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NEWS

National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States and Canada — 536 Sheridan Rd., Wilmette, Ill.

Messages From the Guardian

Dearly-beloved friends:

The one remaining and indeed the most challenging task confronting the American Bahá'í Community has at long last been brilliantly accomplished. The structural basis of the Administrative Order of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh has, through this superb victory, and on the very eve of the world-wide celebrations of the Centenary of His Faith, been firmly laid by the champion-builders of His World Order in every state of the Great Republic of the West and in every Province of the Dominion of Canada. In each of the Republics of Central and South America, moreover, the banner of His undefeatable Faith has been implanted by the members of that same community, while in no less than thirteen Republics of Latin America as well as in two Dependencies in the West Indies, Spiritual Assemblies have been established and are already functioning — a feat that has out-stripped the goal originally fixed, for the valiant members of that Community in their inter-continental sphere of Bahá'í activity. The exterior ornamentation of the first Mashriqu'l-Adhkár of the West — the culmination of a forty year old enterprise repeatedly blessed and continually nurtured by 'Abdu'l-Bahá has, furthermore, through a remarkable manifestation of the spirit of Bahá'í solidarity and self-sacrifice so powerfully animating the members of that stalwart community, been successfully completed, more than a year in advance of the time set for its termination.

The triple task undertaken with such courage, confidence, zeal and determination — a task which ever since the inception of the Seven Year Plan has challenged and galvanized into action the entire body of the American believers and for the efficient prosecution of which processes of a divinely appointed Administrative Order had, during no less than sixteen years, been steadily evolving — is now finally accom-

Notice

Due to the sudden illness of Mr. Holley, necessitating a complete rest for some weeks, this issue of Bahá'í News is only an attempt to keep the friends informed of the Guardian's messages to the Convention and Centenary and to bring them excerpts from his last letter, and to get out an issue which will contain certain reports and records of changes of addresses, etc., etc.

A special Centenary issue of Bahá'í News containing accounts of the Convention and Centenary will be published separately.

As we go to press, we are happy to report that Mr. Holley is now at home convalescing and indications are that he will soon be able to resume his innumerable activities for the Faith.

plished and crowned with total victory.

The greatest collective enterprise ever launched by the Western followers of Bahá'u'lláh and indeed ever undertaken by any Bahá'í community in the course of an entire century, has been gloriously consummated. A victory of undying fame has marked the culmination of the fifty year long labors of the American Bahá'í community in the service of Bahá'u'lláh and has shed imperishable lustre on the immortal records of His Faith during the first hundred years of its existence. The exploits that have marked the progress of this prodigious, this three-fold enterprise, covering a field stretching from Alaska in the North to the extremity of Chile in the South, affecting the destinies of so great a variety of peoples and nations, involving such a tremendous expenditure of treasure and effort, calling forth so remarkable a spirit of heroism and self-sacrifice, and undertaken notwithstanding the vicious assaults and incessant machinations of the breakers of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's Covenant, and despite the perils, the trials and restrictions of a desolating war of unexampled severity, augur well for the successful prosecution, and indeed assure the ultimate victory, of the remaining stages of the Plan conceived, a quar-

ter of a century ago, by 'Abdu'l-Bahá for the followers of Bahá'u'lláh in the North American continent.

To the band of pioneers, whether settlers or itinerant teachers, who have forsaken their homes, who have scattered far and wide, who have willingly sacrificed their comfort, their health and even their lives for the prosecution of this Plan; to the several committees and their auxiliary agencies that have been entrusted with special and direct responsibility for its efficient and orderly development and who have discharged their high responsibilities with exemplary vigor, courage and fidelity; to the national representatives of the community itself, who have vigilantly and tirelessly supervised, directed and coordinated the unfolding processes of this vast undertaking ever since its inception; to all those who, though not in the forefront of battle, have through their financial assistance and through the instrumentality of their deputies, contributed to the expansion and consolidation of the Plan, I myself, as well as the entire Bahá'í world, owe a debt of gratitude that no one can measure or describe. To the sacrifices they have made, to the courage they have so consistently shown, to the fidelity they have so remarkably displayed, to the resourcefulness, the discipline, the constancy and devotion they have so abundantly demonstrated future generations viewing the magnitude of their labors in their proper perspective, will no doubt pay adequate tribute—a tribute no less ardent and well-deserved than the recognition extended by the present-day builders of the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh to the Dawn-Breakers, whose shining deeds have signalized the birth of the Heroic Age of His Faith.

