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Dear friends!

Mirza Moneer came down from Abou Kir, bringing to us the good news of the health of the Beloved. He left again after a few hours to be with him. Haji Maj, Sayad Mohsen, Mirza Abdor-Ra-ouf and Haji Kharassani went also to Abou Kir to see him. He talked with them about the early events of the Cause and their wonderful effects in the future. They all returned in the evening laden with the joyful fragrance of the Spirit of God whispering to them the charms of service and holiness. When Khosro returned from Abou Kir he brought with him a nice little letter in English from Mirza Moneer which I will incorporate it in my Diary and share its contents with our friends. He says in part:-

"I am delighted to state that our Beloved's health has been gradually changed for the last two days for the better. This little town, Abou Kir by name, with its narrow sandy streets, old huts and fallen tents and a few hundred inhabitants is still a remarkable place and a historical spot in both English and French annals; for here the memorable event transpired and astonished the world when Nelson, the Admiral of the English fleet battered and put hors de combat the French men of war and forced Napoleon to return to France and try to forget his dream of world conquest. As the town is built on the shore of the Mediterranean a fortification is still to be seen standing as a mark of that great event. I have just walked through all the dusty, narrow

streets and am back to the hotel, taking only five minutes. The Arabis with their children were squatting in front of their shabby huts. It seems to me, however that I was walking a whole day, bearing in mind those dreadful events of the past. Later on I went out to buy a simple kind of vegetable for the Master but all my search availed nothing. Hence the Beloved wrote a short Tablet with his own hand to Khosro who was at the time in Ramleh to buy and bring it with himself with his dinner.

In the morning when I asked our Lord whether he had slept the night before he answered: "Just part of the night." This ^{hotel} where our Lord is staying is near the station and there are many trains which leave daily for different parts of the country. It is about half an hour distance from ^{Alexandria} ~~Cairo~~. It seemed very significant to me that our Lord the spreader of Peace and good will amongst all men is today upon the same ground that Napoleon, the Lord of war and militarism was heading about a century ago. What a vast difference between the ^{two} messages! The ambition of one was to become victorious through the sword of war, while the Ideal of the other is to summon the people to the Kingdom of Peace through the sword of Love. The former was a hero of battle; the latter is the messenger of conciliation; one caused the eyes of many mothers to weep the tears of blood the other is conferring sunshine and happiness upon all the hearts.

This is a divine night. The full moon is shining with its soft, radiant beams upon the desert, vast, immeasurable, mysterious. The calm atmosphere is wonderful and its enchanting quietness grips the minds and entwines around the heart, filling it with an unalterable longing for the Ineffable Good and Sublime Mystery. Where is the Ineffable Good? Who is the Sublime Mystery? How can we ever attain to one or solve the other? For a few minutes I pondered over this. Suddenly I saw Our Beloved Lord coming from the opposite direction. He was walking majestically in the Veranda. Contemplation was on his brow. Deep reflection was upon his Countenance. He was all alone. Instantly I realized that all those who have turned their faces toward him, have focussed their attention on him will attain to the Ineffable Good and shall finally solve the Sublime Mystery. For every one feels that the hearts of all the servants of God are open before him. His infinitely penetrating sight pierces through the veils of imitations, longs to find an unoccupied room in the hearts of all mankind where he might dwell and shed the radiance of the Love of God all around. But if the hearts are engaged, only in material pursuits of life and are filled with worldly desires and ambition the Spirit of Truth will return to its own holy station; but if a heart is severed, and pure, clean and empty, it will become a receptacle for the shining forth of the Sun of Right. Thus it has been stated: "The heart of the faithful believer

is the throne of God."

About one hundred supplication were received today and there are a package of Tablets to be signed by him."

Murza Monner has promised me to write a daily letter as long as the Master stays in Akau-Kir, thus we will not be deprived entirely from the news. Judging from this one, I believe our brother will give us some interesting accounts of the Master and his Movements. I am glad he is with Him. Meanwhile the Beloved will have a complete rest. Today Mrs Beebe called on us and wanted to go to Alexandria to buy some beads, so I accompanied her through Turkish bazar which is most interesting. Native shops are on both sides ~~on both sides~~ of the narrow streets and the turbaned owners and sellers are all equalling. In the afternoon Mrs Stannard called and together we went to see Murza Abdul Fagl. Several other gentlemen were there, all listening to his afternoon, informal talks. He does not have any set of speeches but the spirit of the occasion and the need of the persons who call give him a key to speak on any subject which is of special interest and benefit to the hearers. After half an hour stay, listening on the incidents of the life of the great Persian philosopher Al Beruni who has written more than 50 volumes, the most wonderful amongst them being on the ancient religions of India, we returned to the Hotel. Here I told her a great deal about the Beloved's experiences in California and how the believers are all happy and the spirit of sunshine.

As our lease coming to an end, tomorrow we must leave this house but we don't know where we are going. We have not rented yet any house as it is not definitely decided whether the Beloved will go to Haifa or stay here. However by tomorrow noon other unexpected developments may come up.

I will bring this letter to a close by a few quotations from the Master's recent Tablet:-

"The quintessence of the matter is this: with the greatest effort one must arise to spread the Teachings of Baha-Allah, the teachings which are the very spirit of this age and they consist of the oneness of the world of humanity, love towards all mankind and other principles which I promulgated in London and America. Rest ye assured that the Confirmation of God shall descend and the spirit of the heavenly love will be breathed in the hearts. If ye act in such wise and show steadfastness, ye will be ignited like unto the lamps in the assemblages of the world."

In another he says:-

"Convey my infinite love and kindness to — and say:- 'One must summon the people to the Kingdom of God. Silence and speechlessness is not at all permitted'."

To another friend in Japan he writes:-

"O thou herald of the Kingdom of God! The contents of thy letter written to — was perused. Thank thou God that in that country thou hast become assisted to raise the call of the Kingdom and like unto the candle thou hast become ignited and art diffusing the light of guidance. Endeavor as much

as thou canst to create a spiritual awakening in Tokyo and the Flag of the Kingdom be hoisted. Turn thy face to the Blessed Perfection and beg for heavenly Confirmations and be confident that victory and triumph shall descend upon thee uninterceptedly."

"In Another Tablet revealed years ago he says:-
 "O thou who art thirsty for the Salsabil of divine Bestowals! The acquirement of a part of the Gifts and Graces of God depends upon ability, worthiness and capability. Man will attain to them through effort, exertion and diligence. Another part is pure bounty and absolute mercy and generosity on the part of God and man will not attain to that supreme favor and most great gift through his own striving and tireless work. Divine guidance, being vested with the privilege of the Knowledge of God and the recognition of the True One is Absolute Mercy and Pure Generosity. This Glorious Sun will not arise and will not flood the regions with its glorious lights through human power, and human might. That is why it is said:- "This is through the Mercy of God, He giveth unto whomsoever He willeth." It is also said:- "He specializes whomsoever He desireth for His Mercy." Likewise it is said:- "Thou art not guiding those whom thou lovest but God is guiding whomsoever He willeth." Therefore, O thou who art guided by the light of the guidance of God! Thank ~~the~~ God that thou hast obtained such a Grace and hast partaken of such a food. Blessed art thou and again blessed art thou."