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Dear friends!

The sea is calm, the Beloved of our hearts is walking on the deck, the crescent silver moon is shedding its bashful rays and we are all happy because our steamer is heading toward Haifa. I can never express in words the joy that is in my heart. I have no doubt you will feel it despite the great ocean and continent that intervene between^{us}. Really it is all like a wonderful, golden dream out of which I will be awakened some day; notwithstanding ^{this} it is a deep and lasting reality in which I live without any merit on my part. Now and then I get a faint glimpse of the Favors of Our Lord on this unworthy one, when the young ^{and old} Persian pilgrims come to visit the King of Kings. With what loving envy they look upon me. "Do you know" many of them have told me. "We would give up not only all that we possess but all our very lives if we could stay for two weeks like you with Our Beloved? Thousands of believers would dance with happiness and rapture ^{everything}

if they were permitted to live as near the Master
 as you have been doing. What divine privilege!"
 Then I look at myself and consciously feel my
 utter unworthiness and the immensity of the
 Grace of our Lord. I realize more than ever how
 a poor and broken instrument I am! Day and
 night I pray and entreat at the Threshold of the
 Blessed Perfection to confirm me in some small
 service in the Cause of God and suffer me ^{to become} a source
 of Joy and Unity - the master keynote of the
 Bahai Revelation. Every Bahai must let his life
 be shaped according to the dictates of Unity. His
 words and deeds must proclaim the law of
 Unity; the light of his eyes must be Unity, the
 predominate influence of his being must be Unity;
 the fundamental principle of his conduct must
 be Unity. If he is assisted in this, if he is
 imbued with this characteristic, then he will
 be an adornment on the temple of the world
 of humankind, he will be a spiritual
 Bestowal for all mankind, he will forget
 self and obtain the invisible emanations of
 the cosmic consciousness.

We awoke this morning with the full expectation that this our very last day in Ramleh and I was in the hotel as soon as I could hurriedly dress myself. The Master was also up and confirmed our hope. All morning we were busy packing. By one o'clock we were ready and all the believers, Persians and Arabs had come to receive the last blessing from the Beloved. They had brought also their children and it made a beautiful picture as He was patting the heads and the faces of these little angels of the Kingdom of Abha. The manager of the Hotel accompanied the Master to the station and all the believers were following him with deep respect and veneration. They were regretting the fact that he was leaving them. At the hotel we bade farewell to Miss Hiscock who is going to stay there for a longer period. Her faith in the Bahai Cause and the Center of the Covenant is strong and often the Master has attested to this fact.

In the steamer there were a number of Bahais and it was about half past when they left us and the steamer raised her anchor making for the sea. By this time the sun was about

in the sky

setting and on one side, there was a wonderful rainbow of many colors an outward symbol of the Covenant of God to be ever remembered afterward on the eve of our departure. Good bye! Egypt and all the experiences gained and all the heavenly time we had! We are now facing^a new and thrilling life full of holiness and sanctity! May we appreciate all that we shall see! May we learn all that we shall hear! Just before our departure from Ramleh a few letters were received ^{from America}, the contents of which gave the Beloved much happiness. As Ramleh is bedecked with green foliage and all the gardens are full of flowers the following description of our beloved California may not be out of place:-

"It has been raining and a few minutes ago I stepped out into the garden to get a breath of the pure, delicious air. Everywhere I saw signs and hints of the coming springtime. Tender little blades of green are peeping up out of the earth. The flower seeds we planted a few weeks ago are springing up in dainty forms and all the trees and bushes are showing forth their tiny little buds. I lingered amongst the new life

nature was manifesting. I saw all about me, evidence of the power of growth and the wonderful spirit sacrifice. The rain began to come last Friday. Before that day ^{everything} was dry, dusty and colorless. Now what a change has been wrought! Everything has been washed clean, the original colors have again appeared and to it has been added much ^{more} color from the new vegetation. To our eyes the beautiful picture of nature has been restored by the wonderful restorative called rain. How happy I was, as many thoughts came to me as I walked in the garden! My heart was joyous in praise to God for having caused the showers of His Mercy and Truth to descend upon us, for having let our eyes witness the signs of the spiritual springtime and our souls to have breathed in the pure fragrant Life giving Breath of His Spirit.

In the evening the Master talked with us about the long voyage covered and how we are now nearing our destination. The little crescent was up in the heaven and as the Beloved was walking on the deck we listened to his words of life and truth. We were blissfully happy at this heavenly moment of our lives.

"Let us all remember" he said as he looked over the calm silvery sea "We have travelled over many countries and upraised the Flag of Truth over many climes. People everywhere listened to the words with great attention and the Fragrance of the Paradise of Abba were spread. Now we must render due thanks, giving to the Blessed Perfection for He hath under all circumstances guided our steps to promulgate His word amongst mankind. Oh! We are now returning home after accomplishing our work. There we will put our brow at the Holy Threshold and pray in behalf of all the friends throughout the world, supplicating His Confirmations so that they may arise to diffuse the sweet scent of His utterances and summon all men to the Standard of Universal Peace, Brotherhood, divine Civilization and spirituality. May their hearts be inspired with the Holy Spirit and the Powers of the Kingdom of Abba."