To the elected representatives of all the Bahá'í communities of the New World, assembled beneath the Dome of the Mother Temple of the West, on the occasion of the historic, first All-America Bahá'í Convention

— a Convention at which every state and province in the North American continent is represented, in which the representatives of every Republic of Latin America have been invited to participate, whose delegates have been elected, for the first time in American Bahá'í history, by all local communities already possessing Assemblies, by all groups and isolated believers throughout the United States and Canada, and whose proceedings will be for ever associated with the celebration of the Centenary of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh, of the Hundredth anniversary of the birth of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Bahá'í Faith in the Western Hemisphere, and of the completion of the exterior ornamentation of the First Mashriqu'l-Adhikár of the West to all the privileged attendants of such an epoch-making Convention, I, on my own behalf, as well as in the name of all Bahá'í Communities sharing with them, at this great turning point in the history of our Faith, the joys and triumphs of this solemn hour, feel moved to convey the expression of our loving admiration, our joy and our gratitude for the brilliant conclusion of what posterity will no doubt acclaim as one of the most stirring episodes in the history of the Formative Age of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh, as well as one of the most momentous enterprises undertaken during the entire course of the first Century of the Bahá'í Era.

SHOGHI

Haifa, April 15, 1944.

Message from Shoghi Effendi

I advise you to share the following facts with the believers at Convention celebrating the hundredth anniversary of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh.

Bahá'ís have established residence in seventy-eight countries, fifty-six of which are sovereign states. Bahá'í literature has been translated and published in forty-one languages. Translations have been undertaken in twelve additional languages. Thirty-one races are represented in the Bahá'í world community. Five National Assemblies and sixty-one local Assemblies belonging to ten countries are incorporated and legally empowered to hold property. The Bahá'í international endowments held in the Holy Land are estimated at a half million pounds sterling. National Bahá'í endowments in the United States are estimated at one

million, seven hundred thousand dollars.

The area of land in the Jordan Valley dedicated to the Bahá'í Shrines is over five hundred acres. The site purchased for future Bahá'í Temple of Persia comprises three and a half million square meters. The cost of the structure of the first Bahá'í Temple in the West has been one million, three hundred thousand dollars.

In every state and province of North America Bahá'í Assemblies are functioning. In thirteen hundred localities of the United States and Canada Bahá'ís reside. Bahá'í Centers have been established in every republic of Latin America, fifteen of which possess Spiritual Assemblies. The Faith in the Western Hemisphere now stretches from Anchorage, Alaska, to Magallanes, Chile, the world's southernmost city. Sixty-two Centers have been established in India, twenty-seven with Spiritual Assemblies.

Among the historic sites purchased in Persia are the Tíhrán home of Bahá'u'lláh, the Báb's shop in Búshíhr, the burial place of Quddús, part of the village of Chihriq, three gardens in Badasht, and the place where Táhirih was confined.

Bahá'í administrative headquarters have been founded in Tíhrán, Delhi, Cairo, Baghdád, Wilmette and Sydney. Bahá'í endowments in the Holy Land and the United States have been exempted from taxes by the civil authorities. Civil recognition has been extended to Bahá'í Assemblies in five states of the United States to solemnize Bahá'í marriages.

I suggest you utilize the above information for publicity purposes wherever advisable.

(signed) SHOGHI RABBANI
Received May 9, 1944

Message to the Convention

Hail with glad, grateful heart the historic Assembly of the elected representatives of the followers of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh throughout the Western Hemisphere participating in the first All-America Convention gathered in the vicinity of the first Bahá'í Center of the Western World beneath the dome of the first Mashriqu'l-Adhikár of the West to commemorate alike the Anniversary of the founding of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh and the Birth of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the Anniversary of its establishment in the Occident and to celebrate the completion of the exterior ornamentation of the

most hallowed House of Worship in the entire Bahá'í world. I recall with profound emotion on this solemn, auspicious occasion the milestones in the progress of the community whose rise constitutes one of the noblest episodes in the history of the First Bahá'í Century. Called into being through the operation of the Will of the Center of Bahá'u'lláh's Covenant, energized at the hour of its birth by dynamic spirit communicated to it by the band of first returning pilgrims, purged in its infancy by fiery tests involving the defection of its acknowledged founder, nursed through the dispatch of unnumbered Tablets by the vigilant Master, as well as by the successive messengers designed to support its infant strength, launched upon its rapid career through series of institutional acts and missionary journeys signaling the first stirrings of its community life, infinitely enriched by priceless benefits conferred upon its members in the course of 'Abdu'l-Bahá's sojourn in their midst, invested with a unique mission through the revelation of the Tablets of the Divine Plan, firmly knit through processes proclaiming the emergence of the Divinely appointed Administrative Order, immortalized through the signal acts of its illustrious member who succeeded in winning the allegiance of royalty to its cause, consummating its record of achievements through total victory of the Seven Year Plan thereby sealing the triumph of the first stage in the Mission bestowed by 'Abdu'l-Bahá, this repeatedly blessed, much envied community deserves to be acclaimed the Torchbearer of the civilization, the foundations of which the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh is destined unassailably to establish in the course of the Second Bahá'í Century. I am moved to pay a well deserved tribute at this great turning point in the career of so privileged a community to the gallant band of its apostolic founders whose deeds heralded the dawn of the Day of the Covenant in the West, to its intrepid pioneers who labored to enlarge the bounds of the Faith in the five continents, to its indefatigable administrators whose hands reared the fabric of the Administrative Order, to its heroic martyrs who followed in the footsteps of the Dawn-Breakers of the heroic age, to its itinerant teachers who with written

