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Instructions to Martha Root, on her visit to Haifa, in March , 1925

Concentrate all on our Teaching work---you need your resouces--- must not dissipate your energies---you must think of your work , to do it effectively without breaks and interruptions. If you find you can offer just a little help to your relatives or the friends or any one , you could do just a little as a sign of love .

You must do your work efficiently, vigorously, without break or sudden change .

~~When you know Esperanto~~  
People who know Esperanto WELL may translate Dr. Esslemont's pamphlet into Esperanto---the one he wrote for Wembly. It is the best compilation in leaflet form.

It is well to link the Bahai Movement with Esperanto. Europe is very interesting for this---It is very good for the present for you to be in Europe.

Shoghi said: " I found the following paper among Abdu'l Bah' s papers after His passing, it was in His own hand-writing . It was of such immense interest, I even took a photograph of it.

" A thousand years must elapse before Persia can, by the aid of material power , rise to the height of the peoples and governments of Europe . Bahá' -U'llah , however, has illumined that land , and will surely raise her high in the eyes of all the world. That country shall so advance and develop as to excite the envy and admiration of the East and the West.

The land of Hedjaz , though deserted and sterile in its soil and its tribes ignorant and barbarous , yet the power of the Cause of God has made of such a spot a Point of adoration and the focal centre of world devotion.

How foolish are the people of the East to have incarcerated for well nigh fifty years the like of this glorious personage! But for his chains and prisons , Bahá'u'llah by this time would have gained absolute ascendancy over the minds and thoughts of the peoples of Europe , would have made of Persia the Garden of Paradise , would have raised its sons in the esteem of mankind , nay he would have made it such that all peoples and governments would seek enlightenment from its people.

Consider and reflect upon the result of my few days' stay in London and the profound ~~xxxxxx~~ effect it has had here and in the surrounding regions. Ponder then in your heart, what the coming of Bahá'u'llah would have achieved! Had He appeared in Europe , its people would have seized their opportunity and His Cause, by virtue of the freedom of ~~xxxxxx~~ thought , would by this time have encompassed the earth. But alas! This Cause, though it first appeared in Persia, yet eventually it shall be seen how the peoples of Europe have wrested it from its hand! Take note of this and remember it in future . Ultimately you shall see how it has come to pass. And yet behold! How the Bahá' is are still persecuted by the people of Persia!"

Write down in a corner of your notebook Germany, Vienna, England, Switzerland, conferences League of Nations will be a very fruitful field, peoples there are ready. The Master's Promise is quite plain , the Cause will advance rapidly in Europe . Give it publicity. Madame ~~xxxx~~ Beck, 3 Carolina , Lausanne , meet her.

Give publicity to these persecutions in Persia . When you travel, use these facts I have given you, give extracts to the papers as much as you

Shoghi Effendi, the Guardian of the Bahai Cause had lunch at the Pilgrim House, March 23, '25 with Mrs. True and Martha Root.

He said it was increasingly difficult and impossible to answer the immense correspondence, but he liked to get letters from all the friends.

He can answer them verbally and have others write the letters. He hopes they will be satisfied if the message emanates from him. In the long run it will need to be done this way, but at present answers are sent

With such a great correspondence there is not time for Shoghi to initiate measures, to meditate on the big problems and give instructions

If friends will work together without referring to me the matters of detail --only the big matters that require attention

He said he always expects the news of the friends, he wishes to hear from them about the work of the Cause, even though he may not answer their letters. He is always praying for them that they will do good work, make many interested and establish general centres, make some active supporters. He is never too busy to receive their news and letters.

Universal Council will direct the affairs of the Movement. Eastern Bahais and Western Bahais will work in conjunction in that Council. Ultimately it will be even more than the League of Nations. It will be an International Parliament, a Super State, a World Parliament with its own government

For the present the Council will direct the affairs of the Bahai Cause.

When the Governments of the world become Bahai ----

Baha'u'llah refers to a universal Court of Arbitration to direct affairs before the Universal House of Justice is established. Be very careful not to refer too much to the ultimate objective, it might seem political.

The League of Nations must be more comprehensive, more representative, it must represent all countries. Shoghi will give me a passage from Baha'u'llah to show how the nations must come together, how kings must participate.

Agents must devote a little time each day to reading

(1) for devotion  
(2) for understanding the Word, read to understand it, digest it, read to get fresh impulse.

