

Bahai Pilgrims Home
Mount Carmel, Haifa Syria
January 15th 1914

Dear friends,

I awoke with the thought of the Master in my mind and as soon as I drank I ~~drank~~ my tea I descended the mountain with a light heart and exhilarated spirit. The garden surrounding the house of the Beloved is, at this time of the year a picture of loveliness, ^{and} the aroma of roses filling the nostrils. After half an hour of waiting Basheer brought me the Word that ^{the Beloved would} ~~he will~~ receive me. He was alone in his own small room and according to the etiquette of the East he was sitting on the floor. Looking at my rather bulky package of stored-up petitions he laughed. "Have I to answer all these?" he asked while bidding me to sit down. I read to him the contents of two petitions written and signed by the Believers of New York and Washington D.C. on the occasion of the

Feast of the Appointment of the Center of the Covenant.
 The petitions were written on long pages of parchment
 and very simply and beautifully decorated. In order
 to start ^{the} today he revealed two very powerful Tab-
 lets for these two Assemblies. Hardly he had uttered
 only a few words, when he ^{arose to} ~~was on~~ his feet, ^{and} walking to
 and fro, his white locks falling on his shoulder
 and his face now in rapt silence, and again
 illumined with the rays of heavenly ideals.
 These two petitions are prepared so neatly and
 artistically that they will be forwarded to
 Persia. Then he came out ^{and} walking in the
 street and the vacant lot in front of the house.
 By this time Elmi' Asdag was seen coming. He
 beckoned to him and took him with himself
 on a long walk. I was sent up to the Pilgrim's
 Home to attend to my work. In the afternoon
 there was a memorial meeting for Sheik Abdul
 Gassim in the Holy Tomb of the Bab. All
 the believers were gathered here. Tablets

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were read and poems were chanted. An ^{interesting} new pilgrim from Beirut is Doctor Barakat who came up this afternoon to attend the memorial. She is a woman of intelligence and winning grace. Her courtesy is charming and her personality is attractive. I liked her at first sight. She is a Syrian woman, a graduate from one of the medical schools in America and a beautiful Bahai. ^{was} If I ~~not~~ ^{was} mistaken she ~~thought~~ ^{was} merely an American Bahai on an ocean liner returning from America. She became a believer ~~while~~ ^{after} ~~living in~~ ^{leaving} America. She ^{French} speaks English ^{as well as her native tongue (Arabic)} and although I ^{conversed} spoke with her only a minute or two I found her ~~lovely~~ ^{most interesting &} and engaging. Most of the afternoon the Master spent in the house. Some of the members of the Holy Family accompanied our American sisters to the Monastery on the top of Mount Carmel, the rest were at the Holy Tomb of the Báb with a number of others to attend the memorial. They were in a separate room however. In the evening there was a large meeting in the house and the Master delivered a capital ^{very} important talk.

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not only to those who were present in the room
^{also for} but to the Bahai world. The large, crowded room
was filled with his spirit and his address created
a subdued wonder and praise. In my next letter
I will translate its contents for the benefit of our
Western brothers and sisters. When we left his
holy Presence every one of the believers was talking
about it and how deeply his words moved and
thrilled him. In closing this letter I will do nothing
better than to copy herein the translation of the
Tablet revealed today for the Washington Bahais
He is God!

O ye who are firm in the Covenant and Testament!
Your letter of Congratulation (Nov. 26th 1913) was
received. Its contents was an evidence to your
firmness and steadfastness in the Covenant, the
turning of your faces toward the Kingdom of
Abha, your utmost loyalty in the Love of Baha-
O-llah and your rising in the service of

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the Cause of God.. Today the heavenly Powers and the merciful Cohorts are the defenders and supporters of those souls who are occupied with teaching the Cause of God and are firm in the Covenant.

Therefore it is my hope that you, who are firm in the Covenant, may become encircled with a new confirmation and a most great ^{assistance} success ^{you} envelop you, and with the utmost strength, may arise in the guidance of the people - so that the splendors of the Kingdom of Abha may shine upon the Continents, the flag of the Oneness of the world of humanity be unfurled, the Song of universal Peace may stir the hearts into Cheerfulness, ^{that} all the nations of the world may enter beneath this uni-colored Tent, mankind may receive a share and a portion from Eternal Life, ^{and} each one of these holy souls become like unto a fruitful tree and be ignited like unto the candle of guidance in the assemblage of mankind

Upon ye be Baha El Abha
(Sig) Abdul Baha Abbas.