and spoken word pleaded its cause and repulsed the attacks of its adversaries, to its munificent supporters whose liberality accelerated the expansion of its manifold activities, and — last but not least to the mass of its stout-hearted, self-denying members whose strenuous, ceaseless, concerted efforts so decisively contributed to the consolidation and broadening of its foundations. I desire to direct a particular appeal to the Latin American representatives participating in the Centennial Convention to deliberate on measures to reinforce the ties binding them to their Sister Community, unitedly devise means for the inauguration of teaching campaigns in their respective Republics, the dissemination of Bahá'í literature, the multiplication of Bahá'í administrative centers as preliminary steps in the formation of Bahá'í National Assemblies, and lend impetus to the prosecution of any enterprise launched to carry still further the Plan conceived by 'Abdu'l-Bahá for the American Bahá'í Community.

(signed) SHOGHI RABBANI
Received May 15, 1944.

Message from Shoghi Effendi

I am overjoyed by the auspicious opening of the Centennial Convention. The dearly-beloved American Bahá'í community was remembered during the historic night of the glorious Declaration at the Báb's Holy Shrine. Announce to the friends the joyful tidings that the hundredth anniversary of the Declaration of the Mission of the martyred Herald of the Faith was signalized by historic decision to complete the structure of His sepulcher erected by 'Abdu'l-Bahá on the site chosen by Bahá'u'lláh. The recently designed model of the dome has been unveiled in the presence of assembled believers. Praying for early removal of obstacles to the consummation of the stupendous Plan conceived by the Founder of the Faith and the hopes cherished by the Center of His Covenant.

(signed) SHOGHI RABBANI
Received May 25, 1944

Messages to Incoming Assembly

Praying fervently for newly-elected Assembly signal victories, abundant blessings in the opening year of the second Bahá'í century. Dearest love.

(signed) SHOGHI RABBANI
Received May 26, 1944

The magnificent victories achieved in the teaching field and the sphere



Bahá'í Administrative Quarters, Teheran, Irán, 1944

of administrative activity by the American Bahá'í community crowned with glory the historic services rendered by the followers of Bahá'u'lláh throughout the West during the last fifty years of the first Bahá'í century. I rejoice in the brilliant celebrations befittingly consummating the record of splendid achievements. Immediate attention should be focussed in the course of the opening year of the Second Century on consolidation of the nobly-won victories through reinforcement of newly formed Assemblies, multiplication of groups and increase in number of Assemblies as well as corresponding effort through Latin America. Praying for continuous flow of Divine outpourings.

(signed) SHOGHI RABBANI
Received May 27, 1944

Messages From the Guardian

In connection with your Assembly's two actions regarding the formation and dissolution of Spiritual Assemblies: The Guardian approves of your first action, which he understands is only for this last year of the first Bahá'í Century, as, of course, in the future Assemblies will be formed only during the month of April. As to the second action, however, any Assembly which is dissolved must immediately report to the national secretary, who must always keep an up to date list of Assemblies. Any dissolved Assembly cannot be reconstituted until the time of election in April. This is the general principle which must be fol-

lowed in the future. In this last year of the Century, however, naturally any Assembly that is dissolved may be reconstituted as soon as the number of believers reverts to nine again.

Regarding your question as to the changing of pronouns in Bahá'í prayers: The Guardian does not approve of such changes, either in the specific prayers or in any others. They should be read as printed without changing a single word.

