

5th Letter

London, England,
August 19th, 1925.

To the Baha'i Believers of
From the Baha'i Spiritual Assembly of London, England:-

Greetings and Faith,

In the Tablet of Wisdom we are commanded
by Baha'u'llah to:-

"Walk above the world by the Power of the Greatest
Name!"

The world is still plunged in darkness and chaos while the new Day is being brought to birth. Nations are struggling blindly for self expression, souls are fighting for freedom, all are ready for expansion and a new existence. They seek it mainly by violence and clamour; and some believe that material prosperity will give them what they need.

It is the People of Reality alone who hold in their hands the Light which is to guide them through the darkness and bewilderment; and who are aware that all this effort and travail will not bring success except through the Power of the Greatest Name.

There are many labouring in their blindness to accomplish what the New Day demands; many are seeking the Light, but as yet cannot tear aside the veils.

As believers in the Revelation of His Holiness Baha'u'llah and Abdu'l-Baha, the Centre of His Covenant, it is our wonderful mission to stand united and steadfast, following the Divine Command:-

"Be as an artery, pulsating in the body of the created world that, through the heat produced by the motion, the hearts of the hesitators will be quickened"

Our work is to keep the fire of love burning in our own hearts, that we may be instruments for the Master's Hand in His good time.

From the Baha'i Convention, Greenacre, Maine, U.S.A.
on July 7th was cabled the following:-

"Baha'is of United States and Canada in Convention unite with you in loving fellowship to our Guardian and utmost effort realize noble ideals sacred cause".

From the National Spiritual Assembly for England, Mr. Simpson the Chairman, sent the following return cable:-

"Heartiest thanks convention message reciprocate fully sentiments.

Simpson".

From the London Spiritual Assembly. Mr. Ziaoullah Asgarzadeh as authorised sent the following return cable:

"All Baha'is unite in faith and hopeful prayer in wishing success in your efforts to spread the holy teaching of Baha'u'llah.

Asgarzadeh"

From Teheran, Tabriz, Lahidjan, Gazvin, Sultanabad, Persia; Circular letters have been received, and from Ashkabad, Russia; Cairo, Alexandria, Egypt; and Baghdad.

From America: New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Kenosha.

Personal correspondence has also passed with Mr. Harris of Carmichael, Saskatchewan, who is an indefatigable worker in the Cause, carrying on the spreading of the Baha'i Teachings not only in his own district but by letter with India and Burma.

Visitors

From Canada: Mrs Schopflocher, en route for Canada after her journey to the Far East. Orientals here have received many joyous letters as to the impression created by her fearlessness and earnest desire to serve the Cause of God.

From U.S.A. Mrs. Ella Goodall Cooper, of San Francisco, California whose radiant faith, experience in the service of the Cause, knowledge of the Divine Word, firmness in the Centre of the Covenant, eloquence, dignity and wisdom enable her to sow pure seed in whatsoever field she may enter, has been in England, and though she has not been in London except for flying visits, she has been active in serving the Cause in paths opened for her by the will of Abdu'l-Baha.

Miss Julia Culver spent a joy-giving day on her way from Chicago to Geneva, Switzerland, and could only leave messages for the many friends she wanted to greet. The Call of the Kingdom is the key note for all her journeys and the hope of heart.

Miss Marguerite Mac Kay from Geneva, New York State, brought a radiance from the first Baha'i Spiritual Feast of the new-born Assembly there. Her love of the Cause and clear consciousness of the Holy Covenant are blessed proof of the pure seed sown in that new field.

Mr. Charles Mason Remey, whose two days in London were full of untiring service in meeting old friends and greeting new. Abdu'l-Baha says that the Covenant is kneaded into his being, so that wherever he is the Friends of God all know that his pure faith is blessing each seed sown, and pure teachings of the Divine Revelation are his gift to all with whom he comes in contact.

Miss Alice Parker of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has been taking a course at Oxford, but in her few days in London, brought refreshment to the heart by her faith, strength of purpose and deep realization of the transforming power of the Divine Revelation.

To those who know that only by the consciousness of the Divine Manifestation can the Divine Remedy for the sin and sorrow of the world be transformed into loving service, these spiritual contacts with believers confirm and inspire both words and deeds.

News Notes.

Miss Effie Baker of Australia has reached Haifa on her return journey to her home, for loving service to the Cause of God.

Mrs Blundell and family from New Zealand again visited London bringing tidings of their seed-sowing in new fields. Where faith is, there are deeds!

Miss Stevenson of New Zealand, will soon be in our midst, and in her journeyings she has carried the Message in her heart and sowed pure seeds where she found hearts ready, and prepared the way for others by her wisdom and faith.

Miss Amy Wilkins from Perth, Australia who was in London for the Conference of Religions last October writes of her seed-sowing in South Africa and during her Australian journeys. She was able to speak of the Baha'i Message at a large Peace Meeting in Sydney, and was made happy by the various inquiries that were made of her after the meeting. In all her journeyings she has found doors constantly opening for her to do the will of Our Beloved Master in speaking of the Divine Message of Baha'u'llah.

Mr. E.T. Hall and Mr. J.C. Craven of Manchester brought good news of the work of the Friends in holding aloft the Banner of the Covenant of God.

Owing to ill-health Mr. Hall has found it necessary for the present to resign his position as Secretary of the Manchester Assembly and his membership on the National Assembly for England. In his place Mr. J.C. Craven, whose address is 27 Derby Street, Altrincham, Cheshire, has been appointed Secretary; and Mr. Joseph, who in conjunction with his brother Ibrahim, has been privileged to be able to place the sum of £1,000 at the disposal of Shoghi Effendi for the purpose of purchasing land adjacent to the Holy Shrines at Haifa, has been chosen to replace Mr. Hall on the National Assembly.

It is good to know that though Mr. Hall has found it necessary to give up his official connection with the Manchester Group, he will still devote his undoubted powers of teaching to the propagation of the Message while Mr. Craven has in view an increased effort in

making known the Holy Message of Baha'u'llah in Altrincham.

All the friends will be glad to know that Lady Blomfield has returned to Geneva. Her steadfast service to the Cause there since 1911, in obedience to the Commands of Abdu'l-Baha regarding the preparation of that great field, through her love and faith, has passed the pioneer stage and now borne fruit, in the new unfolding by Shoghi Effendi of the Baha'i International Bureau, 19 Boulevard Georges Favon where Mrs Stannard, Miss Root, Mrs Elizabeth Nourse and Miss Culver are actively engaged. Great success has attended their efforts on the occasion of the recent Esperanto Congress at Geneva, a report of which is in preparation.

The significance of the days when the Centre of the Covenant Abdu'l-Baha shed the Light of the Abha Glory upon Geneva as He walked in the Veils of Servitude that the souls of men might be illumined, now glows with meaning. He was searching for pure hearts! May the Friends of God in Geneva be inspired by his Holy Presence and guided through His Love that all who are seeking righteousness may learn of the Divine Plan for this Day of God.

With prayers for the protection of the Friends everywhere and for the awakening of souls by the consciousness of the Holy Presence of Baha'u'llah through the Centre of His Covenant and Obedience to His Will.

Yours friends in El Baha
The London Baha'i Spiritual Assembly

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LONDON,

ENGLAND.

29th August 1925.

To the Baha'i Believers of
From the Baha'i Spiritual Assembly of London, England.

Greetings.

With reference to our last circular letter
of August 19th we ask you to be good enough to destroy
the third page of that letter, and replace it by the
enclosed new page.

Yours friends in El Baha

THE LONDON BAHAI SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY

Signed for the Correspondence Committee.

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