comprising Dr. Esslemont for Bournemouth, Mr. Craven and Mr. Asgarzadeh for Manchester, Lady Blomfield, Mrs. George, Miss Rosenberg, Mrs. Thornburgh-Cropper, Mr. Simpson and Ruhi Afnan for London: and Lady Blomfield, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. George, Miss Herrick, Miss Rosenberg, Mrs. Slade, Mrs. Thornburgh-Cropper, Mr. Simpson and Ruhi Afnan for the Spiritual Assembly of London, were elected the first day of the Feast of Rizwan, 1924.

Protected by the Will of Abdu'l-Baha we rejoice in united service and loyalty to the Guardian of the Cause, and are as one soul in the desire to serve faithfully, and to the utmost of our ability in whatever Shoghi Effendi directs.

Allah 'u' Abha!

(Signed)

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