Rejoice success vitally needed timely conference Latin American representatives. Greatly welcome decisions reached plans formulated. First year second Bahá'í century should witness establishment Spiritual Assembly every remaining Republic and be signalized by steady increase pioneers both Latin (and) North America; further multiplication groups; wider dissemination Bahá'í literature both Spanish (and) Portuguese; closer relationships consolidating communities; more effective contact these communities with masses population all races (and) classes. Ardently praying mighty victories every field as essential preliminary emergence independent National Spiritual Assemblies and indispensable prelude launching in other continents, soon after termination world conflict, second stage momentous world plan so intimately associated by 'Abdu'l-Bahá with future destinies illustrious American Bahá'í community.

Received July 17, 1944

Letter from the National Spiritual Assembly

Retrospect and Prospect

Dear Friends:

Impressive events marking the close of the first Bahá'í Century have attested the greatness of the Divine Cause. Ideal friendships are created. News of the Faith has been disseminated widely. Many inquirers have been attracted by the genial, friendly spirit of gatherings. The bond of unity among members of the world-wide community of Bahá'ís has been strengthened. The two-fold task of the Seven Year Plan has been achieved. Confidence has been deepened through evident signs of selfless devotion. The praise of our noble Guardian has been generously given and the manifest Favor of God has been directed toward His servants.

The achievements which have crowned with glory the end of the first Bahá'í Century had their foundations laid by the Dawn-Breakers, whose heroism illumined the early days with deathless fame. The station of becoming their spiritual heirs has been conferred upon the American Bahá'í community. Ours is now among the rarest of opportunities. If we evaluate this high privilege, with fidelity to its demands of service, the second century's end may be fraught with such victories as are beyond fancy. While those now living may not behold them with mortal eyes, yet their fame may penetrate the worlds on high.

Auspicious is the opening of the new century. During the period covered by the last session of the National body, July 8th to 12th, six of the Latin-American delegates whose arrival at the Centenary had been hindered, responded to a new invitation. These were Sr. Salvador Tormo of Argentina, Sra. Angela Ochoa Velasquez of Honduras, Sr. Roque Centurion Miranda of Paraguay, Sra. Isabel Tirado de Barreda of Peru, Dr. Manuel Bergès of San Domingo and Srta. Clara Luz Montalvo of San Salvador. Latin American pioneers present were Miss Gwenne Sholtis, Miss Margaret Lentz, Miss Elisabeth Cheney and Mrs. Gayle Woolson, and also Mr. Raymond I. Betts of Lima, Peru. Mrs. Woolson acted as interpreter and translator for these friends.

Scenes and observances of the

Centenary were re-enacted for the instruction and entertainment of these friends and there were several conferences among themselves and with the National body, with a view to ways and means of deepening and spreading the Faith throughout those regions. The spirit of the Centenary gladdened each and all and the zeal of efficient service took hold.

But now for the present tasks to be undertaken in the same spirit of loving and loyal devotion. One point of concentration should be the stability of the National Fund which must meet increasing demands with the expansion of the Faith. It has been depleted by the unusual cost of recent great activities. The duty of every Assembly, community, group and isolated Bahá'í to aid is apparent. We can now express our gratitude to God by contributions as well as by prayer, labor, service and other forms of sacrifice. May the flame of unity inspire all in such lines of service as guidance and consultation may direct. Priority is given National activities in the domain of service by the wisdom of the Guardian.

The agenda of the Guardian concentrates our capacities primarily at this time upon teaching; building up the work in the pioneer areas, laying an unshakable foundation upon which an enduring structure can be built; preparing the way for Bahá'í Temples in every land.

Some years ago, as a community we discovered, by the aid of the Guardian, the capacity for recent victories. While we have divine assurance that no one is burdened beyond capacity, yet the powers may continue forever latent until quickened by the divine spirit. The body of the Teachings, clarified and applied by the directions from the Guardian form an agenda for both our collective and individual lives and services. Indications are that souls of great capacity will ere long join our ranks and swell the chorus of those who proclaim the Faith. Shall we not strive to the utmost to awaken them? The more we strive, the more strength is given. The more we sacrifice the more we grow. The more we teach, the more we know of divine mysteries and the illumination of souls. This is truly the time for intensified activities, viewing the world's imminent chaos on the one hand and growing capacity on the other. All the universe

is in motion. Intensified activity is the call. If our wish is to stir others we must keep in motion.

National Spiritual Assembly

NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY

Meetings

September 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

November 10, 11, 12, 13

Annual Election

The annual election created the National Spiritual Assembly with the following membership: George O. Latimer (Chairman), Allen B. McDaniel (Vice Chairman), Horace Holley (Secretary), Louis G. Gregory (Recording Secretary), Roy C. Wilhelm (Treasurer), Dorothy Baker, Amelia E. Collins, Philip G. Sprague, Leroy Ioas. The Assembly has appointed Siegfried Schopflocher the Treasurer of the Canadian Bahá'í Fund.

