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Dear friends!

"Make an aeroplane and take me with ~~thy~~^{thee} self to India. This is ~~for the~~^{at} present, the only means the only ~~means of transportation~~^{way} with which thou canst kidnap me," said the Beloved to Mr Shirazi when he asked him again about his long expected trip to that country. He laughed heartily and wished the believers in India ^{to} proclaim with great power and energy the word of God so that an irresistible magnet may be created ^{to} and draw him to ~~its~~^{that} shore. "Now" he said "I want to send you back to India and see what you can do in ^{that} this direction. Praise be to God that thou art a lion. The Bestowals of the Blessed Perfection have made all the believers ^{who} the fearless lions. When thou returnest to India thou must roar in order that I may hear thy voice ^{while} here. Thou must sing the music of the

of the Kingdom and attract the souls to the Paradise of Abha. Tell to the Lorestrains: Our aim is to increase your number and not decrease it. Because the Bahais of all parts of the world will join their intellectual and moral forces with ^{your} you and thus suddenly you will find your number increased to a hundred ^{and} thousandfold. The good news from India has made me very happy. Soon the Cause will advance greatly in that Country. The beauty of truth will be revealed unto those people. Have a little patience! Have a little patience!" For more than one hour he walked through the lovely beds of the garden expounding the doctrines of his ^{Holiness Bahaullah} father and explaining the teachings of the prophets. The pilgrims were standing in two long rows with the utmost reverence and respect. As he walked to and fro through the charming flowers the eyes involuntarily followed his light, quick, magic steps, and the ^{were} ears strained to hear every word. Here indeed was a miniature ^{Congress} ^{of} ^{the} ^{East}

of religions and nations - the wolves and the lambs³
drinking from the same fountain and grazing in the
same prairies. I could see here a number of ancient
Zoroastrians from Bombay, there a number of old
Jews from Hamadan; modern Christians from
Europe and America were not missing; Mahom-
madans from many cities of Persia were prominent;
Ashkabad and Bakou were represented. Here was
a Hindu from Nausari, there a Persian from Karachi,
another from Rangoon, Turks from Constantinople,
Arabs from Alexandrette - every one looking in
the face of the other ^{with} the light of love and
harmony. Such is the magic and divine power
of Abdul Baha! ~~Like~~ ^{Like} unto the Magnet he draws
unto himself people from the ends of the earth
and unites them together in ~~one~~ harmonious whole.
In no other parts of the world ^{does} one find such a rep-
resentative gathering ^{as} in the Presence of Abdul
Baha! With the elixir of love he causes humanity
to associate with each other with perfect joy.

After this beautiful Congress of religious and its unofficial session in the garden the Master quietly retired to his room, leaving us in a state of spiritual bliss and divine ecstasy. In the afternoon he sent for me and told me to call on Mrs and Mrs Holback at the German Hospice and ^{convey} express to them his greetings and love. I found them sitting in the large orange grove. Mrs Holback ^{was} writing a letter to Doctor Moody describing her experiences amongst the Bahais of many lands ^{that had} gathered together at the foot of Mount Carmel. It was such a divine afternoon, and we sat there for more than one hour speaking on the high themes of the Cause and ^{joyfully} ~~having~~ the spiritual communion of the soul. Meanwhile the Master was dictating heavenly Tablets to Shaugi Effendi for the American and Persian believers. It was just about sunset when we left the German Hospice and ^{my dear Mrs Holback} they had the privilege of meeting the Master and speaking with him.

concerning certain phases of their forthcoming book.
The Master said: - " When I returned from America I
found that a number of missionaries ^{had} spread the
false ideas ^{they said} that during ^{while} my voyage in America, at the
~~time of my entrance~~ ^{when I went to} the churches to deliver ^{my} talks
(I depicted surplises and church vestments) and ~~before~~ ^{that}
~~saying anything else I said: 'O ye uncourse of Christians!~~
^{I always commenced by saying'}
I was a Mohamadeu, but have renounced that
faith and embraced Christianity! ~~That is the reason~~
these missionaries ^{say} ~~said~~ ^{that is} why I was invited to speak
from so many Christian pulpits of various
denominations. When I heard this I had to
send for some of the newspapers from America
and Europe to show to the people that I always ^{wore}
the same ~~clothes~~ ^{there as I do here} and ~~never changed them.~~ "

^{Abdul Baha}
When he came out of the house there was a
tall Arab, ^{very} ~~more~~ like a giant, waiting for him.
He is very much devoted to the Master and
adores him for his many kindnesses. "May I best
thee with my cane?" The Beloved asked him

6 laughingly. "I will be honored" he answered. Then he brought down the cane on his back three times; the third time with such force that the cane was broken. ^{The Master} He walked out of the garden and the Chester's man followed him quite meekly and happily.

In the morning Elmi Akbar and 8 other pilgrims left for Persia. The Master met them before their departure and gave them a farewell talk in which he said. "you must be ^{as} quickened ^{so} that through you ^{will} ~~be~~ the breath of life blowing over the dead souls and quicken them with the new spirits." All the believers went as far as the wharf to bid them goodbye.

In the evening we were privileged to sit in the Presence of the Beloved and listen to a wonderfully moving talk on the life and vicissitudes of Baha allah. Many believers came late and they had to stay in the corridor ^{until} before he finished speaking. Then one of the friends chanted a prayer, another sang a Bahai song and the delightful meeting was brought to an end.