

AHMADIYYA GAZETTE

MARCH 1976

THE CENTENNIARY JUBILEE FUND Imam Shahid, our Missionary Incharge, has received an important communication from the Supreme Spiritual Head of our Movement, bearing on the urgency of paying by March 10, 2/15 of the total money pledged by brothers and sisters. The original letter and its translation into English is being reproduced hereunder. We are sure that each one of us discharges his or her obligation and comes up to Huzur's expectations. — Ed.

About 2 years ago during the annual gathering of 1973, I announced the setting up of a world wide plan named as Ahmadiyya Centennial Jubilee Scheme. The purpose was to educate the Ahmadiyya Communities abroad, to accelerate the propagation of Islam, to spread the teachings of the Holy Quran all over the world and to build new Mosques and Missions. I was then addressing the Ahmadis all over the world.

This was a divine scheme established in my heart by Allah Almighty, so I was confident that it would be successful through Allah's Grace and Mercy. Insha Allah.

By the Grace of Allah members of the Jamaat in different countries kept up to their traditions as usual and exhibited great enthusiasm in pledging more than one another and we received more pledges than the proposed limit. Alhamdulillah!

This is the second stage of payments for the Jubilee scheme and the period ends on Feb. 29, 1976. By this time members of the Jamaat should have paid 2/15th of their pledges. By the Grace of Allah many members were able to pay their amount. Even some members paid more than the required proportion of their pledges. Nevertheless, there are still some members who have not been able to pay 2/15th of their pledge in this stage.

Now I want to bring to the attention of all office-holders of the Jamaat that they make arrangements for the assessment of pledgees in their respective areas and if there are some friends who have not paid their share yet, they should try to pay 2/15 of their pledges.

I hope that by March 10, I will directly receive reports regarding your re-

spective areas to the effect that there is none who has not paid his share in the second stage.

(Signed) Khalifatul Maseh III.

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اسلام علیکم ورحمتہ اللہ وبرکاتہ

== قریباً پچاس سال قبل میں نے جگہ سالہ 1973ء کے موقع پر جامعہ اہل حدیث بیرون کے افراد کی تربیت
انتانت اسلام کے کام کو تیز تر کرنے اور قرآن کریم کے الفاظ کو دنیا کے نادروں تک پھیلانا اور شیخ ابوالحسن
کا تفسیر اور اس فرض سے کہ اللہ اسلام کے دین قریب سے قریب تر ہوتے چلے جائیں۔ اللہ تعالیٰ نے
صدیق اکبرؓ کی جہلی سیکیم کا اسٹیشن کیا تھا۔ یہ منصوبہ تمام دنیا کے اہل حدیث کو ہی نہیں بلکہ دنیا بھر کا
== یہ الہی تحریر تھا جو اللہ تعالیٰ نے میرے دل میں ڈالی۔ اس کے لئے مجھے یقین تھا اور ہے۔ کہ اللہ تعالیٰ
اپنے فضل اور رحم سے اس غریب منصوبے کو خود کا یاب کرے گا۔ اللہ اعلم بالصواب۔

اللہ تعالیٰ کے فضل سے دنیا کے مختلف ممالک کے فلسفین جاہل نے اپنی روایات کے مطابق انہماں
حیرت اور دہولہ کے ساتھ ایک دورے سے بڑھ کر دیکھ لیا تھا۔ اور تقریباً صدیوں سے بڑھ کر
وصول ہو گئے۔ الحمد للہ۔

== ادائیگیوں کا یہ دوسرا مرحلہ ہے۔ جو 29 اپریل 1976ء کو ختم ہوا۔ اس تاریخ کو اس
اپنے دعوے کا اجرا اور کرنا ہے۔ اللہ تعالیٰ نے بہت سے دوستوں کو اس کے مطابق ادائیگیوں کی توفیق
مطالعہ فرمائی۔ بعد کھین نے اپنے دعوے کا مطالعہ کرنے سے بھی ناگزیر خود ادا کر دیا ہے۔ تمام جہن
فلسفین ایسے بھی ہیں جو ابھی تک اپنے دعوے کا اجرا ادا نہیں کرے۔

== اب میں تمام علمبرداران جاہل کو توجہ دلاتا ہوں کہ وہ اس امر کا اتمام کریں کہ اپنے اپنے
محلے کے تمام دعوے مندھان کا جائزہ لیں اور اگر کوئی دست بچا یا رہا ہے تو ان سے کہہ دو کہ وہ اس کو
== مجھے امید ہے کہ 15 مارچ 1976ء تک آپ کی طرف سے لکھے آئے۔ دلتی بی بی پورٹ براہ راست
خبردار مل جائے گا۔ کہ آپ کے دل دوسرے مرحلے کا کوئی بچا یا رہا نہیں رہے گا۔ خیر اللہ اعلم بالصواب