# Days in Haifa, Palestine.

Second Day

Mar. 14 -

This morning the pilgrims from Australia & New Zealand, with Mrs. Corinne & me of Chicago & this servant went up to the Tomb of the Bab and of Abdoul Bahá, Center of the Covenant. Passing our good the Muslim Pilgrim House, our way led past Abdoul Bahá's Home, then on past the beautiful new Pilgrim House given by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Randall and up the ascending stony road, to stopping to rest and looking back <sup>standing</sup> ~~over~~ the ribbon road down to the blue Mediterranean and beyond like a gift from Heaven, <sup>nestled</sup> ~~was~~ the little ~~city~~ white city of Acca, as a jewel <sup>in the</sup> ~~of~~ the

From this <sup>simple</sup> little place at the foot of Mt. Carmel came the Light that is illumining the world in this new universal Day of God. One's penetration gaze lingers long & lovingly <sup>because</sup> not so much because <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ the physical <sup>beauty</sup> ~~glance~~ - though <sup>in the distance</sup> it seems to be a gift ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> down from Heaven upon the blue of sea and mountain haze mists - one sees <sup>as if</sup> ~~as if~~ but because the Light

that came from Aca  
has revealed the path of interna  
tionalism, it placed the way of  
brotherhood, it has shown  
to the spirit of men cosmic  
consciousness and it has  
~~shown~~ universal peace: how  
to bring it.

Taking and coming up this  
Carmel Mountain of God, the count  
of ~~the~~ today is not for the ancient  
prophets and Elijah and the  
Magarene alone, ~~but~~ it is to  
visit the Tombs of the Deaf and  
Abdul Bahá. The beautiful  
approach of stone steps, shell paths  
and terraced gardens is the  
loving work of Shoghi Effendi,  
the Guardian of the Bahá'í Cause.  
Since the passing of Abdul Bahá,  
Shoghi Effendi works day & night  
for the Cause, his only recreation  
is walking up to the Tomb each  
day and in ~~making~~ <sup>directing</sup> the work <sup>that</sup>  
is just as beautiful as <sup>work</sup> <sup>has</sup>  
color and ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> scientific planting  
can make them. They told me that  
some Persian youths were planting  
today, and we were told that these  
young men had come on a  
pilgrimage to Haifa and Aca.  
Seeing the work to be done in  
those gardens, they had quickly  
quickly taken off their coats  
and for a year, they had worked  
each day, receiving for their labor

Quranic  
The-ology  
dwell  
Persian

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their board! Everything is remarkably beautiful; love does perfect work.

The cypress trees in two noble rows, stood like loyal sentinels. They had been planted by Abdul Bab, many years ago in his loving enthusiasm to make the Tomb of the Bab a sweet resting place.

The gardenia had lemon trees laden with yellow fruit, orange trees loaded their gifts generously to the ground, while close beside them were others still in blossom, and pomegranates all a-bloom. Violets peeped up, geraniums nodded a gay welcome and the grass was soft and fragrant. The airy winds of heaven played there and the sun looked each flower and fruit and the stone Tomb as if it had been waiting all morning just to shine out its best on that Holy Mountain spot.

The State's Persian Bahai Caretaker took us to a bench beneath his flowers, we did the same and then he led us to the door ~~and~~ into the Tomb of the Bab. Upon the floor were soft, rich red rugs, and

going to the threshold of the  
divine he knelt in sublime  
devotion. One by one, our group  
of pilgrims bowed the forehead  
to the threshold and poured out  
in prayer & deepest gratitude.  
How it flushed upon their  
innocent eyes that His Holiness, the  
Pope, shot against the walls in  
Tabor had heralded in the  
Countryside of the Promised One of all  
the ages! With what difficulty and  
danger had his precious remains  
been hid for years and then  
brought secretly to this <sup>holy</sup> mountain  
the home of the axiles! The millions <sup>land</sup>  
who kneel and pray at this Tomb  
of the Pope will go forth to be  
heralds of this Bahai Cause  
and some, like Him, will be  
martyrs to promote these Teachings.

Then going to the other room  
in this divine house, the pilgrims  
bowed with foreheads at the  
threshold of Abdul Baha's shrine.  
But He stood beside the pilgrims.  
This one heard Him say: "Be  
happy! Be happy! Be happy!"  
And again "Ye can always  
communicate with me through  
"ya Baha El-Ahla"  
And again came His words:  
"Remember I am with you  
always, whether living or dead."

am waiting you to the end!"

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In those moments I prayed  
at His Threshold the ~~Power~~ <sup>of the</sup> Holy Spirit swept the hearts  
clean and empty. The Bab,  
Bahá'u'lláh and Abdú'l Bahá  
stood together to answer the  
petition for <sup>shogún-appointing</sup> ~~our~~ friends, for  
our's world work. The whole  
future was outlined in their  
memorable moment. The Hosts of  
the Supreme Concurrence are  
directing. It will all come  
perfectly, ~~for each one~~

The cups of calamity - to the Bab,  
Bahá'u'lláh and Abdú'l Bahá  
~~of only lifted~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~to this~~ <sup>new</sup> world this new  
universal standard of selflessness  
the new cosmic ideal. These  
spirits of men will be as immeasurably  
lifted above the present human  
plane, as the human is now  
above the animal.

