

Mount Carmel, Haifa Syria ⁷⁹
Bahai West
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Dear friends,

The Beloved entertained twelve guests for dinner and thus there was little opportunity to see him. In the morning I had the pleasure of seeing him for a few minutes. He dictated a few cablegrams for various parts of the world and then I retired to my room. Several Turks and Arabs called on him and each person came out with beaming face and contented heart.

In the afternoon the Master received the whole body of ^{the} students and gave them a talk on the Camp school he visited while he was in Dublin N.H. "When I was in Dublin" he said "the Professor of this Open door school invited me to visit the pupils. The school is in the Mountains of New Hampshire, built amongst the woods. All around there are ^{green} valleys, verdant plains and blue lakes. They have a large cabin and pitched up several tents. Their supreme object is to promote the art of Beauty and gracefulness and the science of strength. For this reason they practice calisthenics and athletics and ~~exercise~~ ^{bodily} trainings. They are thinly clad and often sleep in

the open air. They go bathing every day and during certain hours they study. Fresh air, outdoor exercises, wholesome food, clean sports, uplifting ideals and regular training of body, mind and spirit build up their constitutions and give them strong muscles, sterling characters and robust manhood. They have a school room and dining room and except the hours of study and meals they spend all their time out in the open, learning many excellent lessons from the ~~best~~ of nature. I saw there a very young lad whom I was told by the teacher was very thin and emaciated when he was brought to the Camp but during his four weeks stay he was completely changed, having gained flesh, health and color - so that he could take part in the vigorous exercises. The Professor of this twentieth century school was one of the most refined and cultured men that it ~~was~~ my pleasure to meet in America and he showed me much love, hospitality and affection. The boys were most polite and decorous and although some of them were very young yet they ~~stayed~~ stayed through the talk and listened most attentively. I was very pleased with all of them. Resourcefulness and self-control are the two lessons taught to these boys both through words and deeds - so that if in the course of their lives through an accident

of checkered fortune they are thrown on an uninhabited island or in the midst of Sahara they may master the situation calmly, control themselves and provide through their own ingenuity and inventiveness the essential means of livelihood. After all this is the greatest lesson that any highly-evolved civilization can teach us. They are so taught that when the proper time arrives they may not shun the dangers and the risks of life; that like unto the birds of the fields and the animals of the woods they may be able to procure their sustenance and protect themselves from the encroachment of the enemy.....

Mrs Agnes Parsons introduced us to the Principal of the school and it was one fair afternoon that we were motored, ^{from Dublin} in an automobile in her company to the said school many miles away and returned in the evening..... Are the faculty of the College in Beirut pleased with you? Praise be to God that all the people testify to your probity and virtues. You have become the means of the honor and glory of the Cause. ^{True} Happiness is found in the purity of thought. Whenever I look into your radiant faces I am made most happy, because your thoughts are pure. You must live in such a manner that whenever I think of you

I may be made joyful; Whenever I behold your shining
 countenances I may become happy; whenever I hear your
 good news my heart be filled with delight. Praise be
 to God you are already so. Man must so live that
 he may become beloved in the sight of God, beloved in
 the estimation of the righteous ones and beloved and
 praised by the people. Having reached to this station the
 Feast of Eternal Happiness is spread before him. His
 heart is serene and composed because he finds himself
 accepted at the Threshold of His Highness the One. His
 soul is in the utmost felicity and bliss - even if he is
 surrounded by mountains of tests and difficulties.
 He will be like unto a sea on the surface of which one
 may see huge white waves but its depths is calm,
 unruffled and undisturbed. If he trusts his happiness
 to worldly objects and fluctuating conditions he is
 doomed to disappointment. Should he gain a fortune
 and anchors his happiness to it, he may hypnotize
 himself into a state of so-called joy for a few days,
 and then that very fortune will become a ^{milestone}
 around his neck, the cause of his worry and
 melancholy. But if he lives in accord with the
 good-pleasure of the Lord he will be favored at

the Court of the Almighty; he will be drawn nigh unto the throne of Majesty; he will be respected by all mankind and loved and honored by the believers. This fortune bestows Eternal Happiness! The tree of this fortune is ever green. The autumnal wind does not sever its leaves nor the frost of winter rob it of its ^{perennial} freshness. This is a Happiness which is not followed by any misery and is always the source of gratefulness and blessedness.

The most great, peerless Gift of God to the world of humanity is Happiness born out of Love - the twin sisters of the superman - one the complement of the other. Everything that contributes to the sumtotal of this human Happiness is a Gift on the part of God and the thing that does not add to the aggregate of this Ideal Felicity must be little by little or all at once eliminated. Therefore it became self-evident that the First Bestowment to the world of humanity is Happiness, that Kind of Happiness which is unalterable and Ideal. If by ~~by~~ happiness physical enjoyment of material things is meant, then the ferocious wolf is made happy, because he kills the innocent lamb and satisfies his hunger for a few hours. This is not happiness. Happiness is a psychological condition created in

brain, mind and heart - the effect of which works ^{out} from
 the centre to the circumference. For example, after many
 days and nights of reflection, the philosopher unravels a
 seemingly unsolvable problem. As a result, a wave of supreme
 happiness surges through his being. The philanthropist comes
 to the assistance of thousands half-starved, half-clothed
 afflicted people of a nation; in his deed he gets much
 contentment. An engineer spans a large river with a
 suspension or cantilever bridge or an architect makes
 the design of a divine edifice; he finds true enjoyment
 in his work..... It is related that Baser Tausy was well-
 versed in the science of astronomy. Many a night he walked on
 the roof of his house watching the stars. Whenever he happened
 to discover the true position of a planet or located the place of
 a constellation, he became so enraptured with the joy of a
 new idea that he would get up and dance and sing, saying:-
 Where are the Kings? Where are the Monarchs of the earth?
 Let them come and see what real Happiness means?
 What is the true felicity? What is the ideal bliss? It is
 for this reason that Baba Allah in all his Tablets has
 made incumbent upon all to study sciences and
 arts, encouraging every one in the acquirement of
 learning and a liberal education. For the Eternal
 Happiness of mankind lies in this. Praise
 be to God that for the present you are all well and happy, I
 meet ^{you} and associated with you this hour: you are living
 on the slope of Mount Carmel, are near the Holy Tomb of the
 Rab, inhale the fragrance of its rose garden, are
 looking at its unique panorama and are en-
 joying the gifts of heaven. This is the ultimate hope of
 the lovers of truth and the neighborhood of the most eminent Mercy.