

Bahai Nest.

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Dear friends!

The most glorious news that is sent out in these days from the Mountain of God to the Bahai world is the enjoyment of perfect health by the Beloved of the world. The believers must indeed rejoice to receive this joy-imparting news. For when the heart is ~~nourished~~ ^{properly} and enjoys sound health, all the members, limbs and organs of the body perform their ~~separate~~ ^{interference} functions and distinct duties without any impediment or halt. The Presence of Abdul Baha in this world is the most precious asset of the Bahai Movement. Through his example and instructions the believers can accomplish the world's work set upon their shoulders by the Blessed Perfection. He is the mainspring of their inspiration and activities. Without his aid and assistance they can accomplish nothing. Consequently when

he is well and enjoys good health all the Bahá'ís respond
 to it unconsciously, and enthused with his tremendous
 vitality and moral force ^{they} battle against the host
 of darkness and instruct mankind in the lessons of
 brotherhood. As he has often stated, his spiritual health
 is not subject to change, that everlastingly he is in the
 same invariable condition, but we know by experience
 that whenever he is not feeling well he is unable
 to attend ^{physically} to the dispatching of the voluminous corres-
 pondence, as well as other affairs of the Cause. There-
 fore let us all be exceedingly happy in these days
 for the Master's health is ^{good} well and the sun of his
 countenance is shining with majesty, without any
 dark cloud of bodily ailments preventing its
 radiant glory. From early morning till ^{at night} late ~~the~~
 evening he is ^{about} up, doing good wherever he is, and
 shedding sunshine wherever he goes. He does not
 rest for one moment nor does he seek any tran-
 quility for one second. The perpetual motion

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which is no other but the divine energy, sustains him under all conditions.

Three of us descended the mountain very early and were strolling around the house when the Master was seen ^{coming} from the other ^{up} end of the street. He ^{asked} called us to follow ^{enter} him to the reception room. Basheer served us tea and then after a few minutes ^{the Master} he walked in with that graceful ease and calm dignity peculiar to himself.

He called me by my name and said: "Many letters are being received. What must we do with them?" Outwardly I did not say anything but in my heart I said 'The only way is to answer them'. Then he got up from his seat and shut the window through which a stream of cold air was coming in. When he sat again he said: - "We are sorely in need of many teachers, But all the believers of God must be ~~the~~ teachers of the Cause. Teaching the Cause is not only through the tongue. It is through deeds, conduct, ^{a good} ~~pleasing~~ disposition, happiness of nature, kindness, sympathy

good fellowship, trustworthiness, holiness, sanctity, virtue, purity of ideals and lastly, speech. Every one of the believers of God must, at the very least, teach one new soul in a year. Then the Cause will advance very rapidly. He may select one ^{hundred soul.} congenial person, show him love, and affection, associate with him with real interest and little by little deliver to him the message of the Kingdom. This is the means of the happiness of the believers of God! This is conducive to the confirmation of the friends of the True One! This is the source of their nearness to the Throne of the Almighty! This is the way through which the world and the inhabitants thereof are enlightened."

During the day we met him again two or three times, now taking a long walk through the avenues of the German Colony, and again driving in the landeau, and at the end of his trip coming out ^{then} and distributing money amongst

the poor.

We had a beautiful meeting in the evening. As the Beloved entered the room he had a large ^{in his hand} envelop^e containing many letters. I was sitting near the Threshold. He called me and when I stood in his Presence he gave ^{me} two letters to translate their contents to the assembled friends. I was going to take my own seat when he commanded me to take an empty seat on his right hand. I hesitated at first, but he renewed his command. One of the letters was from Mrs Stannard, ^{in India} the other, ^{from} Mr Ralston of California - the two extreme points of the ^{in the Holy Land} East and West meeting. ^{in the Presence of the Lord} The translation of the contents of the letters gave him, as well as the believers much joy. Then he eulogized greatly the noble character of Mr Ralston and the gentleness and sweet quietness ^{of Mrs Ralston} and ^{combined with a nature full of purpose} purposefulness of Mrs Ralston's nature. "Now praise be to God Mr Ralston has arisen to spread the message of the Kingdom of Abba

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and ere long he shall receive universal confirmations.
He has a sterling character and a strong, unwavering
will," he said.

After a minute of silence he renewed his remarks:
"The cohorts of the Kingdom of Abha are engaged in
uninterrupted fighting, They are ^{gaining} carrying away vic-
tory after victory. God willing Mrs Stannard shall
win many signal triumphs in India. Once the
principles of the Bahai Movement are known in
India, it will spread all over that vast con-
tinent like wild fire..... Mrs Stannard has
dedicated her life to the Cause. She knows neither
rest nor comfort. She does not sit tranquil for one
moment. Although she has a steady income yet
out of that she gives away to the poor and the needy...
She entertains no other idea save the service of the
Kingdom and the promotion of the Cause. She is assis-
ted by the Confirmations of God. There are certain
persons whose ambitions are lofty. They are not
satisfied with petty services and small things. They
do not soil their wings with water and clay. Their
highest aim is to adorn their inner beings with the
infinite perfections of the celestial world. Thus
the most cherished desire of Mrs Stannard is to
spend the remaining years of her life in the spreading
of the Cause and the service of humanity."