

Bahai Nest. Mount Carmel
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Dear friends!

Because I did not feel quite well I saw the Master only for a few minutes. The rest of the day I was lying around, complaining against fate and wishing to get rid of this sickness as quickly as possible. Everybody has been kind and thoughtful and Bahai love has been showered upon me constantly. As I had not the pleasure of listening to him during the day:— so that I may report to you his conversations and talks, let us go for a few minutes to the fountain-head of his Tablets and see whether we can drink a few drops.

To Doctor Susan Moody of Teheran, concerning the this year examination of the girls' school he says: "The contents of the letter that thou hast written in regard to the school of girls imparted joy to the hearts. Praise be to God that one finds in Teheran such a well-equipped school for the girls in which they are spending the utmost effort to acquire the

perfections of the world of humanity and are being
 educated beneath the Providence of His Highness the
 One! If this program is pursued to the end within a
 short space of time, in the field of achievements and
 accomplishments, the women will become the
 equal of men. Up to a few years ago Persia lacked
 the means of education for her women and they
 were deprived of every facility of progress. But, praise
 be to God from the Day of the Dawn of the Morn-
 of Guidance day by day womankind has been prog-
 ressing. It is hoped that they may precede all
 the rest in virtues and excellences, in the nearness
 to the Court of the Almighty and in faith and
 assurance and the Women of the East may
 become as examples to the women of the West.
 Praise be to God that thou art confirmed in
 service and on this question thou art working
 and labouring most nobly, likewise the
 teacher of the school Miss Libian Kappes.
 Convey to her on my behalf the utmost
 kindness

To Mrs J. Stannard he writes:-

"O thou herald of the Kingdom! Good news are being received from India, that praise be to God, ^{the} Divine Fragrances are being diffused and that with the utmost energy that respected one is engaged in service. As thou hast conducted thyself in accord with the instruction of Abdu'l Baha, art in the utmost attention toward the Kingdom of Abha and art unloosing thy tongue in the delivery of eloquent speeches in teaching the Cause of God, it is assured that the Lord of Hosts has and will confirm thee under all circumstances. Truly I say, India is on the road to progress and an arena for the spiritual activities of the Blessed souls whose object is the oneness of the world of humanity and the disappearance of religious, denominational, racial and political prejudices. Praise be to God that the country of India is very spacious and the government of India is a just government. Oppression, cruelty and tyranny are absent. All the nations are rocked in the cradle of security and composure and no one interferes with the personal affairs of another. Therefore, God had preordained that thou might

travel to that country; summon its inhabitants to the Kingdom of God and become the means of the enlightenment of India"

To a Bahai Christian in Bakou he says:-

"O thou rose of the garden of His Holiness Christ! When His Holiness Christ - may my life be a sacrifice to Him - took off the veil from His sweet Countenance and beautiful Face and caused the appearance of the heavenly Splendor amongst the Jews, the Israel thought that the earth of his religion through the downpour of the Cloud of Mercy was a rose-garden but it became manifest and apparent that it was only a thorny patch. However a number of souls (the Apostles) were found who through the edifying Grace of the Holy Spirit blossomed like unto the rose with the utmost freshness and delicacy. Therefore they were the real flowers and hyacinths of His Holiness Moses. Now in the garden of Christ thou art the hundred-petalled laughing rose and through the vernal shower of the spiritual springtime

thou art perfectly glorious and fragrant. Thank thou
 God that thou didst behold the Lights streaming down
 from the Kingdom of Mystery's. I hope that thou mayest
 diffuse throughout the world the perfume of the fragrant
 musk of the Mystery's. Praise the Lord that the
 angels of Confirmations are descending uninterrupted
 from the Kingdom of Lights, freeing the heart and
 the spirit from the yoke of all the imaginations
 and superstitions. Thou hast radiant eyes, art
 wishing for a perfumed taste and art longing for
 a heart made luminous with the Bestowal of the
 Holy Spirit. Appreciate thou this eminent
 Gift and most great Bounty and be thou
 occupied with the guidance of others with
 a heavenly Power, merciful Favor and the
 Confirmation from the Kingdom. "

Thus through the Grace of our Beloved we
 were put in touch with Persia, India and Russia,
 feeling the warmth and the glow of Bahai
 union and stretching the hand of friendship
 across land and sea. Are you any happier
 and more cheerful?