Committee List

Index Committee—a new Committee appointed March, 1944, with the function of completing the preparation of a general index to Bahá'í literature and a complete Bahá'í glossary. W. Kenneth Christian

Roberta Christian
959 Lancaster Avenue,
Syracuse, 10, N.Y.

Other members to be appointed later.

Inter-America Committee

Relative to use of name, Inter-America Committee, by Assembly local Committees the National Spiritual Assembly wishes to inform the believers through Bahá'í News that the National Spiritual Assembly can recognize only one Inter-America Bahá'í Committee because of the international implications of the title, and therefore local assemblies making contacts and teaching the various racial elements in their local communities, will have to use a different designation for such committees.

Race Unity Committee

Highlights from the report of Mrs. Mary Stevison of Chicago bring us close to the western Indian friends. In May, immediately before the convention, Mrs. Stevison journeyed to Nebraska and gave the Message of Bahá'u'lláh to the Omaha and Winnebago tribes, visiting Sioux City, Nebraska and Macy.

Much of the work was among individuals. Many of the friends called upon Mrs. Stevison and received her in their homes. One family became so enthusiastic that on one of their calls, they remained until long after midnight, talking of the future world and of the future of their great race, in the light of the coming of Bahá'u'lláh. Eight Indian families showed special interest, and some of these friends not only entertained their Bahá'í guest at dinner, but invited other Indian friends to meet her from time to time. Thus a nucleus of interested Indian friends has been formed.

Mrs. Stevison reports that pictures of the Temple were especially appreciated, and in the case of three of the families, large framed pictures were hung in the homes. "Bahá'u'lláh and the New Era" and "Race and Man" were also given to these families.

Contacts were made in a variety of ways. For example, many Indians came to the Community Building to obtain garden seeds for their spring planting. These friends met Mrs. Stevison and received pamphlets from her, as well as post card pictures of the Temple and a few friendly words of explanation. This did much to open the doors.

Books and many pamphlets were distributed in community centers, missions, public schools and hospitals. In one school, post card pictures of the Temple and pamphlets on the principles of the Faith were distributed among the students. In another, talks were given before a number of classes and not only pamphlets were distributed, but adequate text books were placed in the library for general reading.

The friends who would be interested in following up Mrs. Stevison's splendid Nebraska effort are requested to write to the Race Unity Committee for further information. Mrs. Stevison can supply a list of names of the Indian friends who responded to the Faith.



Speakers at Race Unity Banquet held at Lima, Ohio.

Approved Radio Scripts on File With National Bahá'í Radio Committee April 25, 1944

Following are 13½ Minute Scripts used first in California over Station KYA:

The First Hundred Years (also available in 5-minute script)
Humanity's Coming of Age
World Crisis—World Birth
The Oneness of Mankind
Basis of a New Society
World Economics
Blueprints for World Peace
Rebirth of Religion
A New Age Is Born
Bahá'u'lláh—World Educator
Pattern of a Future Society
Bahá'í Temple—Symbol of Tomorrow
World Order of Bahá'u'lláh
America's Place in World Order
The Dynamic of Civilization
Evolution of Religion

Miscellaneous Scripts

Religious Unity—11 minutes
Women Will Keep the Peace—10 minutes
The Real Victory—Eternal Life—10 minutes

The Question of Prejudice—11 minutes
Peace and the Heart of Humanity—15 minutes
Interview—World Reconstruction—13½ minutes
Century of Scientific Unity—5 minutes
America's New Adventure—13 minutes
The Old Frame House—10 minutes
The Temple of God for This New Age—12 minutes
The Breaking Dawn (Semi-Bahá'í)—15 minutes

Request for Convention Pictures

All photographers who obtained good pictures, one or more, at the recent Centennial Convention are requested to send prints or to loan the negatives to the National Archives Committee so that a more complete photographic record of the Centenary can be made. Kindly mail pictures or negatives to,

Edwin Mattoon, Chairman
105 Sixth St., Wilmette, Illinois

Bahá'í Schools

Programs from August 1, 1944

GEYSERVILLE

July 23—August 6, 1944

This summer the Geyserville School will enter its eighteenth year as a center for the training of Bahá'í teachers and workers throughout the West. Ours is a period of immeasurable opportunity for the Faith. It is our plan and hope that this session at Geyserville will contribute a full share in preparing the friends for the responsibilities to come.

The theme of this session will be "Inaugurating the Second Bahá'í Century"—in the spirit of the Guardian's words: "The opening of the second century of the Bahá'í era must needs disclose greater vistas, usher in further stages, and witness the initiation of plans more far-reaching than any as yet conceived."