والسلام

خواجہ مسیح الدار اللہی

DECISIONS TAKEN BY THE AMIRS Some of the important decisions made at the Amirs' meeting under the guidance of the Missionary Incharge on Feb. 6-7 at Washington are:

- 1) Subscriptions for the Ahmadiyya Gazette and the Muslim Sunrise be raised from 5 to 7 dollars. Gazette for March (current issue - ed) be mailed to all members individually who are requested to send their annual subscription to Washington by the end of March. Those who do not send their subscription will not receive the subsequent issues.
- 2) Bicentennial pictorial number of the Muslim Sunrise to be published on time.
- 3) Suitable piece of land be obtained for building a Mosque at Zion, and if possible around Washington and New York in the first instance to form part of the ten-year plan.
- 4) Members to aim at increasing membership and each member, male or female, to convert at least one person, starting from members of his or her immediate family, and subsequently expanding his sphere of influence.
- 5) State fairs and National days be suitably availed of for introducing and projecting Ahmadiyyat.
- 6) Amirs should make it a point to send monthly reports of their Jamaat's general activities and financial condition on prescribed forms. Wasiyyat and Tahrik-i-Jadid and Jubilee Fund received to be inserted by name.
- 7) Br. Rashid Ahmad was unanimously re-elected as our National Amir.
- 8) Imam Masud Ahmad and Mian Muhammad Ibrahim are required to look after the Jamaats in East Coast Region, Midwest and Lakes respectively.

BROTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:



(Seated) BASHIR AFZAL, ALI RAZAA, ALHAJ MUZAFFAR, IMAM M. AHMAD, M.M. IBRAHIM, IMAM SHAHID, RASHID AHMAD, ABDUL HAFEEZ, MUNAWAR SAEED. (Standing) ABUL FAZL, MUNIR AHMAD, JAMIL AHMAD, ALHAJ YAQUB, JAMILUR RAHMAN, MUBASHAR, YAHYA SHARIF, KABIR HAQQ, ABID HANEEF.

ACTIVITY REPORTS NEW YORK - The Jamaat celebrated the Musleh Maud - Promised Son - Day with characteristic fervor. The meeting presided over by Imam Masud Ahmad, was addressed by Dr. Khalil Ahmad Nasir, Br. Bashir Afzal (Amir), Salim Ahmad Nasir and Br. Nur Ghazali on the various aspects of the prophecy and the wonderful way in which it was fulfilled. The gathering of over 60, was entertained to sumptuous feast.

It is further reported that Imam Ahmad has divided the New York Jamaat into three circles and placed each sector under a suitable leader to rejuvenate the entire membership into activity.

BOSTON, MASS. The East Coast Regional Missionary, Imam Ahmad, visited the Boston Jamaat last weekend. He was warmly received by the enthusiastic Amir and his assistants. He addressed the Jamaat (brother and sisters) collectively and later met with the Lajna separately. He seems to have through his eloquent persuasion, brought Boston in line with other Jamaats, who will likewise henceforth be on principle holding separate meetings for brothers and sisters (Lajna). Jamaats in America, it is gratifying to note, are ever ready to practice Islamic ways of life, wherever and whenever it is properly explained.

BALTIMORE, MD. Imam Shahid was the principal speaker at the Musleh Maud meeting and explained fully how the prophecy was manifestly fulfilled in the person of Hazrat Khalifatul Maseh II (may Allah be pleased with him). Amir Abdul Hafeez, Br. Sharif Yahya, Amir and his son Tariq also addressed the audience on the topic of the day.

WASHINGTON, D.C. The memorable event was observed under the chairmanship of Amir Munawar Saeed. Madud Ahmad read the text of the relevant revelation. Mubashar Ahmad elaborated on the portion relating to 'making four of three' and Sahibzada Muzaffar Ahmad, the blessed son-in-law of the 'Promised Son', who had naturally ample opportunities for enjoying the company of Huzur and thus have first hand knowledge of his talents and virtues shared with the audience some of his personal experiences regarding the God-given unique qualifications of the Promised Reformer. Imam Shahid returned just in time from Baltimore to address the gathering on some of the schemes initiated by the Promised Reformer and the Promised Son of the Promised Reformer, especially Tahrik-i-Jadid and Jubilee Centennial Funds and exhorted the participants to make good their pledges.

