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Dear friends!

Abdul Baha says:—"Praise be to God that the Treasury of the Kingdom is inexhaustible and the holy, divine Graces, a fathomless sea. Now everything depends upon the effort of the friends. If with the utmost purity, sanctification and great severance inspire one breath in this terrestrial globe in the diffusion of the Fragrances of God, every one will evolve into a most precious soul. Then and not until then the Light of Reality will illumine that country. . . . "

In another Tablet he says:—"O thou vessel of the Beauty of the Possessor of Glory! Thy letter was perused with perfect joy and fragrance. It conveyed the most great glad-tiding and brought soul-uplifting news, viz.—the unity and harmony of the believers and their firmness and steadfastness in the love of His Holiness Baha-Allah—may my life be a ransom to him—especially that the two prominent communities the Muslims and the Jews are united together and have arisen in those parts to spread the Message of the Kingdom. The deficiency of this news was sweeter than the honey and sugar. ^{Because} For the sorrowful Abdul Baha there has been

left no other source of joy save the news of the steadfastness
 of the friends in the Cause of the Manifest Light. Whenever
 I receive this glad gospel I ^{am} made happy and joyous. But on
 the other hand whenever I ~~become~~ become aware of the depressing news
 of the difference existing amongst the believers, my very
 life comes to my lip and grief and sadness surround me.
 Now praise be to God that thy letter was a joy-bringer
 and not a messenger of evil tidings. Therefore with an
 abstracted heart and with the utmost supplication and
 entreaty I implored and beseeched at the Court of the
 Almighty:- O Thou Kind Lord! Be thou a shelter
 and an asylum to the maid-servants of the Merciful
 and confer the wakeful friends with the Grace of the
 refulgent dawn. Through the wafting of the Breeze
 of Providence confer every moment a new spirit
 upon these supplicating souls and reinforce their
 pure hearts with infinite strength;- so that in a
 befitting manner they may fulfill the requirements
 of servitude. Suffer Abdul Baha to become
 their partner and co-worker;- in order that he
 may also receive a portion and a share from
 this Outpouring. "

To Mr N. R. Vakil of India he writes:— "O thou kind friend! Thy letter of safe arrival to India was duly received. Undoubtedly thou wilt become the cause of ^{the utmost} joy and happiness in the assemblage of the believers. Thou wilt usher in under the Shade of His Highness the Merciful those who are here, bestowing upon them the Glad-tiding of the Kingdom of Abha. Thou shalt ignite a candle which will burn and give light throughout all eternity. Thou wilt plant a tree which shall yield its fruits for ever more. Thou wilt open a sack of musk the sweet fragrance of which perfume all the nostrils throughout succeeding generations and cycles. "

To his father and mother he says:

"O ye two respected souls! Thank ye God that you have a son like Mr Vakil. Ere long Vakil will become glorious, for he will draw nearer and nearer unto the Divine Threshold. He is already connected with the Court of the Merciful. Heavenly Confirmations shall descend upon him. I hope that this drop may become a sea; this atom a majestic mountain; this ~~plant~~ may grow and develop through the showers of the Cloud of Providence and become a fruitful tree and this

lamp, a radiant flame - bestowing illumination to all India. At the Threshold of the Almighty I pray in your behalf and beg for each infinite help and assistance; - so that the father, mother and son - may form a triangle and this triangle may excell all the other geometric figures, such as quadrangle, pentagon and sexagon "

To the members of a Bahai Assembly in Egypt he writes the following supplication: -

"O God! O God! Thou beholdest how Thy beloved one are treated by those who are negligent of Thy Mention and ^{are} opposing Thy Proof. Verily they have attacked them like unto the attack of the ferocious wolves upon the sheep grazing in the pastures. O Lord, their hearts are attracted to Thee and their tears are flowing in Thy Love. Verily they have committed no sin save being stirred by the Fragrances of Holiness and entkindled with the Fire of Thy Affection among Thy Creatures. O Lord! Remove from their midst the hand of persecution; protect them in the asylum of Thy Dominion and guard them in the Cause of Thy Preservation and safety. Dextine for them every

good: for they have accepted this ordeal, underwent this trial and were contented with suffering in Thy Path. They treated the enemies with love and affection. O Lord! ^{Make} Thou firm their feet in the Straight Way and cause them to enter in Thy Delectable Paradise! Verily They have dealt with the people of oppression with the utmost unity and forgiveness and they rejoice over their trials. O God! These, their enemies did not know, if they knew they would have acted in this manner. This has ever been their custom in the past ages. O Lord, ordain for for these believing servants in Thy Signs all Thy Graces in Thy Kingdom! Verily Thou art the Generous, the Mighty and the Clement"

To the Los Angeles Bahais he writes:-

"O ye my heavenly daughters and sons! Your letters were received. I wished to write a separate answer to each one of you but I find I have no time. From all parts of the world letters are being received and only one pen must answer them. Consider how difficult is this! Praise be to God that the Cloud of the Mercy of His Holiness Baha-ollah is pouring down, the Light of the Sun of Reality is shining and the Breezes of the Garden of

of Providence are wafting. Therefore, be ye confident that these pure seeds that you are now sowing will assuredly grow. Truly I say you are the servants of the Kingdom and are striving to guide the souls. I hope that those women may attract the teachers with the Power of the Love of God, - so that they may see that although you are not teachers yet you are the bright candles. Consider the lives of the Apostles of Christ, Mary Magdalaine and Mary, mother of Jacob, that although those souls were not teachers, yet were they illumined with the Light of the Love of God. Notwithstanding this, they guided all the teachers. That light of Guidance which irradiated from their faces continued throughout all the cycles and ages. I beg this Bounty for you"

This morning the Beloved riding on the donkey of Aga Mo-hamad Hassan descended the Mountain. He entertained all ~~days~~ two gentlemen from Damascus in the house and when the evening came he took them to the German hotel on the top of Carmel. With Miss Sanderson he had a long talk about Van Dyke and gave her the gist of his conversation with him concerning the second coming of Christ. He spent the night in the hotel with his guests.