MORNING CLASSES

- I. "God Passes By"
Two weeks devoted to outline and study of the Guardian's forthcoming book on the first century of the Bahá'í Faith, reviewing "the salient features of its birth and rise, as well as . . . the initial stages in the establishment of its administrative institutions."
- II. "The Reality of Man" — First Week
A basic course on Bahá'u'lláh's spiritual Teachings concerning the human spirit, man's relation to God, his potentialities and conditions of progress.
- III. "The Evolving World Order" — Second Week
A study of the Bahá'í Administrative Order in terms of process, as the dynamic source, nucleus, and pattern of that World Order "destined to embrace in the fullness of time the whole of mankind."

AFTERNOON ROUND TABLE

- IV. "Teachings—the Creative Bahá'í Life"
First Week — "Expanding the Faith"
Second Week — "Consolidating the Faith"
Informal discussion under the Big Tree of teaching as a way of life, and of its application to the vast opportunities unfolding through "the promulgation of the Divine Plan."

FOUR EVENINGS

- V. "The World Moves On to Its Destiny"
First Week — "The New Social Horizon"
Second Week — "The Growth of World Society"
A bird's-eye view of Bahá'í humanitarian and social principles operating in the world today, through "the irresistible diffusion" of the Faith's "world-shaking, world-energizing, world-redeeming spirit."

Reservations and rates may be obtained through:
Gladyce Linfoot, 156 Nova Drive,
Piedmont, California

LOUHELEN

"Until the people of the world see a shining example set by us they will not embrace the Cause in masses, because they require to see the teachings demonstrated in a pattern of action."

Subjects for all sessions will be based on facets of a Bahá'í Pattern of Action inspired by the Centenary. "The Guardian suggests that the school committee discuss, after attending the convention, what subjects would be of greatest help in facing the new projects, plans and needs of the Faith brought to light during the Convention."

GENERAL SESSION

(August 4 to 13, inclusive)

SENIOR YOUTH SESSION

(August 16 to 23, inclusive)

Rates (including meals)

ADULTS—Dormitory rates \$1.75 per day per person; double rooms \$2.25 per day per person; single rooms \$2.75 per day per person.

YOUTH—Rates for youth at youth sessions only, all dormitory, per youth, per day \$1.65.

Please make your school and travel reservations early.

GREEN ACRE

MORNING CLASSES

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

General Subject: Basic Bahá'í Teachings

Aug. 7-11—*The Unity of Religions*. F. St. George Spendlove, F.R.S.A., F.R.G.S., Graduate of School of Archaeology, University of London, Specialist in Archaeology of the Far East, Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology, Toronto, Canada.

Aug. 14-18 — *Universal Peace*. Speaker to be announced.

Aug. 21-25 — *International Justice*, Heshmat Alá'í, Washington, D. C.

Aug. 28-Sept. 1 — *The Oneness of Mankind*, Mrs. Robert Lee Moffett, Chicago, Illinois, author of "Do'a, the Call to Prayer."

Teacher Training Courses

Aug. 7-11 — *Bahá'í Consultation*, Genevieve Coy, Ph.D., Psychologist at the Dalton School, New York City.

Aug. 14-25 — *Ninety-five Questions in the Study of the Bahá'í Faith*, Ali Kuli-Khan, N.D., New York, N. Y.

Aug. 28-Sept. 1—"God Passes By" by Shoghi Effendi. Speaker to be arranged.

EVENING MEETINGS

Mondays—*The Search for Reality in Past Holy Books*, Louis G. Gregory.

Tuesdays—Open.

Wednesdays — Special Lectures including three on music by H. R. Austin, with illustrations drawn from the keyboard literature; two by Mrs. Mary Coristene on *Psychological Analysis — East and West*, and *Geopolitics for All of Us*. (Other lectures and dates to be arranged.)

Thursdays — *Transformation of Human Society*—a series of lectures in charge of Harlan Ober.

Fridays (except Aug. 11) — "*The Dawn-Breakers*," Mrs. Nancy Bowditch.

Saturdays—Guest Speakers (to be arranged). Dancing.

Sundays—Special Concerts and Lectures (to be arranged).

SATURDAY MORNING CLASS

(throughout the summer)

Study of the Qur'án, in charge of Ali Kuli-Khan, N.D.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Aug. 11-13 — Amity Conference, in charge of Louis Gregory.

Aug. 20—'Abdu'l-Bahá's Feast, in charge of the Eliot Local Assembly.