No one ever on the face of the  
Earth suffered so much or so long  
as Abdú'l Bahá. Christ suffered  
3 years. Abdú'l Bahá suffered  
all His life. Born on the same  
night that the Bab declared  
His Mission, Abdú'l Bahá's  
childhood was indelibly  
connected with the <sup>impressions</sup> ~~impressions~~  
of His father, Bahá'u'lláh.



He was exiled with his parents  
at least, a wanderer for — years,  
a prisoner in Acca for 40 years,  
yet through it all, He lived a  
life so radiantly divine that He  
is the Center of the Command

of the Manifestation of Bahá'u'lláh  
in the Manifestation of Bahá'u'lláh  
Bahá'u'lláh manifested in the  
station of the Tablet of Bahá'u'lláh  
The Bab was His herald, 'Abdul  
Bahá was the Living Center of  
His Command, Shoghi Effendi  
is the Guardian of His Cause.

The great new divine civilization  
is already established. Through  
it this century will see the  
beginning of the thousand years  
of peace. A world war may come  
immediately before the Bahá'í Cause  
is perfectly established, but  
this century is the century of  
fight. The birthplace of the  
Kingdom of Nations of the future  
was Bahá'u'lláh's prison  
in Acca, His Tomb in Acca  
and this Tomb of the Bab and  
Bahá'u'lláh in Haifa  
are the spiritual centre where  
the millions of believers  
from all religions will  
foregather. They may remain  
under the sun and

Mar. 15, '25. Sunday.

In the morning we went to the home of Roula Khayoum, the daughter of Abdul Bahá, who lives just next to His home.

Speaking of Abdul Bahá's picture being in the Tomb, she said they placed it there just for a little while, as long as the Greater Holy Leaf (Abdul Bahá's sister who is now 78 years old, and very very frail) lives. The Greater Holy Leaf looks the picture and looks to see it when she goes to His Tomb, but after her passing it will be taken away.

"So much depends on what we do now, and we do not wish the picture of Abdul Bahá placed in all temples and worshipped as is the picture of Jesus Christ. It is His Teachings, not his picture that are to be emphasized."

Roula Khayoum told us of the Mohammedan sayings about Aca that those who visit Aca or visit a visitor of Aca

Again that those who spend <sup>will be</sup> three nights in Acca ~~are~~ very blessed in the next world. 9

There was also a saying that the Promised One would be imprisoned in the highest building in Acca. (Baliahullah was imprisoned in the upper room of the Barracks, the highest building then in Acca.)

She recounted how Acca was when Baliahullah came in 1868. Drinking water had to be carried a distance of four hours' walk. Pains were terrible, especially malaria. The first time that the greatest Holy Prof (her name was Bahijah) then a young woman of 24 years <sup>or 20</sup> went with her mother, being permitted to take a Turkish Datto, they found the people gathered at the bathhouse all yellow, their spleens very swollen & their arms as thin as her finger. She said to her mother: "I think in a few months we shall be just like these people."

Baliahullah and his followers were sent to Acca because the Mohammedans of Persia and Turkey thought the climate was so bad that none of them could endure it.

The Governor of Acca  
got the water from the  
mountain. The Governor used  
to come often to consult  
Balawillali and Balawillali  
and him there was good water  
on the mountain.

Then Rouala Khassam spoke  
of the days of the world ~~war~~  
in 1914-1918. She explained how  
food supplies for ~~the~~ <sup>principally</sup> and  
Acca came ~~on~~ the ships. She  
said: "Abdul Balia, soon  
after the war came, sent my  
husband to Adisich,

He was asked to plant a lot of  
crops seeds, lentils, barley, beans,  
wheat. The Government did not give  
to the poor, but kept them for the  
soldiers. Abdul Balia said that  
the crops at a ~~time~~ were his  
personal property and he gave  
the surplus alike to the Christian,  
Muslim, Jew, poor. Often  
he said to his wife: "Do not give  
the children bread at four  
o'clock; two meals a day ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup>  
enough."

People would come saying:  
"I Abbas Effendi (Abdul Balia)  
we are so hungry!" Abdul Balia

would go to the kitchen, ask what the family were preparing for dinner and he would give it all to these starving souls.

One night a woman came and laid her head on his door-step. She cried his name, "Abedullah Effendi!" He put out and brought her into their home. In the morning he sent her to learn a Turkish faith, rented a room for her and gave her food each day for ~~three months~~ until she died which was three months later.

Many such people became very poor during the war, and they did not like to ask for food. The master (Abdullah Bahai) understood and he used to send his servants to go to their homes in the middle of the night, knock at their doors, bear the wheat or lentils and come away without saying one word. He always taught his family that help should never be mentioned. Roush Khanom said: "Oh, every one misses him. Every body says: 'He is the only one who asked about the poor people!'"

