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Bahai Pilgrims Home
 Mount Carmel Haifa Syria
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Dear friends!

No steamer in the port. This is the first day since our arrival that ^{there has been no} ~~the port is free of any~~ ^{anchored here} steamer. The number has been always from 1 to ten. I felt as though all communications with ^{the} outside world ^{have} ~~are~~ brought to an end. This must have been the feeling of those holy souls who were brought ^{to Acca} here years ago, [only to a greater degree]. The sea ^{has been} ~~was in the~~ ^{perfectly} calmest, and a number of large and small boats could be seen anchored in the distance. The weather ^{today has} represented the helmiest ^{all nature seemed to have} spring day, and the blood tinged in our new life veins. A number of believers went down ^{the mountain} in the morning, and as the Master was coming out of the house he called them and inquired from them the spiritual condition of their respective assemblies, and as a result ^{of their reports} he gave them a significant talk on the power of unity and cohesion. "Unity".

^{Ideal}

he said "is ~~an~~ ^{an} ~~ance~~ which is confirmed by the Almighty. ^{When} ever I hear the believers are united I am most happy. The Spirit of Baha oллаh overshadows those souls who work for the Cause of Unity, ^{who} speaks the Words of Unity, ^{who} upraise the Standard of Unity and circulate the spirit of Unity. ^{should} How I love to see the friends so united as to be one soul in many bodies! The leaders of mankind must at all time work for the spread of the principles of Unity. Unity is the light that illumineth every path. Our origin has been one and our end must be also one. " Then ^{expressing a desire that they receive the} ~~wishing them the descent of the~~ ^{sublimation of the} Holy Spirit, and the confirmations of Truth, he entered the house.

In the afternoon the ~~candace~~ ^{for} was made ready by Isfandiyar ~~to take~~ the Beloved ~~away~~. First he ^{marked and} called on some one on foot and ^{when} as he was returning we stood near the ^{house} door. Before passing by me he said: - "I am now feeling very well. Come down to-morrow morning. We must now answer a number of most important letters."

Then coming near Mirza Jalal, of the family of Ahmad Off in Tiflis, he patted ^{him} gently ^{on} at his face and said:—"I am most pleased with your family. Yours is an old Bahai record full of accomplishments and services in the Cause." By this time Haji Mirza Heyder Ali was seen coming from down town. Immediately the face of the Beloved was lighted up, and he called him to come and take a ride with him. "Thou art my hero!" He said, and the landau carried away both, the Lord and his hero.

A few days ago I received a letter from Doctor Moody which tells us in an interesting way about a most unique meeting of women held on the 26 of November ^{in Teheran Persia}. She says in part:—"We met at Faezeh's home. She had arranged a wonderful meeting for the women of whom there were nearly one hundred present, and ^{of whom} many ^{new} newly interested ones. Also a princess whom Faezeh has recently taught. Many poems in praise of the Center of the Covenant were chanted by members of Faezeh's class. Then a Muslimman

girl gave proofs from Koran concerning the Manifestation.
 She was followed by a Jewish girl who gave the proofs
 from the Torah. Then followed a Zoroastrian woman
 who most eloquently talked of the proofs from their holy book
 and from their traditions. She was fine! I had not been asked
 to speak, but could not sit still and added my mite
 from the Gospel, and the Christian standpoint and ended
 by chanting one verse of 'Ai Golrooke' Alha e Man'
 (a Bahai song) for them. They showed great enthusiasm
 for these beautiful words. Several of Mrs ^{Waite's} Hymns
 were chanted in Persian, and last but not least Goetzg
 Khanom summed up the talks in a practical, master-
 ful way. How wonderful it was! The women are awake!
 Nothing like this has been attempted before. There was
 plenty of bombons to distribute and at our hostess
 request I presided over the tray filling the small
 dishes. We had a most blessed consciousness of
 the Divine Presence of our Beloved Center of the
 Covenant throughout, and came away in a happy
 frame of mind. This meeting took place

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in Sar Gabre Aga - you know it as the darkest part of
Teheran. you have no doubt heard of the death
of Fekrol-Hadjieh, the faithful relative of our Lord. She
passed ^{away} after many months of suffering. I was with her many
times in those last months. She was gentle, loving, patient,
and drew every one to her by these ~~exquisite~~ qualities.
We four Americans were allowed to be present in the
Ennam-Zade' Ma'soum when her body was brought
there. We were of course dressed in native garb
and observed strictest silence, as there were many
Muslim ^{present} women and men. We visited the former
holy resting-place of the Bab. It was an experience
too sacred for words."

Thus the Cause is going forward, the Persian women
making such a remarkable progress and showing the
indubitable signs of greater advancement. These
Western sisters must rejoice in this fact, and
do their best in every possible manner to assist
them and encourage them so that they may add to
their zeal and holy restlessness.