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Dear friends!

The strangest and most irregular thing that could happen today was this: I did not see the Master. I ^{heard} his heavenly Voice as he dictated Tablets to Shougi Effendi; I listened to the sweet trippings of his feet as he walked ^{in his room} above my head, but I did not have the privilege of looking into his divine Countenance and catch his loving smile. In the evening he went out but he left and entered the house at a time when I was not walking in the garden and thus this slender opportunity ^{also} slipped out of my hands. I cannot call this anything else but a misfortune, plain and simple. When I ascended the Mountain this evening I felt something is missing. I was spiritually hungry and longed for the ideal food that only the Beloved can give. With the hope that perhaps tomorrow I will be more fortunate I entered my Nest. The bird of this Nest is now Badi who fills the Mountain everynight with his songs. Standing on the porch in the beautiful moonlight he breaks out into glorious songs of joy.

and ecstasy. In the still night the resonance of his ringing voice reaches afar off and many believers living at the foot of Mount Carmel hear it quite distinctly and clearly.

Having nothing else to write I will share with you the contents of a few short Tablets revealed a few days ago.

To the Los Angeles believers he says:-

"O ye who are attracted to the Kingdom of God! Your letter was received. It was a glorious proof to your firmness in the Cause of God. Praise be to God that with the utmost joy and fragrance you are engaged in laying the foundation of the edifice of guidance, are striving in the promotion of the Teachings of His Highness the Almighty and like unto the birds of the meadows you are raising the melody of the Kingdom in that assembly - thus you may become conducive to the guidance of others and the means of the salvation of the helpless ones. This intention is the cause of the realization of that bounty and it is certain that the Confirmation of the Lord of Glory shall descend upon you! Upon ye be Baba El Akha.

(Signed) Abdul Baka Abbas.

To the friends in Denver, Colorado he writes:-

"O ye real friends and the daughters of the Kingdom!

The Congratulation of the Feast of Now Ruz received but up to this time no opportunity was offered to answer it, for I have not been staying regularly in one place. Now I was in Hamath and then in Tiberias; now in Acre and anon in Haifa. There were also other formidable difficulties that diverted my attention from my correspondence. God willing from this time on the thread of correspondence will be taken up and answers will be dispatched with more regularity.

This greeting became the cause of exceeding joy. It indicated the fact that praise be to God in Denver a number of souls are encircled with the Glances of Providence. Therefore it is hoped that Divine benediction will be vouchsafed, the number of believers will be increased day by day and the Fragrances of the Merciful be diffused. With the utmost invocation Abdul Baha turns his face toward the Kingdom of Abha and supplicates the Confirmations of the Holy Spirit for the believers in Denver; - thus each one of them may become a herald of the Kingdom and suffer their sweet harmony be ascended to the Supreme Concourse.

"Today the Magnetic Power that attracts heavenly blessing is teaching the Cause of God. Whosoever ^{arises} to perform this service the armies of the angels will grant him victory. The three conditions of teaching the Cause of God are the science of socialibility, the purity of deeds and the sweetness of speech. I hope that each one of you may become confirmed with these three attributes.

"Therefore one must be wholly cleansed from desire and self and passion, be abstracted from the world of nature, become ^{the} embodied light and ^{the} visualized spirit and then be engaged with teaching the Cause of God. Then the Fire of the Love of God will flame so high as to attract the hearts of all mankind. I pray in your behalf and beg for you this Favor.

Upon ye be Baka El Abha!

+ Signed, Abdul Baka Abbas.

To another friend in Los Angeles he writes:

O thou heavenly personage! Thy greeting and salutation received. In reality thou art kind. Sorrows and pains are like unto rust and dust on the surface of the clear mirror. That mirror is the transcendent

reality of man. No matter how dense is the dust and rust on the surface of the mirror the polish of the Love of God will cleanse and purify it. In this way pains and sorrows will leave behind no impression. Because thou hast a sincere intention thy future is safe. Thou hast received a portion and a share from the Most Holy Outpouring. When the heart of man is separated from every thought and is wholly enamored with the Divine Beauty, unquestionably he will become the cause of the guidance of innumerable. The Teachings of His Holiness Baha Ollah are like unto the rays of the sun. Their soft lights penetrate and illumine wherever they are cast. I beg from His Universal Grace that thou mayst add to thy firmness day by day and that thou mayst become the means of the guidance of the blind and the deaf. Upon thee be Baha El-Abha!

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas.

To another Bahai in Los Angeles he says:-

"O thou daughter of the Kingdom! The few lines that thou hast written reflected thy character and behavior. Praise be to God that thou art stirred with the Breeze of Providence and art enkindled with the

Fire of the Love of God. Thou hast a heart alive with the Spirit of the Oneness of the world of humanity and the susceptibilities of Universal Peace. In this world that person wins the pole of precedence out of the field of service who dedicates his life to the World of Truth. Praise be to God thou art assisted therein. Upon thee be Baka El Abha,

(Signed) Abdul Baha Abhas.

To a believer in Manchester, ^{England} he writes:—

"O thou heavenly soul! Thy letter was received. Praise be to God that in Manchester the Fire of the Love of God was ignited, the Sun of Reality shone forth with great splendor, the Zephyr of Divine Bestowal wafted and the Call of the Kingdom reached thy ears..... I hope you may become baptized with the Fire of the Love of God and the Holy Spirit and arise in the service of the Kingdom. I trust that each one of these friends become a divine farmer, sow the seeds of reality in the farm of the world of humanity and water them with the Teachings of Baha Allah, so that the light of Truth may illumine that country. Convey the wonderful Abha greeting to all the believers of God. Upon ye be Baka El Abha,

(Signed.) Abdul Baha Abhas.