In this village by \_\_\_\_\_ he taught the people irrigation. His family begged him not to go over there and work so hard, for

the ~~best~~ climate ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> so hard  
for him. He would say: "If I go  
myself, I can produce more wheat,  
do you think that I should let  
poor people go hungry that I may  
get a rest?" He stayed for three  
months. For four weeks after his  
return he had the greatest  
difficulty in breathing."

Round later in the morning  
told us that if her mother made  
a new coat for Abdul Bahia,  
she had to hide it, because he  
would not keep two coats. Often  
he would come home  
without his aba.

"The master suffered much  
with cold," said this dear  
daughter of his.

"Once a friend sent him some  
fur for a warm coat. He said to  
his family: "Give it to me, I want  
to use it, and he had twenty fur  
caps made for the poor old men  
in Acca."

Speaking of the childhood of Abdul  
Bahia, the family recounted the  
stories of when Abdul Bahia  
was twelve years old and the  
family were in exile in Bagdad.  
"Abdul Bahia used to sit in  
the drawing-room and receive  
the great men of Bagdad & speak  
with them until the middle of the  
night, and he used to answer all

their questions. He always used to assist his father in meeting people. Balia Wallah's brother used to say: "How can this boy explain all this to the ulamas?"

Rough told us how as a little girl she used to be so sad because she could not go to school. He would say to her: "Who educated me? You must go to the same school that I attended. If you want to learn you must learn from the spiritual school."

Asked where Shoghi Effendi had studied, Rough said that he had studied, when a very little boy, in a French school in Haifa. Then he went to ~~the French school~~ <sup>an American</sup> colleges in Beirut. At 17 years old he was in classes with boys of twenty years and he always stood first in this French school. Then he studied in the American colleges in Beirut and was graduated from there in

After this he stayed with Abdul Balia for two years, acting as his secretary and

~~he~~ He went to Oxford University England for one year and a half and was then called home

by the passing of Abdul Bahá.  
The account of his home-coming  
is most touching. Abdul Bahá,  
two weeks before his ascension,  
came one day and called  
Shoghi's mother,

Khanoum. He asked her to send  
for Shoghi. They all knew that  
Shoghi had only six months  
more of work in the University  
before he would take his  
Examinations.

Then Abdul Bahá called  
Shoghi's father and told him to  
send for Shoghi or he would  
not reach home before  
his (Abdul Bahá's) funeral.

The mother, who was greatly ~~disturbed~~ <sup>distressed</sup>  
said: "Let us send him a  
telegram." Abdul Bahá said  
"No, it would be too near a  
shock." So they wrote to Shoghi  
immediately, the mother said:

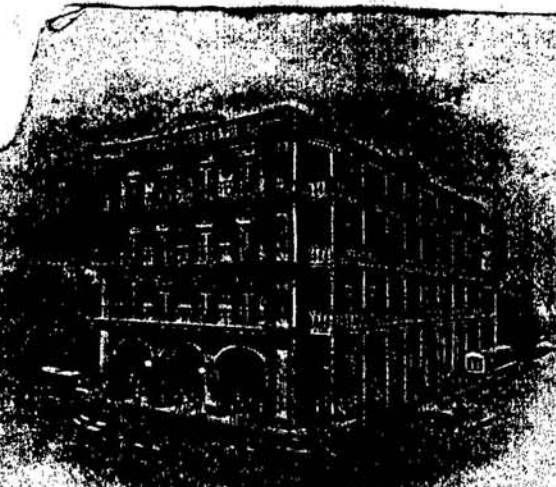
"Your grand father wants you  
to come home quickly."

A day or two ~~later~~ <sup>before</sup> they received  
a letter from Lady Blomfield  
in London who said: "Shoghi is  
progressing so much in his  
English, he will be the first one  
who can translate the Writings of  
Bahá'u'lláh." Rouché said to  
Abdul Bahá, "Oh, I hope he  
stay!" Abdul Bahá



MAISON FONDÉE EN 1850

*On peut venir à la  
maison d'été à tout moment  
dans l'été ou même à  
l'automne, à l'été, à l'automne.*



# G. D. HÔTEL DE PORT-SAID

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EAU COURANTE  
DANS TOUTES LES CHAMBRES  
CUISINE FRANÇAISE  
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*Port-Said,*

She was the program which  
comes from a lifetime's  
living in the home of the  
manipulation of God. no  
matter what you ~~think~~  
suffered, you ~~will~~ ~~be~~  
presented ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~  
from which it should be, the  
culture of every ~~part~~  
that ~~is~~ ~~the~~ ~~reception~~,  
yet she has met her life  
with radiant optimism  
There is no twinge of  
bitterness or criticism  
no curling downwards of the  
lips, rather there is  
infinite pity and love for  
you, for everybody, ~~you~~  
feel there

