

"Blessed is the spot..... where mention of God hath been made"

TEACHING NEWS BULLETIN

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TEACHING CONFERENCE

Leeds - 8th and 9th January, 1949.

Theme

" THE BROAD HIGHROAD OF OUR DESTINY."

Conference Chairman, Marion Hofman.

Saturday Afternoon Session - 2:30 to 6:30 P.M.

TEACHING IN THE FINAL PHASE.

1. 2:30 to 3:30 P.M. "This Divinely Propelled Enterprise."

Review of excerpts from the Writings of the Master and the Guardian's messages.

2. 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. Spiritual Prerequisites for Teaching.

Presented by Mrs. Isabel Slade.

Discussion led by Richard Backwell.

4:30 to 5:00 P.M. Interval for Tea.

3. 5:00 to 6:30 P.M. National Teaching Programme.

Consultation with the National Teaching Committee.

With a brief presentation by Philip Hainsworth.

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Saturday Evening Session - 8:00 to 10:00 P.M.

" THE ARMY OF LIFE "

Session conducted by the National Spiritual Assembly.

Sunday Morning Session - 10:00 to 12:30 P.M.

PIONEERING IN THE FINAL PHASE

Chairman, Ursula Newman.

1. The Spirit of Pioneering - Talk by Ursula Newman.
2. Pioneer Activities - Presented by Connie Langdon-Davies
3. Practical Approach to Pioneering.

Steps before going; after arrival; teaching; relationship to Bahá'í organs; striking roots. This period is introduced and the discussion led by a panel consisting of Robert Cheek, Prudence George, Marion Hofman, Isobel Locke, and Hassan Sabri.

Sunday Afternoon Session - 2:00 to 4:30 P.M.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IN THE NINETEEN GOAL TOWNS

First Stage: The Bahá'í Group - Session conducted by the N.T.C.
Talks given by David Hofman and Hassan Sabri.

Second Stage: The Local Spiritual Assembly - Session conducted by the A.D.C. Presented by Hasan Balyuzi and Richard Backwell.

One Hour for Discussion.

Led by: Marion Hofman and Philip Hainsworth for the N.T.C.
Hasan Balyuzi and Richard Backwell for the A.D.C.

4:30 to 5:00 P.M. Closing Devotional Programme.

Excerpts from Bahá'í Scriptures and Prayers read and chanted by several Bahá'ís.

" THE PROMISE OF ALL AGES "

In the decades immediately ahead we know that the word "Bahá'u'lláh" and the news of His Faith will be emblazoned across the headlines of the world.

Recently one of the heralds of this time of wide-spread publicity appeared in the Belfast "Newsletter". An article headed "The Study Chair" and captioned "The Promise of All Ages" denoted almost a full newspaper column to an excellent review of Mr. Townshend's book, giving not only a critical analysis of the central theme of the book, but devoting, as well, considerable space to an historical introduction of the Faith and discussion of its fundamental principles. In evaluating "The Promise of All Ages", the reviewer writes, "A glowing picture of Bahá'ism.. will be found in Archdeacon Townshend's book.. It reads as if the writer were speaking of the Advent of God in Christ, the Advent that should be in the thoughts of every Christian today. Indeed, the Archdeacon is convinced that Bahá'u'lláh has revitalized Christ's message of love for God and man with unique power and effect. He has made it possible for a Christendom 'which has violated every principle of the Lord Christ' to turn again and save its soul. Is this really Bahá'ism? If it is ---?"

" CLOSER ASSOCIATION "

Fred Stahler, writing for the S.W.R.T.C. underlines a very important aspect of our teaching work - individual initiative. "The discussion on Final Phase day pinpointed the method in which the individual Bahá'í can make the Final Phase a success no matter what the responsibilities and circumstances happen to be.."

One of the Final Phase day suggestions will help all of us to find a place in the Plan. Increased correspondence between all Communities was strongly urged, especially among the Goal Towns. Don't forget that news and new ideas are the life-blood of every pioneer and Community. So let's always keep a steady stream of interesting and encouraging letters flowing to and from one another!

" THE MOVEMENT FROM PLACE TO PLACE "

Recent travelling teachers have included Susanne Solomon and Claire Gurg to Bristol; Muriel Mathews to Liverpool; Meherangiz Munsiff to Liverpool, Belfast, and Dublin; Hassan Sabri and Philip Hainsworth to Northampton; Dick Backwell to Edinburgh; May White and Peter Robinson to Cardiff; and Bruce McCoombe to Torquay.

Important Announcement!

REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Midlands, West and South-west Regions.

BRISTOL - 26th and 27th February, 1949.

Saturday

SESSIONS

Sunday

7:30 to 10:30 P.M.

10:15 A.M. to 4:45
P.M.

Book your accommodation early! Write to THE REGISTRAR:

Mr. Ralph Crates,
30, The Park,
Kingswood, Bristol.

" GOD WILL ASSIST ALL THOSE THAT ARISE TO SERVE HIM."

With a mixture of joy and sadness the Birmingham Community this month bade farewell to their dearly loved co-workers David and Marion Hofman. Loving furniture, business, and baby May with them, David and Marion have already begun the work of sticking roots deep into their new pioneer post, Oxford.

With equal happiness and sorrow the Bristol friends have relinquished their cherished friend and chairman, Bob Cheek, to continue his pioneer journey onward to Norwich. Selling their home, transporting their furniture, and taking their three lovely children with them, Bob and Dona, too, have once again proved the efficacy of the Bab's words.

EXPANSION TECHNIQUE

Realizing that deep study of the Holy Writings is one of the most successful methods of helping to draw aside the veils that shroud the vision of the enquirers, the friends in Northampton, Birmingham, Cardiff, Belfast, Liverpool, Blackburn, and Nottingham have inaugurated study classes, covering, in general, the essential facts that everyone should know about religion.