YOUTH PROGRAM

Classes for children under 16 years of age will be conducted throughout the summer, with art and religious instruction under the direction of Mrs. Mary McClennen, and nature study, folk dancing, etc., under the direction of Harry Ford.

SUNDAY MEETINGS—11:00 A. M.

Aug. 6 — *The Ecstasy of Prayer*, Jessie Revell.

Aug. 13—*Lights and Shadows of the Inner and Outer World*, Louis G. Gregory.

Aug. 20—*The Spiritual Meaning of Spring*, Mrs. Mary McClennen.

Aug. 27 — *Divine Love, Defense Against Changes and Chances*, Jeanne Bolles.

Sept. 3—*The Mystery and Revelation of the Day of God*, Harlan Ober.

For reservations, write Mrs. Margaret Newman, Green Acre, Eliot, Maine.

GREEN ACRE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Lorna Tasker, Chairman, 15 Ives St., Beverly, Mass.

Roushan Wilkinson, Secretary, Room 607, 140 Federal St., Boston 10, Mass.

Louis G. Gregory, Dr. Glenn A. Shook, Harlan Ober, Rachel Small, Mary McClennen, Helen Archambault, Margaret Newman.

Host and Hostess in Dormitory: Harry and Bahiyiyih Ford.

Bahá'í Publications

The Publishing Committee regrets exceedingly the delay in bringing out the Guardian's historic book, *God Passes By*, planned for the Centenary, also *The Bahá'í Centenary, 1844-1944* which should have been ready for the May anniversary. The printers have been doing so much Government wartime printing that all other work suffers. We can only hope to have copies of both books in the early fall.

Bahá'í World Faith, Centennial edition bound in red leather stamped with dates in gold. This is an attractive remembrance of the Centenary, and we feel that every Assembly will be happy to have a copy in their library. Copies still available, price \$5.00.

New Pamphlets

Bahá'í Teachings for a World Faith, a revised edition of Principles of the Bahá'í Faith, sold in lots of 100. \$2.00.

The Spiritual Meaning of Adversity by Mamie L. Seto, formerly published under title of Tests, Their Spiritual Value, sold in lots of 100. \$2.00.

Oneness of Mankind by Hussein Rabbani, reprinted, sold in lots of 100. \$2.00.

The Lesser and the Most Great Peace by George Orr Latimer, sold in lots of 100. \$2.00.

Prophecy Fulfilled, by Elisabeth H. Cheney, sold in lots of 100. \$2.00.

World Order Magazine

Copies of May and June issues at special price of ten copies for one dollar are still available. These issues contain many of the talks given at the Centenary meetings and are of paramount interest especially to send to interested friends.



The Spiritual Assembly and Community of the Bahá'ís of Lima, Peru. June, 1944.

Excerpts from an Inter-America Report Received Prior to the Convention

Latin-America and the Caribbean Islands are indeed astir with new teaching enterprises, and with preparations for the celebration of the first Bahá'í Centennial. Assemblies, or Groups, in each country are arranging local festivities in tribute to this historic occasion. Word of the representative elected to attend the Centenary Convention has been received from nearly all countries. Mail wings its way southward providing detailed instructions from the National Spiritual Assembly, the Centenary and Inter-America Committees, for the privileged journey to the Temple in the heart of the North American Continent.

SOUTH AMERICA

Dorothy Baker's return from a two months' visit in Colombia and Venezuela brings us her radiant account of the blessings Bahá'u'lláh has bestowed upon these countries.

Under the guidance of Mr. Gerrard Sluter, and with the assistance of Winifred Louise Baker, new souls were confirmed and the establishment of the Spiritual Assembly of Bogota, Colombia, was recorded. Shortly after this memorable occasion Mrs. Baker bade farewell to the two valiant pioneers and the beloved members of Colombia's first Assembly. En route to Venezuela she made a brief stop in Bar-

ranquilla to see the first believer of Colombia, young Sr. Carlos Nieto. Wistfully he expressed his longing for the day when other believers would join him in service to the Faith in Barranquilla. Through the help of Sr. Nieto several Bahá'í books were accepted by the Library for display and circulation.

VENEZUELA

"Venezuela, land of budding agriculture and modern education!" Eight enrollment cards, and precious new friendships, are the treasures brought back from Venezuela by Dorothy Baker. Her loving words share with us the awakening of this country in the dawn of its spiritual destiny.

