

Bahai Nest Mount Carmel
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Dear friends:

In a Tablet to the believers in Tiflis the Beloved writes concerning his own health: - "you have expressed happiness on account of the return of Abdul Baha to Haifa and Acca. It was sometimes that owing to the hardship of the voyage in the West and the forebodings of toil and weariness, the body was greatly fatigued: but now praise be to God through the Favor and Bounty of the Blessed Perfection - may my life be a sacrifice to his beloved ones - immediate rest and recovery is obtained. Although in the evening I was in the utmost infirmity, yet in the morning I found myself in perfect health, soundness and energy. This immediate quick healing was no other but one of the infinite, divine Bestowals! When in the morning I raised my head from pillow, forthwith, I occupied my time in writing and reading. No one could believe that such quick recovery will be procured without any medicine, any treatment or any change of air. While in Haifa, one night I turned my

my face towards the Kingdom of Abha and then put my head on the pillow. When I awoke long after midnight I realized I have gained another power and another state! The Will Power has had such a marvellous effect that all my nerves and limbs were perfectly calmed down and soothed...."

In another Tablet to a number of teachers in Teheran he says: - "O ye friends of the heart and spirit of Abdul Baha! The unfaithful ones have gossiped a new sound and have spread in the West that Abdul Baha is completely broken down and cannot attend to any of his affairs; that he is in great danger and soon shall bid his last farewell. Then we will find the field open and gallop to and fro according to our own desire. No sooner this news was heard than immediately through the Bounty and Favor of the Blessed Perfection perfect health was secured and without losing time I am writing this letter - so that the teachers of the Cause of God may impart this glad-tiding to all the believers that Abdul Baha is not broken down. Through the Providence and Grace, Confirmation and Mercy of the Blessed Perfection he is in the utmost energy. And

the proof of this statement is that he is engaged by day and by night in reading and writing....."

During the day the Beloved received many people, both friends and strangers. Aga Mehdi, the gardener of the Holy Tomb had come from Bahajee and he was with the Master for more than one hour. These are glorious days for the Bahais in all parts of the world, because knowing that the King of their hearts is feeling so well they must increase their momentum and serviceableness to the Cause of God and the world of humanity. The good health of the Master will cheer and encourage us a great deal to arise with new hope and new power and promote the Principles of Universal Civilization. The darker the world of humanity, the greater the need of Bahai Light! The more sad and despondent the children of men, the better appreciated divine happiness and joy! Here as nowhere else the Bahais can show their mettle and demonstrate by deeds and words the genuineness of their doctrines. Happy are those who have filled the goblets of their

hearts with the nectar of the Love of God!

There was a meeting to night. The believers were all present. A little pamphlet was given to the Master before his entrance into the room. It contained an article written by a missionary in Cairo against the Cause. While he was holding it in his hand and looking through its pages he said:— "They are informed too late. The matter is now beyond their criticism and reluctance. It is recorded in history that while Mohamad II was bombarding the wall of Constantinople and his victorious army were hastening the downfall of the Byzantine Empire, one of the ministers of the State called on the Great Patriarch and found him much occupied over some manuscript. "What art thou doing?" the Minister asked. "I am writing a refutation." "Against ^{what} is this refutation meant?" "Against Mohamad and his false religion." The Minister was wrath and smote him on his face. "Art thou beside thyself?" he said to Patriarch "It was ^{unavoidable} necessary ^{to write this refutation} when Mohamad was ^{still} in Medina and Mecca; but now he has come and is bombarding our city. Now! What avails

the with this nouseiseial refutation? If thou art
 meaning what thou art writing, come out and stand
 before his canon -balls! Thou art informed too
 late, too late. It is most natural that the
 Christian missionaries may write articles to disprove
 this Cause but this will make the reality of the
 movement appear with greater brilliancy. These
 refutations which are being launched out against
 the Cause are like unto the work of the gardener
 who lops off the lower branches of a tree and
 clears the ground from thorns and underbrush.
 This will cause the growth of the tree. Although
 outwardly the lopping of the branches may be
 considered as afflicting wounds to the tree, yet
 in reality, they will speed along its development.
 This Cause is within two categories. It is either
 true or false. If it is true, none of these hindrances
 will stop its forward march and if it is false,
 it will disappear all by itself and there will
 be no need to have recourse to any drastic
 measure. There is a catholic priest in Area who
 has been and is still writing false statements against

this Cause. He loves to argue with the believers. Once he
 called on Aga Houssein Ashjee and started to refute every
 statement. Our friend finding his refutations childish
 answered him in the following story: ~~Mohamad Ali~~ ^{Mohammad Ali}
 Pasha had a big, fat camel. When the Hajis started on
 their long pilgrimage to Mecca through the desert, he
 ordered a rapid-fire cannon to be mounted on the
 back of the Camel; - so that they may fire it on their
^{starting} start and at their arrival along their road. ^{the} The ear of
 the camel ^{became} was so accustomed to the thundering noise
 of the cannon that although it was fired on its back,
 he never moved. Because this camel performed such an
 important service and carried such a heavy load, the
 Pasha had ordered that it could graze through anybody's
 farm without any hindrance. Having reached a station,
 the Camel entered the farm of a poor farmer. In his absence
 he had left a young boy to drive away the animals. This boy
 had a small revolver and on seeing the Camel in the farm
 started to fire in the air to scare it away. "What art thou
 doing? my boy." a Haji asked. "I want to scare away this Camel."
 "Oh! don't trouble thyself. On the back of this camel a cannon is fired
 twice daily and it does not move. Dost thou expect to be scared away
 by the sound of thy small revolver?" Now the refutations
 written by these missionaries are exactly the same.