

desert, its wealth became enormous and a large proportion
 of its architectural beauties date from this time. Rome in the
 first century after Christ extended her sway over it, constructing
 great roads, extensive remains of which can be seen today, and
 adding to its buildings. The city perished with all the great
 Graeco-Roman civilization of these regions, and for a ^{one thousand} ~~whole~~
^{years} ~~millennium~~ its very site was unknown. The surviving ^{remains}
 of this once mighty city are today carved out of the solid sandstone
 rock enclosing the shut-in valley of Wady-Musa. They
 cover a great area. No more romantic spot can be found in
 the world. Here in the midst of an ancient waterless desert are
 the remains of early Semetic high places, of temples, theatres,
 tombs, etc, showing all the traces of high culture and civil-
 ization. The natural colouring of the sandstone red, purple,
 yellow, azur, black and white, blended in every hue and
 shade, gives these architectural works a beauty of quite a
 unique kind. Well, for goodness sake! Where am I going?
 What have you and I to do with the old ruins of Petra! I was
 going to tell you about the visit of the Master to Mr Newman
 and then I fell unawares into this ~~horrid~~ digression. Please
 forgive and forget. There, you are a good, sweet ~~patient~~
 friend and I hope you will get over this.

"I hope" the Beloved said "you will bring to an end this trip of yours with the utmost comfort and pleasure and without any untoward accidents. I supplicate God that when you return to America you may be enabled to render a great service to the world of humanity. I shall always remember you and will never forget this meeting of ours in Tiberias." From the ship he went to the hotel to inquire about the health of a friend, then passing through the bazaar he sat at the store of a merchant from Acca and started to speak with him about the old times.

At eleven o'clock Aga Sayad Yahya, the brother of the Beloved's Wife arrived from Haifa and brought us some letters and newspapers.

In the afternoon Abdul Baha came out of his room and sat near ^{the} balcony and wrote several short Tablets with his own hand. One was a beautiful short prayer for the friends in Yazd. Here is the translation:—

"O Lord! Save these servants and maid servants of Thine through the wonders of Thy Bestowals and the Graces of Thy Gift. Suffer each one of them to be submerged in the Sea of Thy Forgiveness, to obtain Thy Bounty and Favor, to attain to their greatest hope, to arrive

To a Bahai in Stuttgart he writes :-

"O thou daughter of the Kingdom! If thou desirest divine Confirmation and Assistance - so that the heavenly Cohorts may grant thee victory, remain thou firm and steadfast in the Cause of God and be thou constant in the Covenant and Testament - thus like unto a solid structure thou mayst become established and unshakable throughout all eternity. Whenever a given ^{object} ~~phenomenon~~ adheres to its own centre great results and signs will become apparent"

To Miss Alma Knoblock of Leipzig he says :-

"O thou daughter of the Kingdom, Thy letter was received. Its contents indicated the spread of the Light of Guidance; the dawn of the Morn of the Kingdom; the attraction of the hearts to the heavenly Countenance and the acceptance and belief of a number of souls to the manifestation of the Ideal Promised One of the Kingdom of God. This news conveyed infinite happiness - that praise be to God the Sun of Reality has cast its splendor upon that country and in the future it will be permeated with the glorious Light of God"

To a dear friend in Mount Pleasant, Michigan he writes:

"O thou respected personage! Thy letter was received."

Its contents evidenced the significances of love and turning
 the face toward the Kingdom of Abha. 1st. The Bahais keep
 Friday as the Sabbath. 2^d. The Cause of Baha-Allah is
 in the fulfillment of all the prophecies in ^{all} the books of the
 religions of the world. 3^d. The details for the organization
 of the House of Justice are amply provided and the place
 for its holding will be decided upon by the members
 themselves, O thou noble soul! Thank thou
 God that thou wert awakened by the melody of the Kingdom
 of Abha, discovered the reality, wert released from darkness
 and attained to the world of lights and adorned thy head
 with the Crown of Everlasting Glory. Appreciate thou
 the value of this and remain firm and steadfast. During
 the lifetime of His holiness Christ - May my life be a ransom
 to him - the most well-known high-priests of the Jews
 stopped short of faith; but after a little while all their
 traces disappeared and they became non-existent.
 Nevertheless, when the unimportant fishermen
 were awakened and became mindful, like unto
 the stars they shone forth from the horizon of
 the Everlasting Glory. Shouldst thou become
 engaged in the guidance of the people thou wilt
 also become one like unto them. These Bestowals

I desire for thee "

To another friend in Cleveland, Ohio he says :-

"O thou who art firm in the Covenant ! Thy letter was received and thy services to the meeting became evident. Today whosoever becomes confirmed in the service of the Cause of God he is like unto a man who plants a tree. This tree will ere long grow and develop, bestowing its shade all around and producing most luscious fruits. Thank ye God that ye are assisted in serving the Cause and show ye an effort that day by day you may increase your services. "

To a truth-seeker in Newyork he writes :-

"O thou daughter of the Kingdom ! When the Sun of Reality shone forth from the horizon of Persia, every soul who belonged to the world of nature, i.e., the element of his constitution was of the earth earthy, he became totally veiled and deprived: and every person who was related to the Divine World, i.e., his ^{spiritual} ~~ideal~~ body was built with the element of the Kingdom he received a portion and a share, advanced toward the Centre and beheld the lights. The blind is deprived of seeing the ray of the sun and the deaf does not hear the melody of the Supreme Concourse. Praise be to God that thou didst have sight and beheld the Light and wert endowed with hearing and

listened to the Call of the Kingdom. Therefore, this bounty deserves thanksgiving. Thou must demonstrate an effort, - so that day by day thou mayst become more illumined, more quickened, more attracted and more cheerful....."

Concerning spiritual communication he writes to a "seeker of the Kingdom of God" in Washington:-

"Although up to this time I have not written thee yet spiritual communion united the hearts and ideal correspondence was uninterrupted. Harken with the ear of the heart to the hidden secrets and heavenly Mysteries in the world of soul and spirit and listen to the Divine Glad-tidings. For His Holiness Baha-ollah has so united the hearts that they correspond together without the means of pen and paper, explaining the Mysteries of the Kingdom. They relate their mystic connection from heart to heart and their spirits sing and carol to each other in the one universal harmony. I will pray in thy behalf that thy truth-seeing eye may become opened and behold the Mysteries of the Kingdom of God which has illumined the East and the West, and listen to the Melody of the Supreme Concurrence which has stirred into joyousness the hearts and the spirits....."