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Home of Abdul Baha
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Dear friends:

For half an hour this morning Doctor Hakehollah was in the presence of our Beloved, receiving his last instructions and blessings. We were waiting for him in the garden and now and then caught a stray word falling from the holy lips and brought to our ears on the wings of the viewless couriers of the air. When he came out his eyes were wet but the assurances of the King had comforted and rejoiced him. Badi Effendi, Mirza Jalal and myself followed him to the carriage and bade him our last farewell. The old saying of 'out of sight out of mind' does not apply to Bahais, for their hearts are united together with the diamond band of the Love of God and their souls have responded to the quickening vibrations of eternal friendship. As the world is their home, as they are the members of one family and as the loving Father has established the unchanging law of mutual goodwill and peace between them, absence or presence does not affect them materially. They believe that God is the Director of all their affairs and will guide them rightly if they turn their faces toward Him. The omnipresent spirit of this Cause has so united the friends that the illusions of time and space are rent asunder and the seeming difference of remoteness and nearness are annihilated. We are ^{not} in reality separated but whether living in the East or in the West we are standing in the glorious temple of unity and singing the glad songs of thanksgiving. We are conscious of the fact that the followers of Baha do not forget each other so long as they are occupied with the mention and praise of the name of Abdul Baha. He is our common home, under the shade of his widespread tree do we all rest, in the boundless sea of his glory do we all swim, his is the supreme power of harmonious amalgamation, like the planets in the solar system we receive our light from him, everything that we know is through his grace and inspiration. In him we are all agreed and in his celestial Court we are all unworthy servants. His is majesty, dominion and grandeur.

When we gathered tonight in the room of the Lord he said :- " Doctor Halik left this morning for Persia. Truly I say he served the students in Beirut conscientiously and his highest longing is to sacrifice his life at the holy Threshold. His character ~~was~~^{is} stainless and immaculate. He ~~was~~^{is} as clear as the translucent mirror. It is assured that he will be confirmed and assisted. It is indeed a matter of great wonder that God has created certain souls for the manifestation of the qualities of pure goodness. One cannot find the least trace of guile, artfulness and duplicity in them. They have no other wish save the good-pleasure of the Blessed Perfection. The lives of all the Bahai students in Beirut have shed lustre on the name of the Cause. Although they are studying arts and sciences yet in reality they are serving the Cause of God "

In the afternoon the Master went out alone and I thought I will ascend the mountain and visit the holy Tomb. As I reached near the Pilgrims Home I turned back my eyes to have a look at the charming scene and I saw him coming from the opposite side of the street toward the house. He stopped for a minute in front of the door and then returned. Somehow I felt in my heart that he wanted me and finding I ~~was~~ not in he went back. Without going any further I descended in haste as though an invisible force was driving me forward. As I entered the garden Esmael aga told me the Master was inquiring about thee and thus my feeling was correct in this instance I hurried out toward the German Colony and found him sitting on a piece of stone and talking with several Arabs. " Ha! thou hast come " he said. For half an hour more he continued to talk to them and then arose from his seat. On the way we saw one dog was pursuing another, ^{when} barking furiously. " Dost thou know why this dog is barking ? " he asked. I answered in the negative. " The most characteristic quality of the dog " he said " is faithfulness to his master. The barking dog wants to teach to the other that he has left the house of his master without cause, that even if his master has been unkind to him, it would have been better if he had stayed there and demonstrated the quality of loyalty. Nothing should have separated him from his solicitous owner. " I