"The extreme cordiality of the people forbids the 'foreign' feeling in Caracas. What a happy task it was to find, one by one, the friends of Gwenne Sholtis, former pioneer, and remind them of the great Cause which had been the object of her love and devotion while among them. They had not forgotten, and some of them were glad to come to the little meetings at the Gran Americana. Delightful contacts of Mr. and Mrs. Emeric Sala were later added, and new friends found their way to the little gatherings. Through the courtesy of Sra. Trina Courlaender, editor of the magazine 'Pro-America', and president of the National Club for the Union of American Women, a world of friendships opened up. The meetings grew to about forty in attendance.

"At the close of a period of five weeks, eight historic souls accepted the joy and responsibility of the World Order under the Guardian, and in addition, one youth, and one adult who lacked permanent residency. Sra. Courlaender herself, became one of the group that organized on that memorable night. All were present when Dr. David Escalante was elected the first Secretary, and all assisted in laying the first plans for feasts and regular classes."

The Costa Rican Bahá'ís rejoice that Dr. Escalante is giving his able assistance to the establishment of the Faith in Venezuela, for it was in San José that Dr. Escalante first heard and accepted the call of Bahá'u'lláh.

PERU

The spiritual flowering of Peru is precious testimony to the many months of Eve Nicklin's devoted services in Lima. With patient care she has built strong foundations of friendship and deep respect for herself, and the Faith she loves and teaches. Her painstaking preparations for a Bahá'í Center in Lima have taken form in a bright and charming apartment, centrally located, and admirably suited in size and arrangement for the Bahá'í gatherings she had prayed and worked for.

A new acceleration of interest in the Faith has become increasingly apparent in recent months. Flora Hottes' visit provided the opportunity for many pleasant meetings in Eve's apartment. Acquaintances new and old came to hear with fresh eagerness of the Message of peace and progress enshrined in the Bahá'í Revelation. Flora also found a most receptive heart in kindly Sra. de Barrera, owner of the pension in which Eve had engaged a room for her.

Arriving a few days after Flora's return to La Paz, Virginia joyfully went to stay at this same pension. Soon buoyant letters from Eve and Virginia brought us the glorious news that Sra. de Barrera had accepted the Faith. Virginia gaily comments—"At the Feast in Eve's home the first believer to sign in Peru enrolled as a member of Bahá'u'lláh's Cause!"

Other activities on a breath-taking scale were also being developed by these two glorious pioneers. Writes Eve, "These are busy times! I have taken a job teaching in the first



Memorial to Keith Ransom Kehler erected in Isfáhán, Irán in January, 1944 to commemorate her work in Irán. She was the second American Bahá'í to die in Irán, while serving the cause of unity and universal peace.

Summer School ever held here in Peru, for Peruvian teachers of English — one hundred teachers from all over Peru. Virginia could fit in wonderfully as a guest speaker, having done Library work at the Paramount Studios. She brought a "New Day" aspect to the subject and made it easy for me to ask these people into my home. We have had startling results, and now interested friends have asked us into their homes, too, to tell the Message to their families and friends. Everything seems to be awakening all at once here in Peru."

Virginia adds zestful words of the response of these Peruvian teachers — "They are mostly young, intelligent, alert. Eve invited them all to tea, when we could discuss further these ideas of world unity, and world culture. They all wanted to come, so we are booked solid for the next week or so!" Exciting glories are anticipated for Peru before the close of the Century and humble prayers blend with delighted hopes that several of these new friends may soon become confirmed believers.

Correction of Errors in Annual Report 1943-1944

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The name of Nate Goldstein was omitted from the membership list of the Contacts Committee.

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Under "Reviewing" the name of the author of *CHRISTIANS AWAKE* should be "Peggy True."

IN MEMORIAM

"I testify, O my Lord, that Thou hast enjoined upon men to honor their guest, and he that hath ascended unto Thee hath verily reached Thee and attained Thy Presence. Deal with him then according to Thy grace and bounty!"

'Abdu'l-Bahá

Mrs. Catherine De Moure, Peoria, Illinois.

Mrs. Judson M. Saunders, New Haven, Conn.

Mrs. Robert Sully, Buffalo, New York.

Mr. Achill Bippart, East Orange, N. J.

Miss Adrienne de Vere, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. Hugo Taylor, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Enrollments and Transfers

Enrollments of new believers reported by local Assemblies:

Sioux Falls, one; New York, two; St. Louis, two; Reno, one; Chicago, seven; Grand Rapids, two; Denver, one; Phoenix, one.

Enrollments by transfer reported by local Assemblies:

Buffalo, one; Philadelphia, one; Chicago, two; Beverly Hills, one; Sioux Falls, two; Washington, D. C., one.

Enrollment of isolated believers: April—twenty-five and five Youth. May—thirty-one and three Youth. June—eighteen.