One cannot speak too  
much or too lovingly of  
Bridgely, daughter of  
Balcan will all the last  
of the great smiled and  
grinned, she is ~~over~~ 79  
years old, and ~~she~~ you met  
her in the home ~~where~~  
'Abdul Balcan's ~~you~~ feel  
she is all spirit, the essence  
of love and kindness. Her  
features are clearly cut, always  
set soft and by a wonderful  
tenderness in her eyes. She  
lets your hand, she  
"understands" you, she listens  
to your words, and will  
do ~~supra~~ little, she shows the  
most that guides you and  
out your heart as best.

live a heavenly life on  
our earthly plane full of  
troubles.

Even now when this, she will  
glare for you when she  
passes - which will be  
very soon - into the  
Kingdom of Light. She said  
to me, the Father & I, pilgrims  
from some lands, I, pilgrims

"I am accepted in the  
Kingdom and meet my  
loved father and mother,  
Father, Mother & I, I, I  
Father, the first message  
I shall give them will be  
of the sincerely - and  
with kindness of the friends  
and loved especially and  
dearly to they are trying  
to overcome this great  
sin of envy."

000  
The granite in her appearance  
you know you stand in the  
presence of great God. You  
will not ~~be~~ ~~time~~ ~~to~~ ~~forget~~  
remember when the more  
you will only remember  
her!

There is no detail even for  
your physical comfort  
to dwell for her to thank  
provide for and so for your  
spirit, ~~with~~ ~~the~~ ~~world~~  
almost unaccountably the  
brave you ~~to~~ meet your  
like with joy and courage,  
you suddenly feel when  
be wonderful gift of the  
who gives you - the brave  
of being there one can

There was a very  
little more, but  
I was very  
glad to see  
you.

There was no small hair bag.  
She did not mind washing her  
to wait on her. She was very  
until she rested. She was very  
made, her neck was red and  
called in several nations  
get the insisted on seeing  
us. She had them, "By the  
time I am well, the friends  
will have gone," she spoke to  
us each one, and herself  
just as our fingers a little  
with some of her teeth on  
a sign of, showing some  
and small with the symbol  
"The story, but,"  
All the moment in a little  
of the child to the first and  
There are just like  
the presence of the  
after, many people are

well - we can love you  
Don't - the first time

every day we still intake  
keep our minds serene!

The little things she used  
to say to the children & the  
unwashed, remaining in the  
memory, since she said: "No  
not doing the saints & the  
you know many things to  
be taught for, always  
want to be."

Another time: "If you  
would realize the difference  
in mind, you would  
sing your words,"  
again; to some children

"Yes, I do not pray much  
I know me this, give me things"  
I pray "O God, please give  
me what you want!"

How truly, and so much as I  
have, in Babylon, in  
Babylon means "good &  
right!"

~~Strongly Babylon's Effendi:  
now 20 years old was  
approach they set out Bible  
no the children of the  
Babylon's cause. The green  
with him make them  
dispute the child of  
the year~~

so patient, so big, motherly  
to know her, she was so  
calm & patient, gentle during  
our years living in the  
city of Babylon, the  
Babylon's cause, the  
Babylon's cause, the  
Babylon's cause, the

Willie Wallace's comments

Always from the long

Germany, nearly 3 years

in Europe, American and

Eight ~~to~~ <sup>when in Europe</sup> ~~to~~

he must own to see, the

played 15 days to see "the

friends. "He had told me that

the poor people, "See how

so excited. They called to our

ambles: "Gross news! He is

well! He is back! They came

two lower conducting

him & himself. They heard

his recorded & himself said

that the bank come back again

they said to him: "Where did

you go & leave me with only

the other Q and the other? Will

Disarm the business, "

Don't!

well: p. 95

asked when all that

as came to the

explain more & demand,

on 13 - p. 96

Well -

could come to political

imprisonment,

probable & they say with her,

of judging & methodology

Will

did not come to the

a station in the days of

She was always

song of the

March 1971

do through our hands all  
the goods from Europe. The  
writer did not learn that  
there was any Museum Street  
or new clothes for summer  
but the best men in each  
said him he thought them  
Museum Street from Europe.  
This is when he always did  
- if he had his clothes he  
found the best one & the woman  
one to whomsoever he needed  
it most - much to the  
disappointment of his wife  
who wished her beautiful  
husband to be more like  
Lord Well. See clothing man  
Always more exactly alone,  
a champion to the rich and  
an champion to the poor.

we hope  
Stephen's Efficiencies, now  
I would not, is the  
patriotism of the British  
Cause since the passing  
of his grandfather, William  
Baker, one's first impression  
of the late Efficiencies is one  
of joy. He is the essence of  
substance, the infants of  
happiness to all who meet  
him. He is also the essence of  
justice. The pleasure of that  
word, as well as all others  
who meet him will be  
~~retained~~ as the way he  
shows might be a matter  
and his decisions will be  
absolutely just and fair.  
He has undertaken with  
many qualifications from  
his home to the

certain Traveling men,  
and me the left and  
their messons, then when  
I give my opinions they  
must accept it.

