

Bahai' Nest.

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Innocent Carmel, Haifa Syria

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Dear friends,

Mrs. A. ^{Virginian} Burks, a ^{Baltimore} Baltimorean girl ^{stayed} by Mrs Hebe Struven, arrived last night from Port-Said and was privileged to meet the Beloved in the afternoon. She presented to him the love and greeting and devotion of Mrs. Struven and Mr. Roy Wilhelm and praised their loyalty and devotion to the Cause. The Master said:- "They are pure souls, and kind to every one. I know them well. I have great confidence in them. They have no thought of their own. The foundation of this Cause is love and good-fellowship with all mankind. Those who embody these qualities in their lives are true Bahais. This is the basis of the progress of the world. This is the new spirit wafting over ^{the} existence. This is the cause of the illumination of this dark world!" She asked about the Bahai books and literature.

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Abdul Baha said:- "The book of Iqhan revealed by Baha-ollah in Bagdad and translated in America is one of the most fundamental Bahai works. Then the hidden words, likewise Tajalliyat, Eshtiragat, Taragat etc, also the books of Mirza Abul Fazl. All these works will explain to you the full meaning and importance of this revelation. When you return to America you can easily get these books and study them very carefully. Then you will be fully informed with the principles of the Bahai Cause. The talks that I have delivered in London, Paris and America will also greatly assist you in this direction. The Teachings of Baha-ollah are like uncut diamonds, that the more you polish them the greater will become their brilliancy. On your way back to America associate with the believers of God. In London there are many blessed souls, such as Lady Blomfield, Miss Rosenberg, Hashmatullah from India and many others. I hope you will meet all of them

and through their association you will become acquainted
with the detailed history of the Cause. " Then the
Master proceeded to tell her how previous to the appearance
of Baha-ullah, the eastern horizon was dark and he
^{then Baha-ullah} arose like a glorious sun and scattered the clouds of
ignorance and prejudices and how under the influence
of this word people of many religions are united. She
said she attended the Bahai meetings in Cairo and
was struck with this very fact; "The meetings
in Cairo ^{are} like so many drops, but the assemblages in
Persia are like so many seas. The fire of the Love of
God has burned away all the superstitions and cemented
all their hearts. They are ^{as} the members of one family.
Baha-ullah proclaimed the oneness of the world
of humanity and invited the people to the
independent search of Reality. He suffered all
the nations of the world to ^{be} ushered under the
Canopy of unity. Thank ~~that~~ God
that thou hast heard the Call of the Kingdom, ^{find} ~~did~~
found the light of Truth, listened to the

1st heavenly Call and were attracted to the Beauty of the Beloved. Now is the time that thou mayest become full of ^{happiness} gladness and ^{joy} rejoicing and be kindled with the Fire of the Love of God. It is assured that thou wilt attain." Then he took her hand and ^{led} carried her to the Anderson to ~~be introduced to and~~ meet the members of the Holy Family.

In the beautiful rose garden of the Beloved I was walking this morning, admiring the wonderful lilacs and ^{geraniums} geraniums when word was brought by Basheer that the Master wanted me. I hastened to his room. He was surrounded by many letters just received from Europe and America and after welcoming me he started to answer ^{them} one by one. Lady Blomfield of London was honored with a long Tablet. Another one line Tablet was written by the Beloved to Dinshaw Namkar, a Zoroastrian believer of Crawford Market, Bombay, who has requested ^{for permission} to go to America. He wrote: —

"To the American believers! O ye believers of God!

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This person has permission to go to America. Should he ever come to these parts accept him.

(signed) Abdul Baha Abbas."

Altogether I was in his Holy Presence for more than 3 hours. An Arab Sheik came in. The Master wrote for him a letter of introduction to some important personage. Before leaving ^{the Sheik} he begged ^{Abdul Baha} Him to assist him financially. An English pound was put in the palm of his hand. Another Arab was ushered in. He had a letter in his hand. Without taking the letter the Beloved said: "I know! I know! What thou desirest." He was also given money and sent away. A poor man in rags met him as he walked out of the house to take his accustomed walk. Some money was put into palm of his hand. He tried to ^{the Master} kiss His hand. "No; No!" the Master said "Do not kiss my hand. It is not permitted. We must not kiss anybody's hand. It will bring pride and inspires one with a feeling of superiority." Such are the holy events which are constantly transpiring in this Blessed Spot.

In the afternoon the clouds covered the ~~face~~ of the sky and an abundant rain flooded Mount Carmel. The lightning flashed and the thunder boomed forth. Thus all the trees and flowers were washed with this vernal shower and nature became expressive of the beauty and verdancy of paradise. Hand in hand with our Hindu and Zoroastrian Brothers we ascended the mountain, singing the songs of thanksgiving and glorification. Our former religions did not permit us this unrestricted, divine soul-communion, but through the heavenly Teachings of Abdul Baha we have broken the old fetters of dogmas and are walking together in the broad highway of universal brotherhood. We are made one, no matter how different our customs, environments and conducts. We are no more led blindly by conventional, bigoted leaders, but have hearkened to the Voice of the heavenly Messenger. We have seen the true Shepherd and have recognized ^{him} with our spiritual perception. The light of truth hath illumined our dark path.