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Dear friends!

Every one in the Bahai Movement today feels the need of greater activity, more efficient propaganda, a broader field of labor and an unchanging and unchangeable quality of enthusiasm. The statement of Christ is just as significant and true to-day as 1900 yrs ago that the harvest is ready but the laborers are very few. The world is ripe for the reception of this Revelation but it must be presented to them in the same spirit of Abdul Baha. From every possible viewpoint the Beloved has been ^{late} urging the believers to put forward a new zeal in the promotion of the Teachings and the spread of the Cause. They must subordinate all other objects to this object and with unparalleled determination unfurl the flag of this truth from the Kingdom of every heart. All other thoughts must be forgotten and the supreme importance of this thought burn in ~~in~~ the consciousness of every Bahai. We are in the beginning of this Cause and the faithful must have the courage and the daring of the pioneers. The trees of their lives must bear fruits. They must convey the message of the Kingdom at every opportunity. They must invite the souls to the meetings. They must infuse new spirit into the dead bodies. They must rest neither by day nor by night, for the day is so short and ^{the} people are anxious to find the way and ^{our} life. They are searching and investigating, longing to see the light and free ^{themselves} from darkness, while the crow is hot they must strike and strike very hard.

For this reason I may again translate herein the contents of a few Tablets recently revealed by Abdul Baha :-
 "Truly I say his honor _____ is striving with all his powers in the diffusion of the Fragrances of God. Therefore for a few months he must travel in and around ~~the province of Shiraz~~ Shiraz. From there, he may go to India to spread the message, then to the Holy Land."

"Praise be to God that the Fragrances are daily spreading in these parts. This is through the self-sacrifice of the friends. Therefore with heart and soul Abdul Baha supplicates toward the Beloved of the Spirits - so that the effulgence of His Beauty and Perfection may be reflected upon the nature and disposition of the friends. May they at every moment find a new spirit, and carry away a manifest Victory! It is assured that this prayer will be fulfilled. If Abdul Baha had time and opportunity he might have written individual letters (Tablets) ^{this} to each and all the believers. Notwithstanding, he is every day and night and letters are being forwarded uninterruptedly to the friends. This is through the motion of the sea of the love of Abdul Baha who loves each one of the believers better than his life and spirit."

"Praise be to God that the believers of _____ are in the utmost of happiness and praise and are engaged in the service of the Manifest Light. I hope that in the future they may be confirmed in teaching the Most Great Message. The friends of God must associate with the spirit of friendship with other souls and show to them infinite love and

tenderness. This kind of association will display an effect in the hearts of many people. Then they will listen to the words. Whenever they see that a capability is created, they may speak with wisdom and deference and utter the words with dignity and kindness. At first they must make the effort to remove all the barriers of reserve and indifference. For example, each one of the believers may select at the very least one soul in a year. In the beginning he must show him the beauty of friendship and hospitality in a practical way — so that he may not shun his association, then little by little he may teach him the truth. This is one of the many best ways.

"In reality, Hamadan, may rather all Persia has found infinite Capability. Therefore all the friends must unloosen their tongues in teaching the Cause; — that is, each one of the believers may at least associate at least with one outsider in a year. In the first he may only show him companionship and friendship and astonish him with his praiseworthy actions and deeds. When love is obtained between them, then he may teach him step by step. It is possible for every believer to teach in this manner."

"O ye real friends! In every country and city of the world innumerable meetings are organized. Their organizations are well established and ^{most} varied in nature. But the objects of all such meetings belong to the

material world. Here is a meeting the object of which the accumulation of wealth; there is a syndicate the aim of which is to usurp the property of the nation. Here is a club the clarion call of which is imperialism and militancy and there is a society for the exploitation of mines, the invention of infernal instruments and the making of deadly armaments. But, praise be to God in Hamadan the merciful assembly is organized. That assembly must be illumined. The illumination of every assembly is teaching the Cause of God. The spirituality of every meeting is the diffusion of the fragrance of God. The mercifulness of every gathering-place is to correspond the deeds, actions and behaviour in accord with the Teachings of God. This is the meeting! This is the assemblage! This is the gathering! Blessed are those who are assisted therein! Upon ye be Baba El Ahla! (Sig) Abdul Baha Abbas. He is God!