DAYTON, OHIO The Musleh Maud Day meeting held at the Fazle Omar Mosque with usual festivity, revealed the pleasant fact that apart from seasoned speakers like Imam Ibrahim and Br. Muzaffar, we have now by Allah's grace, a bunch of young earnest speakers, Omar Faruq being the most prominent one. They enlightened the enthusiastic audience, comprised of a number of non-Ahmadi guests, on the significance of the revelation received by the Promised Messiah about the Promised Son.

Imam Ibrahim appeared on a panel convened by the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base officers' wives club on Feb. 17, 1976. The panel constituted representatives of Budhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity, and Islam who were addressed questions to be answered by them individually from the point of view of their respective faiths. The distinguished gathering of about 50 elite, several of whom took active part in the discussion seemed to have enjoyed the 'encounter', particularly the concluding remarks of our Missionary on unity of mankind which can only be achieved by accepting Islam which believes in all the previous prophets and their scriptures. The management is now contemplating a full lecture on Islam some day. (Habeeb M. Shafeek)

ST. LOUIS, MO. Br. Munir Ahmad and Br. A. Kabir Haqq spoke at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, Feb. 17. Three groups were to be represented: Ahmadis, Sheites, and Bilalians (Black Muslims). The Sheite speaker did not show. The Bilalian came while A. Kabir was speaking but did not join the speakers table--stayed for approximately 15 minutes and left. Professors and students asked Ahmadis to come back. Plans are being made to speak again March 10. Request prayers of all Jamaats.
 Son was born to Br. and Sis. Nasir Ahmad Jan. 28. Weight 7lbs. 1oz. Name: Usmaan Raheem Ahmad.

NEWS & NOTES

- 1) It has now been almost finally decided that our next National Convention will be held at Teaneck, N.J. on July 2-4.
- 2) The current issue (March 1976) of The Ahmadiyya Gazette is being mailed individually to all members of the community on the mailing list. As resolved at the last Amirs' meeting they shall send \$7.00 to Washington office as their annual subscription for both the Gazette and the Muslim Sunrise, by the end of March, to receive the next number.
- 3) 'Maseh Maud' - The Promised Messiah - Day will be celebrated by the Jamaats on March 28, 1976. It actually falls on 23rd, but for the convenience of the brothers it has been shifted to Sunday 28th.
- 4) Reports on Jamaat activities for publication should reach the Editor by the 24th of every month. News reaching later has to be deferred.
- 5) Copies of the Jalsa Salana number may be ordered from the Editor @ \$.60 per copy plus postage. The February issue of the Gazette supplies all the information necessary about our last international gathering, illustrated with photographs taken by the American delegates.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF JALSA SALANA (Br. Bashir Afzal, Amir, New York)

We arrived in Rabwah late in the evening. We were welcomed by all who came out to the bus to meet us. The brothers were very pleased to see us all. When we went to the mosque for Maghrib and Isha prayers, there were many brothers there. We received very warm greetings, and I will never forget the wonderful smiles on their faces. They made our stay very pleasant. These young brothers served us and did a good job. Everyone knew exactly what they had to do.

In the morning we were awakened by the call to prayer. I made my way to the mosque in the dark and said prayers in the yard at Masjid Mubarak. When the prayer started it wasn't long before most of the men were crying like babies. I cried along with them.

My visit to Qadian was a dream come true. I have wanted to go all my life, and by the Grace of Allah, my prayers were answered. I went to say a prayer at the grave of the Promised Messiah and all the early companions. I had a chance to sleep in the room that he was born in.

My deepest impression of Jalsa Salana was on the 26th of December. It was raining very hard and steady and we were taking our seats under the canvas shelter. The brothers from Pakistan sat out in the open in the rain and even though the rain continued to come down, the people continued to come in until the place was full. As I looked at this, I thought that if we were in the states the people would run for cover. These people sat throughout the session irregardless of the weather. I said Alhamdulillah, this is a good lesson for us. I was glad to see so many Ahmadis at one place. The Khalifa

gave his speech at the last session and I felt his heart filled with the love of all mankind.

Huzoor said all our prayers start from Chapter Al-Fatihah which contains a deep meaning. This chapter contains four principle attributes of Allah and through them we are instructed to dye ourselves in Divine colors. That is we are required to bathe ourselves in Divine attributes and display them in our moral life. By doing so we will become true servants of Allah.