We was very unusual from  
I could find, define? By quartz -  
it. He ate very well, took him  
to Dr. in By quartz, the Dr.  
said this is a wonderful  
child, you must not  
force him to eat, such a  
child as this is not  
found the child my mother  
sinner. Dr. - took him because  
he was eating nothing, however  
child was always very  
well. He will be a fine  
wonderful man.

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mention B - as a poet  
see Reverend Dr. Dr.

A. B. Speck Traveling,  
two ways to go to Stanger,  
speed of Steam  
Jens in Stanger

These Traveling men come  
our law may and in several  
the whole fabrics of the country  
the white city are the water  
of you river know supply the  
with - with revenue, where  
drinking water

Who is the author of you must go  
to the same author of you want to  
know your money go to the  
author of the book,  
Stanger book have a new



When talking to them they  
should try to address  
the moral part to each  
letter. ~~Some~~ This is telling  
you to <sup>you</sup> show the fearfully  
because ~~the~~ are morally  
hundreds of letters. He said  
he wished to keep in close  
personal touch with the  
relatives & he would continue  
to reply as long as he could.  
He wishes to hear from  
all the friends, to get their  
good news about the  
progress of the course,  
struggle to keep the cancer from  
returning, comfort &  
disintegration.

Providing to see how the  
work the power of the Holy  
Spirit in dealing everything.  
He works ~~through~~ ~~the~~ ~~power~~  
his hand ~~alone~~ & the creature  
next in to English are the day  
that have been made. The letters  
that come to him from all  
parts of the world are  
sorted and studied. <sup>He is</sup>  
in large part <sup>making</sup> <sup>and</sup>  
answering, our large <sup>new</sup> <sup>translations</sup>  
Conferences for <sup>of</sup> <sup>books</sup> <sup>books</sup>  
which ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> <sup>been</sup> <sup>made</sup>  
They are dated in the <sup>have</sup> <sup>been</sup>  
order of their arrival written in  
and by E. G. <sup>are</sup> <sup>in</sup>  
through them all, details to  
occasions ~~of~~ <sup>the</sup>  
why. <sup>data</sup>  
The Secretaries answer

we say we went to  
see Baker with me  
with ground from  
- which I in course had  
~~had~~ had some trees  
to insecte last year  
his "Solon" Book, "Asquith"  
Baker asked them they  
later time instead, which  
they did, where Justice  
with the master to confer  
with Baker will be before  
being in concert, which  
Baker wish to cover but  
wouldn't get so that his  
master would not see  
two claims. He did go to  
the underground where  
in his father's old  
& the other was my daughter,  
it was like a white,

The language will be that  
once at party of July  
came on first of Gordon Tabby,  
They had two shops for  
discovery, but before they  
needed Baker's one & the  
fruit did. ~~There~~ ~~just~~ the  
papers ~~they~~ They were very poor,  
all was standard, but they were  
all done, well done and standard  
to buy had nothing else to  
bring they had some of  
the kind of white killing  
proving in a basin, they  
with all their hearts they  
came and presented their  
gift, Baker will be  
to them; "This is the  
I never knew or guess  
could anybody  
The melody of Baker's

Was stuck & believe  
but ~~the~~ ~~to~~ in no time  
Word that make his paper  
so memorable.

When his encounter couples  
his letter character, his  
word, his writing, perfect.

There was a learned  
man, he had the clergy  
who had written Bible  
questions about the first  
pages of the Koran, he  
B - did no time to  
another in person in the  
months to December.

When the reply came, his  
the reply said, "I do not know  
if this is right, I am not a  
believer in the Bible. Cause

I have not going to see, but  
no think also these things  
may have written and be  
myself.

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Disputed,  
I have list to the first,  
so first.

Decide now + this is new,  
Prophetic for the future,  
" I of first

And I understand -  
When we returned from across many  
to these,  
showing ornaments being removed, #

All the knowledge must say have  
all observations to add with Bible  
A

Abd. B. also mentioning I am  
that second story.

