

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

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FINAL PHASE UNDERWAY!

United in further measures to secure the goals of this first year of the Final Phase of the Plan, the entire National Community has, since January, determinedly pursued a three-fold course of activity. As the result of prodigious labours on the part of Townshend Pamphlet Committees and the friends in all parts of the country, this all-important document has been released to leaders of thought and the clergy throughout Britain. Local Communities have been pursuing the triple-pronged teaching programme suggested by the N.T.C., consisting of Public Meetings, Firesides, and study-classes. Every effort is being made to arouse the strong pioneer spirit which will soon, we know, provide the "befitting response" to what our Guardian states is the "supreme challenge" of this moment, that of sending settlers to help in our Goal Towns.

The "Movement from place to place" will once again be underway as more pioneers leave to take up new posts and as the friends respond to the urgent call for resident teaching projects by believers residing in Communities which numerically cannot release them permanently. To Oxford, as pioneers, soon go Meherangiz Munsiff, Madame Charlot, Cyril and Margaret Jenkinson.

Claire Gung, taking her ever-ready sewing machine with her, will go to Belfast as a resident teacher for the entire month of March. Dorothy Ferraby will follow on in early April for a fortnight. Muriel Matthews will undertake two similar fortnightly resident projects in Liverpool and Norwich in March. The N.T.C. hopes that more of the friends will be able to offer some of their time in like manner, as the resident teaching method becomes of greater value and necessity with the diminishing number of believers free to arise as pioneer settlers to these Goal Towns.

Marcel Mihaclloff of Leeds, has offered to go to Sheffield each Sunday to contact various organizations and make contacts there in preparation

for the settlement of a pioneer in that Goal Town for next year.

To assist in the Consolidation and expansion of the virgin territories, upon which the Guardian has laid so great stress, Dr. Lotfullah Hakim has moved to Edinburgh to help the Cause in this city that he visited so long ago in the company of our beloved Master. Dick Backwell has transferred from Newcastle to Scotland where he will be a member of the Edinburgh Community while assisting with the teaching work in Glasgow and Newcastle as well.

Flowing in from all Communities are excellent reports of "The Promise of All Ages" meetings held simultaneously throughout the country last month. They tell the story of newspaper publicity, good audiences, and inspiring talks by the visiting lecturers. Among those who were guest speakers were Meherangiz Munsiff, Joe Lee, David and Marion Hofman, Philip Hainsworth, Mrs. Slade, Ursula Newman, George Townshend, Dick Backwell, Jean Court, Bob Cheek, Dorothy Ferraby, Hugh McKinley, Pauline Senior.

The Meetings in Glasgow and Newcastle were of particular significance in that they constituted the first Public Meetings held in these Communities since they were chosen as Goal Towns and demonstrated that the pioneers, Ada Williams and Dick Backwell, have done really excellent work by arousing in their contacts a real spirit of investigation.

This first big collective teaching effort is surely a preview of that time in the not distant future when the 24 Communities built and consolidated under the Six Year Plan will reach out to contact the masses.

ALLAH 'U' ABHA.

The friends will be sorry to hear that our dearly loved co-worker and friend, Hassan Sabri, will be leaving the British Isles on 4th March to return to his home in Cairo, Egypt, there to help with the Five Year Plan of the Egyptian Bahai Community. The N.T.C. wishes to express its deep-felt gratitude to Hassan for his tireless and extensive services to the Six Year Plan in both the teaching and administrative fields. His immediate response to the needs of the Plan upon his arrival in this country has set a wonderful example of co-operative service to the Cause. His work as Treasurer of the N.T.C. on the Summer School Committee, in the preparation of the Teaching Manual, in the efficient functioning of the Co-ordinated Teaching Plan, and as Chairman of the Birmingham Spiritual Assembly has been acknowledged by the Guardian when he cabled recently, "Deepest loving appreciation historic service". Expressing the feelings of his many friends throughout the British Community, one believer writes, "It

seems impossible to believe that this is Hassan's farewell meeting. I do not know how we can part with him. He has been such a staunch friend and helper, and the Community will not be the same without his enthusiasm, kindness and wide smile". Hassan's return to Egypt will now serve to forgo a firm link between our two Communities and we ask him to carry our loving greetings to the friends wherever he goes.

We are also anxious to send our warmest gratitude to Mrs. Hutchison-Smith, of Australia, who, during her recent visit to this country gave so generously of her time, energy, and knowledge of the teachings in service to the teaching work of the Six Year Plan. Already deep in service to the Australian Plan, we know Mrs. Hutchison-Smith is carrying on greetings to the many friends "down under".

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATION

From London comes the very good news that Errach Munsiff has declared his faith in Bahá'u'llah and is now a member of that Community. The London friends use "bring and buy" sales and auctions to raise money for the Fund. They have also scheduled regular meetings for prayer and the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

NOTICE

The Secretary of the N.T.C., Philip Hainsworth would like the friends to note his address:

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West Bridgeford,
Nottingham.

TEACHING HELPS

The following are some titles which might be useful as the theme for Public Meetings, fireside talks or discussion groups:

- "The Renewal of Faith."
- "Institutions of World Order."
- "New Patterns of Conduct."
- "Spiritual Basis of World Order."
- "Influence of Religion on Civilisation."
- "World Unity the Goal."
- "World order through World Faith."
- "The New Society."
- "The Meaning of Freedom."
- "Bahá'í Pattern for future Society."

"A New Cycle of Universalism."

"World Unity by Faith, not Fear."

"The need of a Spiritual Renaissance."