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SUMMER SCHOOL.

Plans for Summer School have been completed. The location chosen is Matlock Bath, Derbyshire. School will be held from 7th August to 17th August at a charge of eight shillings per day per person. Proper accommodation is provided for lectures and there is ample opportunity for recreation. Several competent Bahá'í Teachers will be present, including Mrs. Bishop, who has promised to conduct a course on Bahá'í Administration.

~~Further information as to exact place and date will be issued later.~~ The friends are urged to do everything in their power to support this project by being present, even if only for a few days, or a week-end. A successful Summer School will be a real demonstration to the world at large, of our unity and vigour. The N.S.A. sincerely hopes that it will inaugurate an annual event which will become of increasing importance in its service to the Faith.

~~If you cannot come yourself, try and persuade other people to come.~~ Summer School is an ideal way of combining holiday with profit. For further information write to Hasan Balyuzi, 14, Frognal Mansions, Hampstead, London. ~~If you desire immediate advice of the exact time and place, write to Mr. Balyuzi and he will give it to you as soon as it is available.~~

The programme is in course of completion and will be supplied upon request after the N.S.A. meeting on 19th July.

The World Congress of Faiths.

During the first part of July, a Congress of Faiths is being held in London with the avowed object of finding a solution of the problems of this age through a reconciliation of the world's religious systems. The Congress will last for two weeks. At one of the special sessions the Rev. G. Townshend will read a paper on the Bahá'í Faith. Mrs. Charles Bishop will be present to answer questions which may be put from the floor. The London Spiritual Assembly has invited the delegates to this Congress to attend a prayer meeting at the Bahá'í Centre when prayers of the different Faiths will be said.



National Teaching Committee.

The Committee reports the following Teaching activities :-

Devonshire

The study class inaugurated at Dartington Hall after the visit of Mrs. Bishop, conducted by Mr. Mark Tobey, has entered its ninth regular session and the attendance is maintained. Mrs. Bishop gave two lectures in Torquay, one at the Theosophical Society and the other before a large audience at the Practical Psychology Centre. Copies of the Bahá'í World, Volume V, Promise of All Ages and Hidden Words were placed in their respective libraries and many are reading these books. Mr. Tobey is cultivating this interest aroused by the work of Mrs. Bishop. At Ashburton a first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. McKinley, which Mrs. Bishop addressed. Several informal discussions took place.

Manchester

During the visit of Mr. & Mrs. Bishop a successful meeting was held at the home of Miss Williams, for seekers. The deeper aspects of the Administrative Order and the World Order were discussed at fireside meetings in the homes of Mr. Lee and Mr. Sugar. Mr. David Hofman visited Manchester on the 13th and spoke to a group of the friends and two interested visitors.

Altrincham

Mrs. Bishop's lecture on the "World Order of Baha'u'llah" aroused a hearty response and serious questioning from an audience of the Workers' Educational Association, with whom Mr. Craven has been working constantly. He will continue this work.

Blackburn

Mrs. Geraldine Cooper arranged a first meeting for Mrs. Bishop who in company with some of the Manchester friends, presented the Faith to a group of seekers.

York

Mrs. Kenworthy arranged a meeting of religiously minded people which was addressed by Mrs. Bishop.

Bradford

The regular group meeting, organised by Mr. & Mrs. Norton, held on the Feast of the Declaration of the Báb, was attended by Mr. Sugar and Mr. & Mrs. Bishop. On the following day Mrs. Bishop addressed the Progress International Friendship Club at their centre and five persons voluntarily gave their names for invitation to the study group.

Bristol

On 14th June Mrs. Bishop addressed a group of people in the home of Mrs. Dora Weeks, who is also working with the Esperantists.



As a result of contacts made by Mr. Tobey four speaking engagements have been offered to Mrs. Bishop for the Autumn.

### Bournemouth.

Meetings have been arranged for Mrs. Bishop by Miss Challis and Mr. King. On 22nd June Mrs. Bishop fulfilled an invitation from "The Round Table" and spoke to them of the Faith.

### Sheffield

Mr. David Hofman has gone here for a few weeks and reports that he has been offered a home for regular Sunday meetings. A group of young people have been assembled and have heard of the Faith for the first time.

Dear Friends,

We are profoundly grateful for the tireless and devoted work of Mr. & Mrs. Bishop. They cannot always be with us, we must carry on and bring to fruition the good service which they have rendered. Among many interesting comments which Mrs. Bishop makes in her report, the following has deep significance for all of us :- "Doors open on all side for any Teacher who will spread the good news in England at this muddled time. One hears both Bahá'ís and not-yet-Bahá'ís testify that only the Faith and its programme will direct the energies of the race towards the Unity of nations and religions."

### Instruction of Bahá'í Children.

The N.S.A. has appointed Mrs. Dora Weeks, 48, Filton Grove, Horfield, Bristol, to conduct a correspondence with the children of all Bahá'ís whose parents are willing that they should receive instruction in the Faith in this manner. Mrs. Weeks is eminently fitted for this important work, both on account of her knowledge of the Teachings and of the fact that she has three children of her own. Children up to fifteen years of age will be welcomed as correspondents. (Children over fifteen may join the Youth Group). Mrs. Weeks' work will be carried on in consultation with the N.S.A. Bahá'í parents are urged to encourage their children to avail themselves of this opportunity for fellowship with other young Bahá'ís and for receiving instruction in those Divine principles which must guide the world they are to inherit. Please communicate with Mrs. Weeks direct.

### National Fund.

The N.S.A. advises the friends that since Naurooz our expenditure have exceeded income. It has been, therefore, necessary to decide that the Bulletin will be discontinued unless a greater income is available. The quarterly News-Letter is already stopped. We believe that the continuation of the Bulletin is essential to the strengthening of our unity and the continual stimulation of our efforts. But we are called upon to make a sacrifice. Are we unable to do this? This is a test for us collectively and individually. Our willingness to make material sacrifice is the gauge of our spiritual capacity for defeat or victory.