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Dear friends!

The contents of a Tablet lately revealed from the tongue of the Center of the Covenant to one of our American friends, unfolds in a simple manner 3 cardinal principles of the Bahai Cause. First and foremost to go on and spread the Teachings by every means. Second, to associate and consort with other religious and sects. Third: the importance of Unity amongst the believers of God. The Tablet is as follows:—

He is God!

O thou my son of the Kingdom!

Your letter dated December 20th was duly received. Praise be to God it was an indication ^{of} firmness and steadfastness in the Cause of Baba-e-Ilah, and the promotion of the Call of the Kingdom of God. The believers must hold fast to all the means, so that day by day the Light

2. ^{the} Guidance of God may enlighten all parts and the souls may become quickened through Eternal Life.

(2d) Thou hast written that a minister has asked Mr _____ to hold, from time to time, the Bahai meetings in his church. This is very acceptable. Peradventure through your effort this minister will be changed, be attracted to the light of the Kingdom, attain to another state, seek another power and become the minister of the heavenly monastery, and a herald to the appearance of the Lord of the Hosts.

(3d) A number of the friends are sending the good news of the Unity of the believers and the maid-servants of the Merciful. It is my hope that this glad-tiding may increase day by day and their harmony and Concord may reach to such a degree that the heart of Abdu'l-Baha may obtain joy and fragrance: for today there is left for him no other heartfelt

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happiness save the spiritual susceptibilities of the
believers of God.

Convey the wonderful Abha greeting to each and
all. Upon thee be Baha El Akha!

(Signed) Abdul Baha Akbes

Today four of our American sisters departed from
Haifa. Mrs Sprague and Mrs Wise will visit Jerusalem
and then return to this Holy Spot to meet the Beloved
before they start for the United States. Mrs Von
Lilianthal and Mrs Beede will proceed from
Jerusalem to Jaffa, Alexandria and Italy. Where
ever they go they have the heartfelt prayers of their
Oriental brothers and sisters. The precious memory
of these blessed days spent on Mount Carmel in
the neighborhood of the Beloved will neither be for-
gotten by them nor by us. To us they were the
golden links of that mighty spiritual chain which
is connecting the inhabitants of the East and the
West into one never-to-be-broken band of divine
brotherhood. They are urged forward by a common

4 Ideal, impelled by a spiritual force and inspired by the words of Abdul Baha! The hand of God will ever protect them. They are the true maid-servants of the Blessed Perfection; their aim is to spread the Glad-tidings of the Kingdom and their highest desire is to win the good-pleasure of the Lord of mankind.

Miss Hiscock also left for Egypt. She was very happy to be again breathing the spiritual atmosphere of the Presence of the Master.

Later on in the day the Governor & General of Damascus with a number of military officers and judges, called on the Beloved. They were in His Presence for half an hour. While they were ^{in the house} in their many carriages were waiting for them in front of the gate, thus attracting the curiosity of the passer-by who wondered and inquired who are these important personages in the house of Abbas Effendi?

In the afternoon the President of the American College in Beirut, Mr Bliss accompanied ^{by} with a

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number of Oriental Students and Doctor Coles of the
English Hospital, called on the Master. Mrs Bliss was
also in the party. The President expressed the highest
satisfaction and pleasure ^{with} at the conduct and diligence
of the ^{Persian} Bahai students. The Master in turn praised
the college and its broad spirit of universal brother-
hood. "I consider all the students as my own sons
and am always solicitous after their comfort and
happiness." the President said. "Intellectual and
spiritual relationship" the Master said "is greater
and higher than physical relationships. Christ did
not have any sons but he had many disciples."

"The adherents of the various religious and nationalities
of the East who through the halls of our college asso-
ciate and commingle with each other with the
utmost spirit of fraternity and fellowship" the
President said in Arabic language. "This is what
it ought to be." the Beloved answered "In this age the
college which is dominated by a denominational spirit
is an anomaly and is engaged in a losing fight. It

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cannot stand long the vectorious forces of liberalism in education. The Universities and colleges of the world must hold fast to three cardinal principles. First: Whole-hearted service to the Cause of education, the unfolding of the mysteries of nature, the extension of the boundaries of Pure Science, the elimination of the causes of ignorance ^{and} social evils, the ~~standardization~~ ^{standard} of a universal system of instruction, and the diffusion of the lights of knowledge and reality. Second: Service to the Cause of Morality, raising the moral tone of the students, inspiring them with the sublimest ideals of ethical refinement, teaching them altruism: inculcating in their lives the beauty of Holiness and the excellency of virtue and animating them with the excellences and perfections of the religion of God.

Third: Service to the oneness of the world of humanity, ³¹ so that each student may consciously realize that he is a brother to all mankind, irrespective of religion or race. The thoughts of universal Peace must

be instilled in the minds of all the scholars, — in order that they may become the armies of Peace, the real servants of the body politic — the world. God is the Father of all. Mankind are His children. This globe is one home. Nations are the members of one family. The mothers in their homes, the teachers in the schools, the Professors in the colleges, the Presidents in the Universities, must ^{these ideals to} ~~instruct~~ ^{teach} the young from the cradle ^{up} to the age of manhood.

After this meeting the Master went out to take a drive in the landau. The Greatest Holy Leaf was also in the carriage with Asseim Effendi and Moness Effendi — the two little grandsons of the Beloved. The great spiritual love that exists between Abdul Baha and his holy Sister is indescribably deep and beautiful. Their tender attachment is joy-inspiring and blissful. One can never write much about the Greatest Holy Leaf — except that she is a glorious diadem on the brow of Womankind, a brilliant jewel in the Crown of the "New Woman" of the 20th Century.