Satan with the confession  
first and second  
page was  
I am.

beautifull always please will  
excuse,

J. H. P. says, shee feels her send  
is my near & she is so happy to  
see the friends before the summer  
see the  
"Do not deny the beauty of  
you have made to be the best of me"

Merle - during was  
meaning things to be known to you  
for, always know to be different  
if you asked me if you enjoyed your  
stay - mya Pulymon the land

stay 4 miles ride also de Quir  
write to be a Belan

Deer - the white city on  
the waters, -

if you know how happy  
you are, please write to me

ask a woman - how much?  
Paul Brown? his death? F.  
mentions him as a poet  
Kilob - all the others - when is it?

Annals? -  
I. the wars & the peace -  
I. the wars & the peace -  
I. the wars & the peace -

Annals of Salem,  
Jews in the Old Testament -

These things will come  
our 5 laws may and are  
necessarily the whole  
future of progress -  
intermedialism -  
a dramatic chapter to the  
world's work.

elder daughter Julia Klemm  
and they were in the 1880s in  
Baltimore for several months in  
Rumford, 1876, 1885  
or

It was the first visit outside  
of the city & seen was the brother  
Hillyard had made in over  
100 years, she visited her  
mother when she was in Baltimore  
a second time in 1876  
when she came back from  
Europe.

After spending August 1911  
in Egypt, Arthur & Belle  
visited Europe in  
the morning  
Then returning to Egypt &  
remained there

He mentioned some young  
men traveling, but his presence  
why so kind?  
Wasn't you well but  
I see you're in, kind. Every month  
was being long to the same team.  
was in prison when was in D.C.

When Arthur & Belle left  
been just a few not until  
his family. He when city the  
was young; he simply said:  
"I go to Egypt." He had  
visited Almond Goggin and  
McCann & Almond Goggin's home  
and met the Goggin in Mr.  
Goggin's morning room. This was  
mid 19. He visited Holmes & Co.  
Cairo, Alexandria & Rumford,  
He saw the two sons, Arthur & Belle  
and the same with the

This house where I  
visited Mowens - Almond  
yagel had lived here 25  
years. For 25 years Barbara  
knows all plants & trees  
had come. 'Alfred Butler  
had been a guest here  
Almond yagel's was married  
in to Mowens.

Almond yagel  
then came from Mowens  
Almond yagel - stayed to meet  
great British party, for several  
weeks in  
their trip. I went to Europe &  
came back. - I had stayed long  
months &  
before I came to America.  
Haley, Miller & Porter,

She had yagel's mother for a  
long time, lived, arranged  
but well, Barbara says &  
Mowens - very busy, only to  
Almond yagel, but she was  
Mowens, all not married  
yagel & yagel's & Almond  
yagel from the Mowens  
yagel in rows on wall. I had  
yagel's own Almond yagel  
The Mowens very very kind  
had to keep him secret &  
to keep his friends, nearly  
all in his hands & yagel

All the Envoys is afraid  
making "a servant to  
dangerous,"

"Allow me to answer you  
is, "Send the Pilgrims," "I  
like to come in the first

day, I was so ~~at~~ the - discharge  
of the first man - ~~in~~ the  
the gentlemen, "Send ~~out~~,  
Ruled for his father, I mean to  
help the same ~~to~~ the  
to cycles ~~with~~ and  
not wait till it is passed.  
Those also want in every  
can walk later."

From people in the Court  
trouble days people pass;  
"Better not give ~~to~~ these  
Others, some the ~~to~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~to~~  
can find wise ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~

you allow me, the given  
may release you, I will  
most best for believe in these  
give Daye also came from  
a village near Copenhagen.  
He will appear he came all  
the way from ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup>  
first, his feet want to trial,

~~Why~~ have wounded & bleed,  
The ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup>  
proven, then later, ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup>  
him to understand ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup>

about his ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup>  
and sore feet, The believe  
applied; "I mean to wait a  
bit over in the local Prison,"

He thinks the "Promised Land  
of all the Ages" is there.  
The ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup>

Though his may be true,  
what that you will hear,





the evening, the young  
daughter of the late Baker  
was invited to marry. She  
accepted her father's offer  
and she did not wish  
to be so kind. She had  
long, wanted a fine, did many  
qualifications. She was  
very intelligent, good  
English, and, I think, more  
for them, make this best, and  
well, perhaps, do no other  
except some others.

Part of  
the evening of the 14th, Baker  
wrote for the young  
man, the late Baker's  
son, the late Baker's  
daughter, and she was  
very intelligent, good  
English, and, I think,  
more for them, make  
this best, and well,  
perhaps, do no other  
except some others.

was in a desperate state & I  
wonder if you do not wish  
to return to Stuttgart, I will send  
you on a long journey to  
Juden, my father's uncle  
could be much better for  
Stuttgart, because he will  
come to see you for the husband  
and his wife would come  
on to Stuttgart ~~and~~ ~~my~~ ~~father~~  
After which you will  
come to Stuttgart to live, ~~you~~  
~~father~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~  
writer should be for the  
Duke's and Roder's promise  
for Roder's name is just  
beside the writer's ~~name~~  
and she did stay with  
him I seem to be  
All to my 3 day life.