O God! O God! Thou beholdest these faces are brightened by the Light of Guidance, these eyes are looking toward Thy Kingdom El Ahla, these hearts are overflowing with Thy Love amongst mankind and these breasts are dilated with the signs of Thy Unity in the expanse of the earth. O Lord! They have relinquished the lowest depth of superstitious and soared toward the seventh spheres - the apex of knowledge.

O Lord! Assist them with the army of proofs and evidences, confirm them with wisdom and understanding and inspire their tongues with such elegance and elucidation as to humble the intelligences and conquer the voices!

O Lord! They are poor! Make them rich with the treasury of Thy Kingdom. They are lonely, endear them through the Outpouring of Thy Realm of Might! They are thirsty, cause them to drink from the fount of Tasmin (a fountain in Paradise) and they are naked, dress them with the garment of Sanctity! Verily Thou art the Clement! Thou art the Compassionate, the Merciful and verily Thou art the 'Bountiful', the Ancient! (begin). Abdul Baha Abha.

Last night Haji Sayad Javad arrived from Cairo and stayed over in the hotel to see the Master. He was standing in His Presence this morning, receiving his instructions before leaving for Port Said. What an old man he is! There are so many old Bahai men in these parts, all between 70 and 90 years, many of them have seen Baha - Allah many of them and up to this day whole - heartedly working for the progress of the Cause.

A letter was received about a friend stating that she has cremated the body of some one died in the family. The Master said: 'This is not good. Why do they stop so suddenly the wheels of evolution? The body is composed of so many elements and each element in its dissolution must return to its original constituent substance. Now cremation

arrests too suddenly this process of ^{the} returning of each element to its original part. Someday this body will become flowers and adorn the field with loveliness and charm. Why should we then hinder this charming transformation? What would we gain by incarcerating the ashes of this body in a glass bottle?"

After awhile the Beloved called into his room one of our American sisters. She was weeping with joy and could not contain her feeling of rapture and delight. She went and kissed his hands.

"How she is pure at heart. Whenever she enters the room my heart is rejoiced at her sight" he told me. Then to her: "I love thee very much. From thy heart I sense the feelings of spirituality and sanctification. I hope that the Banner of this Cause will be upraised first in America, for the Capability of America is very much. The American believers must demonstrate an extraordinary effort to spread the Cause. . . . Often one soul becomes the cause of the spiritual awakening of one city, one divine lamp will illumine a whole empire." . . . When she left the Beloved said with a vibrant note of happiness in his voice: - Truly I say, what a wonderful woman she is! I wish all the souls become like unto her. Her heart is illumined, her spirit is pure and holy. Like unto a mirror she is clear."

In the afternoon we were sent to Alexandria to find out the steamers that shall leave within the next few days for Port Said. The Beloved

desires to take a short trip on sea and at the same time meet a number of pilgrims gathered there, Doctor and Mrs. Geringer also have returned from Haifa and are now in Port Said waiting the Master's command.

On our return from Alexandria the Master was sitting in the Hall of the Hotel. Three dogs belonging to the manager were scampering around. Their gallification brought to his memory a dog story. There was in Acca ~~he said~~ a Greek merchant who had grown very wealthy. He had a dog who followed him everywhere and was renowned for its intelligence and faithfulness. He understood everything his master told him. Once he had piled many loads of wheat in front of the mosque in the center of public square. The Sheikh of that mosque came to him and said 'you ^{must} pay something for this, taking ~~this~~ ^{so much} space in front of the mosque'. 'I will do nothing of the kind.' The Sheikh threatened to carry away a load of wheat. The Merchant said something in the ear of the dog. It climbed the loads and stood there keeping guard. As soon as the Sheikh came near to make good his threat, the dog came down on him and he had to fly away for his life. This Greek merchant died after a few years. The dog became very disconsolate and would go to the tomb of the mark and bemoan and bark. Several times they ~~took~~ ^{took} and brought it back. Finally they had to tie it with a rope. All night it would ~~cry~~ ^{wail} and actually weep. It would eat nothing and finally died in this pathetic state. On the other hand, three days after the merchant's death his wife put aside black and was laughing and making merry. Although he was so good to her in his life that he had made it a rule to bring her ^{something} every day. Afterward when it became known ^{people said} to the same amount that the dog was faithful to the merchant his wife was unfaithful."