

Circular Letter.

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From the London Spiritual Assembly of Baha'is, to the
Friends of God in all parts of the World. -

Dear Co-Workers In His Name,

Greetings and faith and hope always to you, but at this blessed Season, when the Feast of the Centre of the Covenant - the Fete Day of Abdu'l-Baha - is so closely followed by this Day of Memorial of His Ascension to the Abha Kingdom, His well-known words, written for our guidance and comfort, bind afresh in ever-deepening tie, those who know the power of Divine Utterance:-

"Fear not if this Branch be severed from the material earth, and cast aside Its leaves, nay - rather - Its leaves will flourish - for this Branch will grow after It is cut from the earth, and will ascend until It shelters the universe, Its foliage will reach the Supreme Apex, and bear fruits imparting fragrant perfumes unto the world."

How much work for us all, is encompassed in the following Utterance of the Centre of the Covenant, just before leaving America:-

"In brief - let each one of you be as a lamp shining forth with the Light of the virtues of the world of humanity. Be trustworthy, sincere, affectionate and replete with chastity.

Be illumined, be spiritual, be divine, be glorious, be quickened of God, be a BAHAI!"

The New Day is here, let us rejoice, that each awakened soul can sing in praise and thanksgiving as the consciousness of the Glory of God made manifest in Baha'u'llah for guidance of humanity through this dark world, brings to our inner sight the Ark of the Covenant triumphantly riding all storms!

"Verily, everything is made captive in the Grasp of His Power, and verily this is easy and practicable unto Him."

ALLAH'U'ABHA!

With serenity let us love and work, with deep prayers for guidance, and trim our lamps for His use.

Yours in faith,

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News Notes:

There have been many visiting Friends in London, this year.

Various Friends from the Orient, and from other parts of England, America, Canada and Australia.

Among the many bringing their inspiration and service to the Cause according to their individual gifts of spirit and Baha'i knowledge, during the last six months we have had the following:-

Miss Helen Grand whom the London believers rejoiced to welcome back in their midst, as for years she was one of the devoted members of the London Assembly.

Her loving thoughtfulness for the work of the Cause, and her unflinching earnestness in service, helped many; and since her return to Toronto, through the flowers she has ordered to be sent to the meeting each week, the friends are enabled to carry on her thought by passing them on to those to whom they bring a message and a refreshment.

From the Montreal Convention of the National Spiritual Assembly we first had direct news from Miss Isabel Rives.

She is now here in London working on her book *The Shining Light*, which will be a valuable presentation of the Holy Utterances, for those who seek to know the Revealed Word.

From Mrs. Mary Ford, who had been on the Continent we heard many talks, and those talks given outside of the Cause gave new light on the importance of the knowledge of the Cause to many.

Mrs. Corinne True spent a week here on her way to Geneva and the Holy Land. Her clear words will long be remembered, and her direct teachings from the Holy Utterances brought light to all who came in contact with her faith and devotion.

Mrs. Elizabeth B. Nourse spent a few days in London, en route for America. She had been on the Continent in obedience to the wish of Shoghi Effendi spending most of her time abroad at Geneva and environs, and brought with her the spirit of prayer and radiant faith and active service.

In September we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Henderson, of Melbourne, Australia, and again heard directly from the Montreal Convention. She is the first Australian in the history of the Cause to be at a Mashriq'ul-Adkhar Convention, as a believer. Before leaving America for England, she also visited Green Acre and met many of the believers who assemble there for the meetings that are a memorial of the days spent there by Abdul'l-Baha in 1912.

She carried back to Australia the affection of the friends here and the love of the English believers to those overseas. May all the pure seeds sown in that wonderful country be blessed by the Divine Gardener for radiant service in faith and love.

From the Holy Land direct came Mrs. Ruth Moffat of Chicago, bringing messages from Shoghi Effendi and the Friends in Acca and Haifa. Her short stay was ringing with her call:- "Now is the accepted time" ... "Each is free to grade himself... to choose now - the mists of the flats... or the low way, or the steep high way." "This is the day when the soul proves itself!"

Miss Martha L. Root of the United States has spent five months in Great Britain. After her return to London from the 16th Universal Esperanto Congress in Edinburgh, Scotland, she gave two lectures before the International New Thought Congress in London. Shoghi Effendi cabled Mr. Mountfort Mills in Paris asking him to lecture with Miss Root in London for three weeks. Four public lectures in Lindsay Hall were arranged by the London Spiritual Assembly. Mrs. Thornburg Cropper and Lady Blomfield arranged two World Unity Conferences in Caxton Hall. Sunday meetings were held in Mrs. George's home in Argyle Mansions. Miss Elizabeth Herrick had a meeting for fifty guests in her home. Mrs. Marcus Slade had an afternoon meeting at her home, Mallard's Court. Mrs. R.B. Knight, a Baha'i in Brighton had a meeting in her city.

The Spiritualist Church of which Sir Arthur Conan Doyle is President, in London, invited Mr. Mills and Miss Root to take their Sunday Morning Service. Miss Root broadcast in London during the visit of the Dominion Premiers. She was asked to speak on the subject: "An American Woman Views the Dominions". She gave the words of Sir Abdul Baha Abbas on brotherhood. One Children's meeting was held in the home of Mrs. Arthur Brown. Little Miss Molly Brown, founder of the Garden of Justice, presided. The Faithists arranged a meeting. Miss Dulcie Turnbull and Miss Root were hostesses at an evening for young people in Emerson Hall. Mr. Schail Afnan of Haifa was the guest of honor. He spoke eloquently and with great power on what youth can do. The young people are continuing these evening talks.

