

# TEACHING NEWS BULLETIN

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## FINAL PHASE DAY

"Supplicating Almighty's blessing forthcoming regional meetings."

- Shoghi Effendi.

Dear friends, November 14th is the day to rally our forces for the Final Phase. Already it has our Guardian's confirmation. Plans are well in hand. All that remains is for each one to attend the Conference in his own region. A cordial invitation is especially sent to all isolated believers to join these consultations. The place and time of each Conference is given below. May the resistless spirit of the Faith be felt in Britain on this auspicious day!

CONFERENCE	PLACE	TIME	PARTICIPATING COMMUNITIES
Bournemouth	Devonshire Hotel Richmond Hill	2:30 P.M.	Bournemouth and Brighton
Bradford	Bahá'í Centre 68 Gt. Horton Road	5:30 P.M.	Bradford and Leeds.
Cardiff	Royal Hotel	2:00 P.M.	Cardiff and Bristol
Dublin	29 Westerfield Road Harold's Cross	3:00 P.M.	Dublin and Belfast
Edinburgh	1 Upper Coltbridge Terr. Saughton	2:30 P.M.	Edinburgh
Manchester	Bahá'í Centre 39 High Street	2:00 P.M.	Manchester, Blackburn, Blackpool and Liverpool
Northampton	Plough Hotel	2:00 P.M.	Northampton, London, Birmingham, Nottingham, Oxford, Norwich
Torquay	Bahá'í Centre	6:00 P.M.	Torquay and St. Ives

November, 1948 - 18 months of the Plan to go! From north, east, south, and west, thrilling news of the resistless march of the "army of Bahá'u'lláh" flashes across the Community. That all of us may share the joy of these triumphs, that we may gain inspiration from the achievements of our fellow-believers, the N.S.A. has authorised the N.T.C. with the cooperation of the A.D.C., N.Y.C., and the R.T.C's to issue this Teaching News Bulletin, once every Bahá'í month, containing reports and descriptions of the activities of the friends in all parts of these Isles. An appropriate masthead design is in preparation.



"Teach ye the Cause of God.."

Meherangs Munsiff recently completed a circuit trip. In Norwich and Bristol she received excellent newspaper publicity and aroused considerable interest through the Public Meetings. The Cardiff friends write, "Mrs. Munsiff was a wonderful inspiration to all of us, and has opened up a new field of activity among different types of contacts."

Mrs. Hutchison-Smith and Mrs. Routh, of Australia, spoke at Public Meetings and firesides in both Edinburgh and Belfast in October. As many as 35 non-Baha 'is attended the Edinburgh meetings and 23 in Belfast. Of Scotland, Mrs. Hutchison-Smith writes, "... How I loved letting myself go to those lovely Scottish folk! ... I wish I could stay.. until every crag and cranny echoed The Greatest Name. I shall leave a big lump of my heart in that 'historic and ancient land'.."

Murial Mathews has just completed a month's resident project in Belfast. Ursula Newman has been circuit teaching to Cardiff, Bristol, and St. Ives in late October; and Hugh McKinley spent part of August in Liverpool, Nottingham, Norwich, and St. Ives.

George Townshend visited and helped in Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, and Northampton enroute to Summer School.

From Dublin, Una and Brian Townshend, Mr. Townshend, and Ursula Newman have constituted a steady flow of teaching help to Belfast since June.

The Nottingham friends, in cooperation with the Crusaders for World Government last Sunday held a very successful Brain's Trust attended by 75 non-Baha'is. Two Crusaders and two Baha'is answered questions on the theme, "World Government - How?".

From Liverpool, Margaret Shanks tells of regular study classes and Public Meetings, as well as social evenings.. "Vida brought a gramophone, a kettle, and lots of food. We played classical records and boiled the kettle on the electric fire. Vida had made some Norwegian food, and we handed it round. We ate fairly solidly.. talking all the time... We boosted up our study class before the end and handed round booklets.. They all wanted to come again. It's a grand method to get friendly and interested."

