

Moonlight Bahai Calum 21
Ahou Senan, Acca, Syria
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Dear friends!

Last night I was half decided to go to Acca but this morning I changed my mind, still hoping that the Master will return this afternoon. At 4 P.M. we descended the Mountain, walked through the olive orchards till sunset, ^{looked} towards the road leading to Town but we had to ascend the Mount and spent another night in the darkness of deprivation. Several friends came from Acca and brought the news of the good health of the Beloved and gave us the substance of his talks and wished I was there to write them down. Hence before going to bed I was decided fully that I shall leave tomorrow morning for Acca and gladden my eyes by beholding his Countenance. I could not stand it any longer. This morning at 10 Am, with three other friends we walked to the village Koukat where in its vicinity there is a spring of water. Here we tarried for an hour, took baths in its cool water and sent an Arab to a nearby farm to buy for us ^{2 big} Watermelons for 6 cents. In the afternoon Doctor Habibullah Khodabeksh gave us a lecture on hygiene and the evening the believers gathered in the Calim and had a good time till 10 o'clock.

Having nothing more for today I give you the translation of the Tablet revealed to the maid servant - servant of God Mrs Mabel S. Rice Wray:-
"O thou godlike maid servant of the Kingdom! Thy letter was received. Its contents was conducive to the happiness of this depressed one! Thank thou God that through the Confirmations of the Kingdom of Abha thou didst become assisted in diffusing the Fragrance of the God in that well-known city and thy noble husband was thy partner and co-worker. This service was the heavenly Bestowal and this effort conducive to everlasting life. Ere long you will witness most important results. Doctor Eugene Shippen has indeed demonstrated his philanthropic aim in inviting the friends to hold Bahai meetings in his Chapel. Although in appearance the results of this good deed are not evident at present but before long it will assume most great importance. It will be the means of the nearness of his honor the Doctor to the Threshold

of the Almighty, he will become famous throughout all the regions and his praiseworthy deeds will be on the lips of the people of illumination in the future ages and cycles; - for he made that Church of brick and clay, the temple of the Most High and the Congregation of the spiritual ones. On my behalf convey to him my greeting and gratitude and give him this message: - After His Holiness Christ - May my life be a ransom to Him - if a soul protected one Christian he became the object ^{of the praises} of the dwellers of the Supreme Concourse, but now thou hast made thy Church the meeting-place for the Bahais. Consider what pregnant results will be issued therefrom in the future!

"As regards his honor Mr Howard Gues; truly I say in these days he is in reality spiritual ^{and} godlike. With an eloquent tongue and with a detached heart he is occupied with the promotion of the Word of God. It is thus my hope that this peerless soul may become confirmed in such wise as to shine and gleam like unto the morning star from the horizon of Everlasting Glory.

"Announce to Mr C. S. Beadle my longing greeting and say: - "The realization of ^{of everything} and practicality depends upon three things: ^{first} To draw a feasible plan; second, to acquire the power of will and resolution; third, to devise proper machinery for its execution. At the present time the question of Universal Peace is only a mental picture. The minds have understood its significance but very little. There must needs be a powerful will combined with a rare executive ability to establish it in the world of existence. In the Bahai world its complete mental conception does already exist; likewise the Bahais, in the Word of God, possess, an omnipotent Will and a penetrating power. This most great matter, i.e., Universal Peace will not be established merely through diplomatic 'conversations', interchange of thoughts and opinions and ^{the} delivery of lectures. We must promote and establish it through the agency of the Most Great Power and today the Most Great Power is the Power of Religion. We must bring it into the realm of realization and actuality through the Power of Religion: otherwise the net result will be the organization of Peace meetings and Conventions and the compilations of lectures

and speeches. you have already noticed how many Societies have been founded in America whose objects have been the establishment of Universal Peace and these Societies have held periodically large meetings wherein thousands of people were present and very important personages delivered lectures but up to this hour none of them yielded any definite result. And now we are face to face with this ^{bloody} Universal War, the like of which one strives in vain to find in the annals of past cycles! After the establishment of La Hague Congress, the drawing up of minute and detailed Conventions, the holding of vast meetings in Europe and America to celebrate the progress of the cause of Universal Peace and the delivery of eloquent speeches, the Russo-Japanese war shook the foundation of the world of humanity and the lives of hundreds of thousand of inhabitants were sacrificed on both sides! Now there are ^{several} millions of soldiers in the battlefield of this World War and are shedding daily each other's blood. The children are orphaned, the women becoming widows, the countryside strewn with the bodies of the youths, the earth crimsoned with their blood, the cities are destroyed and the wealth of each nation pillaged. There we must search and find the motive-power of Will and the power of execution. The realization of these two powers depend upon the promotion of Divine Religion....."

The translation of the visiting Tablet for Basheer is as follows:-
"O God! O God! Thou knowest that the hearts burned, the souls torn to pieces, the tears fell, the lamentations ascended and the cries raised from the dwellers of the Tabernacle of Thy Glory on account of the ascension of Thy servant Basheer with a dart of Thy Predestination. Nothing is left for us except to be patient in Thy Fate and be contented with Thy Destiny. Thou doest whatsoever Thou wilt and Thou commandest whatsoever Thou desirest. Verily Thou art the Powerful and the Unconstrained."

'O Lord! Verily he served at Thy Holy Threshold from the tender age of his childhood. Thou art cognizant of the

~~With~~ the secrets and mysteries of the hearts. For he turned his face
 towards Thee by day and by night and supplicated before Thy Hand in the
 mornings and evenings. He served the righteous ones and strove
 in the comfort of the believers. He knew no fatigue and ~~the~~ ^{his} continual
 whole-hearted service of the friends wearied him not. O Lord! He
 reached the age of manhood in Thy servitude and was raised and
 protected through Thy Shield. His heart was overflowing with Thy
 Love, his tongue spoke Thy praise, his spirit was rejoiced th-
 rough Thy Bestowals and his soul was set aglow with the
 yearning after Thy Meeting. He prayed for the nearness of Thy
 Blessed Threshold and longed to abide in the neighborhood
 of Thy Mercy. He wished to ascend towards Thy Kingdom
 and his tongue continually was engaged in Thy Praise. He
 aspired to enter Thy Divine Presence. O Lord! deliver
 him from the valley of deprivation and the wilderness of
 separation; suffer him to enter in the midst of Thy Paradise
 and cause him to dwell eternally in the Rezmān of Thy
 Good-pleasure. Make him the object of Thy Grace, - in order
 that his face may shine with the lights of Favor and
 Bestowal and his forehead may gleam like unto the
 brilliant star in the Congregation of the elect in Thy
 Supreme Concourse, O My Lord, the Self-subsistent!
 Verily Thou art the Clement, Thou art the Merciful, and
 verily Thou art the Mighty and the Compassionate...

Today the news was brought to us that the Turkist Post
 office has announced that during the state of war all letters
 sent to Foreign countries must be left open and that they should
 be written in Turkish, Arabic or French or German. Letters
 written in English or any other language will not be accepted.
 This new restriction will stop all the means of correspondence
 for the present and these letters must not see the light of
 the day till some more fortunate time. However we are
 resigned to the Will of the all-Knowing God!