Two visits were made to Manchester College, Oxford, where Abdul Baha had spoken. Professor L.P. Jacks (Editor of the Hibbert Journal) and head of the college, arranged for Mr. Mills and Miss Root to speak before Manchester College students; afterwards an open forum followed. Four books were placed in the College Library.

Mr. Mills, Mr. H. Dreyfus-Barney, Mr. G. Townshend and Miss Root visited Prof. R.A. Nicholson of Cambridge University. He is the Professor of Oriental Languages since the passing of Prof. Edward G. Browne.

Mr. Mills and Mr. Dreyfus-Barney spoke at a meeting of the Religions and Ethics Committee of the League of Nations, held in the home of Mrs. Alexander Whyte. Mrs. Dreyfus-Barney spoke before the National Congress of the Council of Women and Miss Root spoke in Denmark Hill, London.

Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Marshall, Baha'is of Birmingham, arranged with the Birmingham Esperantists for Miss Root and Mr. Mills to lecture in the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. A Quaker family who had entertained Dr. Esslemont invited Miss Root to be their guest in Birmingham.

The Manchester Baha'is arranged a series of lectures for eight days. Different speakers went for two or three days each and spoke with Miss Root who remained for the eight days. Mr. Mills spoke with her Saturday evening before the Baha'is in Mr. Joseph's offices. Mr. Ahmad Yazdi of Port Said was a welcome guest. They spoke Sunday in the Adult School in Warrington, and Tuesday evening in Science Hall in Altrincham. Then Mr. Mills left for Paris, Geneva and Haifa. Mrs. Fred Schopflecher of Montreal, visiting in London, came to Manchester for two days. Miss Root and Mrs. Schopflecher spoke before the Arts Club of Rev. Mr. H.H. Johnson's Church, Manchester and the next afternoon Mrs. Schopflecher gave a tea at the Midland Hotel for friends to come and ask questions. The same day both these Baha'is spoke, at the noon hour, before the employees of the Linotype and Machinery Company of Altrincham which employs seventeen hundred men. They were guests of the Directors at luncheon. The

to her work in Budapest and Vienna spent one day with the Manchester friends and spoke beautifully at this meeting in the Adult School. Miss Dulcie Turnbull of London went to Manchester for four days to help Miss Root.

Lady Blomfield went to Manchester for the week-end. She and Miss Root had a meeting in the Victoria Hotel Saturday evening. Sunday, Miss Root addressed two hundred boys and girls in the Unitarian Sunday School and Sunday evening both spoke in Rev. H. H. Biggs' Unitarian Church in Altrincham. After the service more than one hundred people remained for nearly two hours to ask questions.

The Manchester Bahá'is will arrange a Public Speaking Class with a special teacher, to train the Bahá'í youth to become Bahá'í speakers.

Miss Root went from Manchester to Cardiff, Wales for a few days, Miss Dulcie Turnbull and Mrs. Schopflocher came for the week-end. A few words were spoken at the Vegetarian Society. The Esperantists arranged a meeting and the Theosophists invited them to speak. They spoke before the Rotary Club, one hundred and seventeen members being present and several Rotarians from other cities. The leading newspaper had a good interview and they visited the Broadcasting headquarters. A book was placed in the Cardiff City Library and one in Cardiff College with its five thousand students. Mrs. Schopflocher returned to London. Miss Root and Miss Turnbull went to West Moors, England where Miss Grace Challis arranged a meeting for the patients in her hospital in the afternoon and a public lecture in the evening. The next day Miss Challis and Miss Kilford of West Moors went with Miss Root and Miss Turnbull to Southampton where calls were made on friends who knew of the Teachings.

Abdu'l Bahá said how good it would be if a Commission, a group of Bahá'is, could travel to different cities; this working together brought splendid results.

Sailing from Southampton Miss Root went to Lisbon, Portugal. In a letter received from her she writes that Mrs. Schopflocher went on the same boat and remained with her in Lisbon, four days. They spoke before the Lisbon Rotary Club where there were present University Professors, newspaper owners, Military Officers, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Consul Generals. They put books in the National Library and in the Polytechnic University. Interviews were published in the two largest papers. (An Esperantist acted as Interpreter). Mrs. Schopflocher went on from Lisbon to the Canary Islands.

Miss Root will be in Madrid, Spain until December 12th, and from there will journey on to Germany stopping at various points en route. By December 17th she plans to be in Stuttgart, and by January 24th to reach Berlin after short visits to Gera and Leipsic.

"The Breeze of Life is wafting from the Rose-Garden of the Kingdom,
May all be moved thereby.

"The Rays of Light are emanating from the Most Great Luminary
May all become illumined thereby.

"From the Breaths of the Holy Spirit Eternal life is manifest,
May all become quickened thereby.

"Now is the time of proclamation, and the occasion of
supplication and invocation toward the Kingdom of Abhá!"

ALLAH'U' ABHA!