Attention-

The N.T.C. Secretary asks that all Communities note his telephone number - Nottingham 31470.



Into the Pioneer Field..

Derek Faux, to Oxford, on 1st November - to the cobbles that the Master trod.

Ada Williams, from Manchester to Glasgow, this first week of November. "... While I have health to work,.. all I ask is the privilege of giving to others the great message which makes life so great and noble."

Dick Backwell, from London to Newcastle, on 8th October. Already Dick writes, "I suppose you have heard the news: the current goal for Newcastle for this year is completed.." A once isolated believer makes up the other half of the required nucleus. Dick's plea speaks for all Communities. "Will the friends please quickly supply the pioneer in Newcastle with the names and addresses of any contacts who live in the Tyneside and Newcastle area... It greatly helps to meet a number of local people on a basis of mutual acquaintance.."

Zara Warmar, from London to Brighton on 26th September. Zara is already distributing literature and has interested the local librarian.

Cyril and Margaret Jenkinson, from Bradford to Blackpool; Cyril in September and Margaret to follow as soon as possible.

Olga Mills, from Nottingham to Belfast, on 12th October. Olga writes, "Please, convey my sincere thanks to the believer who is giving the money for this project and tell her that I am eagerly looking forward to going to Belfast in her stead, praying for Bahá'u'llah's help to do my very best."

Regional Teaching..

Ralph Crates, of Bristol, and Fred Stahler, of Cardiff, have been appointed Chairman and Secretary of the South West and Wales R.T.C.

Stella Farnsworth of Blackburn and Arthur Whitworth, of Manchester, are now members of the Northern R.T.C.

Writes the S.W.R.T.C., "The various meetings have been carried out successfully. ..It is wonderful that the area teachers are showing great promise,.. sincerity, and devotion."

Cardiff now has started a prayer meeting each week for the teaching activities. Good work is being carried on there and in Bristol among outside organizations.



## Community Consolidation and Expansion.

An "Assembly of Societies", started in Torquay, invites all religions to share a platform. A member of Torquay ISA has spoken three times on the Faith, awakening much interest. Several people have subsequently attended Bahá'í meetings.

An auction held in London at the Feast of Ilm raised £ 8.8.0 for the Fund. At two successive Feasts in London there have been visitors from America, Australia, Persia, and Switzerland, as well as other Communities.

Edinburgh and Bristol have recently received beautiful letter from the Guardian in response to their's sent to him from their historic first ISA meetings on 21st April.

Recent declarations include Sydney Barrett, Northampton; Mr. Backwell, London; Betty Smith, Edinburgh; Ray Rimmington, Manchester. We extend a warm welcome to these new believers!

London, Liverpool, Torquay, and Nottingham report successful cooperation with the Crusaders for World Government. Torquay sends a report of a Public Meeting at which one of the Crusaders shared the Bahá'í platform. (See page 2 - Nottingham.)

With the Youth..

Adib Taherzadeh is to go back to Iran earlier than he had expected and has written his greetings, "...I hope that through your prayers we Eastern people may succeed in cooperating with you for the promotion of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh in the East. The Guardian always urges the Eastern believers to learn lessons of activity from their Western brothers and sisters. My short visit to this country showed me some marvellous experiences, and really I witnessed with my eyes the degree of self-sacrifice and activity of the Western believers in this part of the world. I hope to be able to describe what I have seen in this country for your brothers and sisters in Teheran and other cities of Persia, for which they will all be delighted and overjoyed.."

The Bristol youth are forming an L.Y.C. They already have non-Bahá'í youth contacts, one of whom is prepared to take part in their activities and is actually complaining because they haven't started yet.

At Cardiff, the L.Y.C. has commenced a series of informal social evenings, and they request the use of a portable gramophone for these and their musical evening, if any of the friends can oblige.

The N.Y.C. is sorry to report the passing of their secretary's father, Mr. Shanks.