

Home of Baha Ollah.

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Dear friends!

Yesterday Mirza Jalal returned from Haifa and brought ^{for} the Beloved three letters, one from Atlantic City, another from Philadelphia and a third from Munchen, Germany. I had also a letter from Mrs Ida Bush in Chicago dated October 3d 1914. Imagine a missive taking six months to reach its destination! However its contents interested me for it related to the plan set on afoot in America to send a ship loaded with gifts to the war-ridden children of Europe. Before Xmas this plan was presented to the Beloved and received his hearty approval and his comment on this particular point I embodied in former letters. The circular letter issued by Mrs Bush to the Bahai Assemblies in America shows another practical instance that the Bahais are too glad to carry on their shoulders their share of responsibilities as regard the philanthropic movements of our age and one feels assured that they have contributed their mite to this noble and inspiring undertaking.

When this morning I entered the presence of the Master he gave me his three letters and I read their contents to him one by one. The news from Germany and how the believers have arisen in unity to spread the Cause cheered his heart. When we gathered again in the evening he said to the believers: - "Today we have received good news from Germany. In Munchen a person has been taught who was an avowed atheist but now he is attracted to the principles of the Kingdom of Abha and is reading and studying them. All the friends are sincerely working for the promotion of Peace and a number of them are red Cross nurses. The Bahai Cause knows no defeat. It is a conquering Power under all circumstances. The triumphs of the Kingdom of Abha are assured. All the Powers of the world of humanity are being vanquished except the spiritual sway of the Revelation of the Blessed Perfection. His soldiers are invulnerable and their arms are invincible. Nothing in the

world disheartens them. " We met the Beloved in the afternoon for ^{an} hour and he talked with Mirza Fazlollah Khan most of the time. He was glad that he will be here with us for Now Ruz. He is going to be the only pilgrim representing the Oriental friends and Mrs. ^{Lucy} Getzinger will represent the Western brothers and sisters. The Master is going to give a dinner in Bahajee and invite all the believers from Aboon Senan, Haifa and Acrea. We will be there from morning till evening, talking, singing, associating and listening to the words of our heavenly Guide. Already he has ordered Aga Mehdi to spread a good feast and ^{has} given him money to buy all that is necessary. He said he is going to supervise the culinary department and advise the cook how to prepare the roast. I am sure it will be an ideal feast. How I long many of my friends across the waters were here and enjoy the blessings of the Lord of Hosts in these days! Seldom have I seen him feeling so well and in such good health! He feels strong and accomplishes much in meeting the people, comforting them, dispelling their gloomy clouds of sorrow and distress and relieving their troubles and vicissitudes. It is true that no Tablets are being dictated nowadays, because there is no possible way of mailing them and thus we are losing his direct and written comments on the spirit and activities of the age. These precious thoughts will no doubt come to us later, when the atmosphere ^{is} ~~will be~~ cleared from the dust and dirt of hatred and hostilities and mankind will find themselves in a more receptive ^{more} and listening attitude. For the present we must be satisfied with the crumbs gathered daily from his divine table. More than anything else it is his life and actions that interest a Bahai student in these days. There are few and very limited occasions for him to speak and unfold the deep and recondite lessons that each and all of us need so much but there are unlimited opportunities for him to work in a silent, quiet way and hold up the torch of guidance so that the people may not wander in the woods of ignorance and be forever lost. How wonderful it is that God has allowed me to be an eye-witness of the majesty and meekness, works and deeds