

THE BAHAI MOVEMENT.

In view of the world's disquietude persons who are earnest seekers of equity will find consolation in these eloquent words of Baha'ollah, founder of the Bahai movement:

"Hasten to the Shadow of Immortality, Nearness and Mercy from the shadow of desire, remoteness and loneliness. Be ye resigned like unto the earth, so that the fragrant, sacred, multi-colored myrtle of my knowledge may grow in the soil of existence. Be ye ablaze like unto fire, so that ye may consume thick veils and immortalize the cold and veiled bodies through the heat of flame love. Be ye pure like unto air, so that ye may enter the Secret Abode of my friendship.

"O, servant! If in these visible days and present world, matters appear from the Realm of Decree contrary to your wish, be not depressed, for Happy and Divine Days shall come and spiritual worlds of holiness shall become manifest. * * *

In all these days and worlds for you a portion is ordained, a sustenance is determined and a food is established. Ye shall certainly attain to all these were ye to exchange the garment of mortality for the garment of immortality. Sanctify yourselves. O people of the earth, that perchance ye may attain the station which God hath ordained for you."

Abdul Baha, to one of his American friends, writes:

"Strive with heart and soul in order to bring about union and harmony among the white and Colored and prove thereby the unity of the Bahai world, wherein distinction of color finds no place, but where hearts only are considered. Praise be to God! the hearts of the friends are united and linked together, whether they be from the Orient or the Occident, from North or from South, whether they be German, French, Japanese, American and whether they pertain to the white, the black, the red, the yellow or the brown race. Variation of color, of land and of race are of no importance in the Bahai movement; on the contrary, Bahai unity overcomes them all and does away with all these fancies and imaginations."