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"Our Lord and the beloved ones in 'Akká bade us give to all the friends theirgreetings and love. 'Abdu'l-Bahá's stupen- dous burdenhad not ${\rm been}$ real ized by us until this second visit. We can only lighten it, He said, $\mathbf{b}\mathbf{y}$ being in perfect Unity $\operatorname{amongst}$ ourselves. The Holy Mother, upon one occasion, said to us that our responsibilities were very great, $\mathrm{be}\text{-}$ cause we were living at the time of the beginning of the Cause ofGod, when our example would either advance or retard souls from the Truth. That naturally the soldiers in the front ranks must bear the bruntofbattle

We remained \mathbf{a} month in the Holy Land principally between Haifa and 'Akká, for we were exiled only four dayswhich we spent in Nazareth, so that there would not be more than ${\rm four}$ Ameri- can believers at one time in Haifa.

One of the great- est privileges we had during our visitwas to \mathbf{be} present when the Ashes of the Báb were moved to their final resting place on Mt. Carmel. It is beyond me to depict the beauty and solemnity of that scene. Our Lord was inde- scrib ably grand. We saw⁵ Him for the first time without His fez.

The believ- ers who were with Him, as well as the ladies who were stand ing or kneeling about the entrance to the Tomb, wept with Him, and for Him too who made such a pathetic figure beside the Tomb of the One Who had proclaimed His Glorious Advent. Such a tumult of thoughts and emo- tions surged

Before we left that afternoon, mother and I had the privilege of drinking a $\operatorname{cup}\,\operatorname{of}$ teawith our Lord, but as He was still very fatigued we soon ex- cused ourselves and descended the mountainside with full hearts." Received in 1909.