

Bahai' Nest. Mount Carmel

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Dear friends!

Today I stayed in my Nest and worked. When the Master is not here no one descends the Mountain - unless to attend the meeting three nights a week. Perched on the slope of the Mountain my little is always cool and the gentle breeze wafts through it at all time. But if one walks in the sun it is quite hot. The mountain does not display much floral decoration as in winter and spring months but the Olive and fig, the fir and pine trees are as verdant as ever. All around my Nest there are large fig trees laden with the fruits which will be ripened in a month or 20 days. In front of my porch there is a plain trellis holding up the green branches of a vine which boast of several bunches of grapes, yet unripened. Under the warm sunshine the sea is calm and blue, several steamers are anchored in the Bay and lovely vessels with white canvas are sailing smoothly and dreamily no one knows to what destination. White, fleecy clouds saunter aimlessly through the sky, obstructing ^{the sun} for a few minutes from its shining but we always know that every

could has a silver lining. Our two brothers Doctor Rhodabatz and Badi Effendi were with me all morning, reading, writing and speaking. As this was the night meeting we descended the mountain and on our way we met Mrs Hoagg and Miss Sanderson with the members of the Holy Family going up to visit the Blessed Tomb of the Bab.

The translation of a few extracts from Tablets to Persian believers will be enjoyed by all of us I am sure:-

"As much as you are able be ye faithful at the Threshold of the Beauty of Ahha. Faithfulness demands self sacrifice, and the giving up of one's life in the Path of that Beloved of regions. Verily He confermeth ~~in whatsoever~~ He will ~~in~~ ~~in whatsoever~~ He desireth and verily He is Supporter and the Merciful."

"Today the distinguished leaders of nations must sing such a song in the ears of the people that the heart of the world of humanity may be stirred into cheerfulness and draught such a comprehensive plan of universal union, the reflection of which may be cast upon the mirror of the world of existence and be no other than the real prototype and portrait of the Peak On High. In other word, to promote the principles of the Sublimity of the human world which is loftier than

¹⁶ "This fictitious heaven and spread the light of the Luminary of the Merciful Universe which is more radiant and luminous than the stars studded in your blue dome."

"Thy letter was received. Praise be to God it contained the good news of the firmness and steadfastness of the believers of God; that they are willing to sacrifice their lives in in the arena of teaching the Cause of their Lord; that they have unloosed their tongues in the glorification of the Beloved of the regions, that they are the means of guiding the people of error, that their hearts are full of acclamation and their spirits like unto that of the angels are overflowing with clamor and rejoicing. This news imparted spiritual joy and happiness, that praise be to God the believers in 'Ikheran..
..... are all united and agreed, and that they are self-sacrificing in the Path of the Blessed Perfection. This is the ultimate Bestowal of the Merciful One! This is the Magnet whereby to attract the Protection and Providence of His Highness the One! This is the Power through whose assistance one draws victory from the Kingdom of Glory. Therefore it is my hope that day by day the Light

of Guidance may shine forth and the East and the¹⁷
West of Persia become luminous and enlightened."

"O thou glorious personage! His holiness Abul Fazel - may my
life be a sacrifice to him - during the days of his life did not rest
one moment nor did he sleep one night at ease on the
couch of comfort. Day and night he was engaged in the
promulgation of the Cause of God, the promotion of the
Word of God, the demonstration of proof and argument
and refuting the oppositions of every antagonist and
denier. Praise be to God that through the Most Great Favor
and Bounty many epistles are left behind from the
perfumed pen of that noble soul. During his last days
he wrote a book with the utmost of eloquence, bring-
ing forth brilliant proofs, arguments and evidences but
after his departure that manifest book was missing. Now
I have forwarded to Teheran a number of his ^{unpublished} posthumous
writings, articles and pamphlets that in co-operation
with their honors Haidem, Ebné Abhar, Ebné Asdag, Mollah
Mohamed Ali Gairi, Samandar and Aga Seyad Mehdi
you may organize a committee ~~with~~ the utmost
thoroughness and precision and out of those numerous
epistles choose enough materials for the publica-
tion of one or two volumes. Thus the labors

of that noble soul may yield results. This is a most great service to the Cause of God. Unquestionably with the utmost effort arise ye in the accomplishment of this matter and engage ye in this important affair with perfect unity, accord and co-ordination. This will be the means of the happiness of the Spirit of that noble personage."

To Miss Juliet Thompson he writes:-

"O thou daughter of the Kingdom! Thy letter was received. Thou hast written concerning the union, agreement and affinity amongst the believers. This news was joy-imparting. In the world of existence the most great affair is love and amity between the hearts, especially amongst the friends of God. Strive ye as much as possible so that day by day love and amity may be increased. And when perfect good-fellowship becomes obtainable amongst the believers of New York, then the penetration of the Cause of God will become greater day by day, the light of guidance will shine with more brilliancy, the darkness of superstitions will be entirely vanished and that city will become the Paradise of Abba! And this will become conducive to the awakening and mindfulness of the people"