A LETTER ABOUT SISTER MARYAM SALIHA Dear Mr. Ibrahim: This letter is being written at the request of my wife, Maryam Saliha. Due to a personal problem that arose upon her return from the Jalsa gathering, she is unable at the present time to honor your request for a paper on her impressions of said gathering.

She asked me to assure you, you need not be concerned about her physical condition at this point. Though she did have some slight difficulty in that respect immediately upon her return, it has been overcome through proper attention, following her doctor's advice and philosophy of healing.

May I add that my wife had nothing but the utmost praise to report regarding the consideration and attention accorded her during her stay in Rabwah, and also in London and Karachi. We are both most appreciative of the good care she received.

Maryam requests your prayers and hopes that, some time in the future (though it is uncertain when that may be) that she will be able to send her impressions to you. Sincerely, Edward Solomon, Jr., Ebensburg, Pa.

FIRST EAST COAST CONVENTION HELD ON FEB. 1, 1976. By the grace of Allah, the first East Coast Convention was held on Sunday, Feb. 1, 1976 at the Town House in Teaneck, New Jersey. Despite cold weather and rain, quite a number of brothers and sisters attended the convention, and shared the blessings. Even some of them came as far as from Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

The convention started by the noon time. Br. Bashir Afzal, Amir New York, presided the first session. It started by the recitation of Holy Quran by Br. Bilal from Philadelphia, followed by the speech of Br. Muhammad Sadiq, Amir Teaneck, New Jersey. He spoke about the Promised Messiah and his Mission. Then Br. Majid Ali from Teaneck gave a description of the personal life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, be peace of Allah be upon him, under the title of Zikr Habib. Particularly he emphasized upon his beautiful and graceful life as a human being.

Next speech was made by Br. Abid Hanif from Boston on Khatumun Nabiyyin. He explained the true meanings of the word Khatum Nabuat in the light of the Holy Quran and Hadith. Then there was break and food was served followed by the Zuhr and Asar prayers offered in congregation. Everything was organized nicely and gracefully. Khuddams from different Jamaats were seen working actively wearing their new Khuddams USA arm bands.

Second session was presided over by Imam Masud Ahmad who welcomed delegates and visitors from different cities. Then he introduced himself as Missionary. It was first time that he had the chance to speak to such a big gathering of Ahmadi brothers and sisters of USA, since he has been in this country. He was very happy at this occasion. Then he called those brothers to the stage, who visited Rabwah and Qadian this time. He asked them to give

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their impression about the trip. It was a unique kind of interview conducted by Imam Masud Ahmad. The brothers who spoke were, Bilal Ibrahim, NY; Bilal, Pa; Jalaludin, NY and Nur Ghazali, NY. Then Imam Ahmad gave the closing speech stressing upon organizing the Jamaats in USA. Convention came to an end with the prayer for Khalifatul Masih III and whole Jamaat. Alhamdulillah! (Tahir Abdullah Hagura)

TWO NEW PUBLICATIONS 'AHMADI MUSLIMS' Ahmadi Muslims is quite an informative source of basic historical facts concerning the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. Primarily for young boys and girls, it is written in a style and language understandable to all. The text is very useful for "finger tip" information on the Ahmadiyya Movement from a historical perspective. As a text book, it should be used as a primer leading up to literature which contains a more elaborate historical analysis of the movement. The present edition is excellent for young Ahmadi boys and girls and should be a must on the Nusirat and Atfal level. We commend Ahmadi Muslims be read by all American sisters and brothers because of its valuable content on the basic historical facts concerning the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam. The book is unique in containing information and material related to the Founder of the Movement and his illustrious successors detailing their respective work and achievements. Hazrat Maryam Siddiqah, International Sadr Lajna through whose initiative the publication came through deserves our congratulations. The book may be asked from the National President of the Lajna, St. Louis, Mo.

'LADY MARY' Lady Mary is the latest book written by Dr. Q. M. Barkatullah, our specialist on Christianity. As in his previous publications, the learned author of Lady Mary has collected all the references available on all topics relating to Lady Mary, the mother of Jesus, in the various Gospels. Apparently they are all contradictory and at variance with one another. In fact no two Gospel writers agree on any important aspect of her life. Dr. Barkatullah has quite admirably presented all the material available concerning Mary and has obviously left the task of sifting the 'chaff from the wheat' to the ingenuity of the unbiased readers. Moderately priced but well got up the booklet is obtainable from the Washington Mission, 2141 Leroy Pl. N.W. 20008.

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