

Bahai Pilgrims Home ⁴⁵
Mount Carmel, Haifa, Syria
January 6th 1914

Dear friends!

Two more American pilgrims. Miss Hiscock from Ramleh, Mrs Sprague ^{from} New York and four Persian pilgrims from Bena - a town near Tabriz - arrived today. I have not yet seen the former and the latter have already added new colors to the already picturesque gathering in the Pilgrims' Home. Just at the time these four Muhamadan Bahais arrived, 14 Jewish Bahais who have been here for nearly 40 days were ready to depart for their homes. They were from Hamadan. These newly arrived Bahais are tall and sturdy looking fellows, full of love for the Master. They come from Northern Persia and speak ^{the} Turkish language. They have the clearest, intensest faith in the Cause and are ready to sacrifice their lives at any moment. Their words and actions are synonymous.

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Consul whom I have been told is an active, energetic
man; then he called on other people equally impor-
tant in the social and economic life of Haifa.
On his return he went to his own Khawat-Khaneh
where no one sees him and there he rested for more
than 3 hours. These days no Tablets are revealed either
for the East or the West. For America so far as I
know only two Tablets ^{have been} dictated since our
arrival in Haifa. His time is occupied with visits
and calls and attending to various occupations which
have been neglected for the last three years. All
the afternoon he received a long stream of callers,
rich and poor, old and young, Arab and Turks,
Christians and Mohamadians without any distinction
of race, color ^{or} religion. He poured his love upon
all. They were all bathed in the ocean of his mercy
and melted by the touch of his kindness, all
sheltered under the tree of his compassion
and protected in the Cave of his safety.

In the evening the outside reception-room of the Master's Home was filled to overflowing with good and hopeful Pilgrims. Faroughi was reciting from memory the wonderful Tablets of the Blessed Perfection which moved and animated the hearts. About 8 o'clock he called the 4 Jewish pilgrims into his Presence so that he ^{might} give them his last ^{instructions.} ~~advice~~:- "Praise be to God that you have come and blessed your foreheads at the Court of Sanctification. You obtained the ⁹ access to worship as many times at the Holy Tomb of inestimable privilege to circumambulate around ~~the Holy Tomb of~~ Baha-Allah and the Bab for many times. You ^{have} received fragrance and spirituality and became enkindled and set aglow with the Fire of the Love of God. Likewise in many meetings I associated with you and spoke to you concerning the facts of the spiritual life. I hope that this meeting and this association will bring forth great results in the future; that it may be like the blowing of the fresh

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breeze over the trees or the downpour of the vernal
showers over the plains. May each one of you strive
valiantly to serve mankind! May you ever be
assisted by the heavenly Confirmations, May your
faces be ever turned toward the Kingdom of Abha!
Through all the cities that you shall pass, convey
to all the friends my wonderful Abha greeting and
announce to them: - ^{firstly that} His Holiness the Supreme
(Bab) was the morning star heralding the day-
break; he was the herald proclaiming the appro-
aching arrival of the King of Kings, the messenger
bringing the Glad news of the appearance of the
Kingdom. Baha-Allah was the Sun of Reality, the
Lord of Lords and the Manifestation of God.
I am Abdul Baha without any interpretation
or implied meaning. This is my supreme
desire! This is my greatest aspiration. After the
Blessed Perfection for the period of one thousand
^{put forward any} years no one shall claim. I am Abdul Baha.
The believers must be satisfied with this, I

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will be grateful to them and most thankful if they
do not deviate one jot from this path. I am Abdiel
Bala. Recognize me through this title. This title will
be the center of harmony. Secondly: The friends
of God must associate with each other with the
utmost concord and unity. Day and night they must
endeavor to increase love and peace in all their
relations. The more they love each other the more
I shall love them. Praise be to God that all the
means of love and kindness are already established.
The greater their affection toward each other, the
nearer they will be unto the Almighty. Thirdly:
The believers of the Merciful must devote as
much of their time as possible to the promul-
gation of the Cause, the awakening of the souls,
the scattering of the seeds of the flowers of
wisdom and knowledge and the promotion
of the Word of God. Only through this they
will be assisted and reinforced to uphold
the Banner of the Cause of God.

50 Fourthly. The beloved ones must think even less of themselves and more of others. They must never think of themselves as ^{being} superior. Consciously they must forget self and annihilate their ego in the sea of God's mercy. I hope to hear good news from you and that you will become the cause of the happiness of the hearts of all the people, and conduce to the amelioration of the conditions of humanity."

When they came down to bid farewell, with the rest of the pilgrims, ^{there was} a strange and most touching scene ~~was made manifest~~. Many of them were weeping and their loud lamentations could be heard outside the room. What love they show and manifest toward each other! I walked ^{up} later on toward the Pilgrims' House with my mind full of these thoughts and when I entered the house I heard the song of 'Abdul Baha, thou art the Unifier of the world! ' Indeed he has brought together the ends of the earth on Mount Carmel.