

Moonbeam Bahai Cabin
 Above Senan Acca Syria
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Dear friends!

Our dear brother Mirza Azzizollah Khan arrived today from Tiberias and will stay with us in Above Senan for a few days before he starts for Beirut. He is now in Haifa and will be here to morrow evening.

Our patient Mashadi Mahamad Fattah is ~~going downhill~~ ^{not improving}. All the believers are praying for him and the Master has called on him several times. He is resigned to the Will of the Merciful. "What better blessing and more glorious privilege than to die in the day of the Centre of the Covenant! I am ready to leave this world if it is in accord with His Will," he said today. Because his room was crowded with visitors and there were many who suggested various treatments ^{contrary to the prescriptions of the Doctor} the Beloved advised the members of his family as follows: - "You must clearly understand that the Blessed Perfection has commanded most emphatically that in case of sickness, one must refer to the skilled physician and abide by his prescription; otherwise his own ignorance and the interference of those who know nothing about the nature and pathology of diseases will complicate the case and hasten the end. Now let me demonstrate this matter to you with clear proofs. For example, if we desire to have a ^{window} for our room we must go to a good carpenter because in comparison with others he is more thorough in his special line of work or if we wish to build a house we insist on the labor of an educated architect and intrust him with drawing the designs. Thus the skilled laborer in whatever walk of life, whether manual or intellectual is more valued and better appreciated. Therefore you must let your patient be treated in accord with the regimen of the physician. If you do not trust his diagnosis, call in other doctors for consultation but do not let the suggestions of this or that have any influence on your course. Another ^{important} rule to be observed is: do not let many people call on the sick ^{day or night} on all the hours of the day. There must be only the nurse in the room ^{attending} the patient. In many cases, complete isolation, quietness and perfect rest work as wonderful curatives. The patient should live peacefully with ^{no exertion} on his part. This composure of mind and tranquility of the body will introduce him into a world of spirituality and contemplation and will give

an opportunity to the over-wrought nerves and wasted tissues to build up again. On the other hand if there are many callers each day, each person sitting half an hour and engaging the already exhausted patient in conversation, stating that such medicine proved efficacious in ^acase quite similar unto him and Mr or Mrs So and So ^{was} healed by giving no heed to ^{their} malady, etc etc - such futile talk ^{will} ~~would~~ confuse his mind, deplete his energies and aggravate his case. If they have confidence in the physician they must obey him explicitly. If they do not have confidence in him they should change him. The Arabs have a very peculiar custom. When ~~one~~ one gets sick amongst them, every one calls on him. They sit around his bed, smoke their pipes, drink their coffee, talk, weep and laugh until the patient is thoroughly distracted and prostrated. But the rules of the European and American hospitals are very commendable. They have special days in the week that the patient can be visited by his relatives and friends. At any other time they are sent away. They are very good and useful regulations which ought to be adopted by every community."

Some one asked the Beloved about the condition of his own health. He answered "My health is very well but my highest aspiration is to sacrifice my life in the path of the Blessed Perfection. I have no commerce, I am engaged in no agriculture. I am concerned with no profession or trade. My whole thought is concentrated on how ^{to be} faithful to the Cause of Baha Ollah. With the utmost severance, attraction and devotion I must devote my whole force to the promotion of these spiritual truths. The Cause of God is very great and it demands ^{an} undivided attention. My hope is that ~~don~~ these last days I may ^{sacrifice} my life for the Religion of the Ancient, I entertain no other idea save this. I have had no pleasure in this life, the lack of which may grieve me. I have enjoyed no rest that I may feel its absence. I have had no happiness the want of which may sadden me. Life or death, it is all the same to me..... My advice to you is this:- Do ye not forget the Grace and Bestowals of the Blessed Perfection. Be ye loyal to him as he was loyal to you. We must dream, ~~and~~ think of and work for His Cause. We must concentrate all our thoughts in being sincere to His Love. I declare by Him beside whom there is no God that all that is in the world of existence is not worth the shell of a walnut

same services rendered to the Threshold of the Almighty, the promotion of His Cause and the diffusion of His Holy Fragrances. Our whole ^{must} beings be dedicated to the upholding of His Name and the glorification of His attributes. His love must take ^{un}disputed possession of our hearts and penetrate through every fiber of our ^{being} ~~body~~. Oh that we may consecrate every talent to the universalization of His Principles and the expansion of His Religion! Oh that we may open our tongues in eloquent proofs and radiant Evidences! Oh that we may rush forward to embrace the Beloved of Truth and Rightness! Oh that we may characterize ourselves with praise worthy attributes and heavenly qualities! Oh that we may, like unto pure mirrors reflect the pictures of the Kingdom of Abha! Oh that we may consort with all the denizens of the earth with joy and fragrance! Each one of us must contribute his part toward the construction of the palace of Universal Peace and the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Holy Scriptures. We must act and not dream, work and not sit idle, raise our voices and not be silent, look heavenward and not earthward, go forward and not backward, advance and not retrograde, be alive and not dead."

In this way our Beloved advises us and wishes us to be. There is no alternative but ~~obedience~~ obedience to his command and living in accord with his good-pleasure. This will be conducive to our own spiritual illumination. For we must realize that the progress of a Bahai must be along the line of the Cause of God. He may become the greatest ^{thinker} or philosopher or historian but as soon as he goes out of the circle of the Bahai Movement, his existence or non-existence is the same so far as this revelation is concerned. The trees of our lives must produce Bahai fruits, the seas of our hearts must yield Bahai pearls of thoughts, the music of our souls must compose Bahai tunes and harmonies, the birds of our spirits must sing Bahai melodies and symphonies, the civilization of our age must create new types of arts and crafts, in the heaven of our consciences must dawn new stars of Bahai ideals, in the gardens of our children must grow new flowers of Bahai principles and out of ^{the} mines of our inner beings must be dug new nuggets of gold and diamond.