"I am afraid I'm wrong &  
shall be disappointed. I heard  
with you. She promised her  
she should not, as she  
~~promised~~ The husband  
Please my guests and after  
our name my father had  
to go due to his ~~father~~  
Stuttgart. "You see you must  
convey to the Duke & Roder,  
no, the writer promised me  
& need not claim him, ~~the~~  
"My father's life is very short,  
you are young, I shall have  
many days with you." She  
answered: "I wish we had  
not married. Before I did,  
I would have ~~and~~ but now I  
know you ~~and~~ you and  
I cannot go back there."

Give names to the 'Mogor' people,  
two kinds of people as a rule, the  
of the South, so they are different;  
to spring from the same  
body, these of the South and  
Polina's people.

Both and ~~of the~~ 'Tharanga'  
~~people~~, 'Botha', ~~and~~ were  
married in the prison. ~~The~~  
to Mingo's father, one of them  
"King of Mestizo", the  
"Killo of Mestizo" and "Belona"  
I Mestizo's name was 'Bulona'.  
I hope finally in Pecos  
who were Mestizo and in the  
Bulona's ~~ancestry~~ Bulona  
gave them their titles, ~~and~~  
I hope to find the 'Mestizo'  
to the 'Bulona' not with the  
many, the small to the father.

But it was not, the name  
was not. There was no wedding  
at the ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~  
the name ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~  
But dear reader, if you  
could see just you would  
agree me that ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~  
among the 'mestizo' people  
out there a race more  
harmful than even in all  
republic. She is highly pleased  
among women, for she  
is the mother of the first  
generation of the Bulona's  
Caucas, 'Hedy' is 'Hedy',  
and from her family will  
perhaps come in due course  
the great ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~ ~~of the~~  
which will produce  
the mother of  
the mother of  
the mother of

~~Project of a ...~~  
~~of the ...~~  
~~of the ...~~  
to ~~the~~ all ~~the~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~  
and ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
no ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
got ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
The ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
in ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
in ~~a~~ ~~time~~ ~~the~~  
or ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
happy ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
Cause, "the ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
day ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
changed,  
and (means ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
thoughts ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
but ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
handful ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
was ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
independent ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
of ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~

Baker when he saw,  
English Ependi's ~~the~~  
was ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
of the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
great ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
was ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
after ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
Baker's ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
must ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
on ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
Baker's ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
read ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
Jim ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
was ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
may ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
about ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
was ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
was ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
in ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
Baker's ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
was ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
of ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~

(Makin, in Persian 'koo' is  
Dirt, therefore meaning 'thin in  
English'. The head of the family  
is often called 'makin'.)

Some form 'more  
Dissension, near 'Tobago' -  
The emblem of the  
Persian 'Mak' is  
and 'koo', 'more'.

The play 'The Garden  
' was for so

Many years had been  
The 'Makin' is to be found in  
from 'Dissension' near 'Tobago'  
Check to find that the 'Makin'  
was to

I went about 30 yds  
 out into the garden  
 The other gardeners  
 saw me also but didn't  
 make with a few and  
 otherwise much excited  
 when in their days of efforts  
 - then man gave this promise  
 gave them time to do their  
 work. It was the day of their  
 time to make his garden perfect  
 in beauty, formal, on the  
 day of the occasion of other  
 public came to share with  
 the President they say. The day  
 said: "Oh, he may do much  
 then he went out and seeing  
 a person near the gate, him  
 his about clouds. He gave an  
 Ray & his horse to a person  
 and went up to the tank & the  
 (man)

These were the  
 gardeners  
 no place  
 played  
 car  
 1910  
 license  
 James  
 Cook  
 (man)

born every time arranged  
to provide comfort and your  
happiness. ~~The~~ you see  
the intricate pieces of this  
body that you see below  
across the membrane where  
you have probably seen  
Bates, Howard, and  
myal purple elements  
throughout your entire  
This is the home of the  
Bates. It is built exactly  
like an old palace or castle  
which is built Bates  
always abundant. It is a  
Alaska in color, a natural  
home, <sup>to</sup> participating in form,  
color and proportions. It  
is set in a beautiful garden  
of roses, lilacs, orange  
of lemon

where each  
The flowers of the  
such big looking garden  
plant our best performance  
to the pilgrims, the  
our beautiful white riding  
this garden has a  
inches of water when  
one round ~~and~~ it will  
Bates planned it, ~~the~~  
for 30 years he had no  
~~garden~~ garden. His  
garden was, also designed  
him so fast the garden  
with a decoration in the  
front of the garden  
to ~~attract~~ attract the  
the flowers, it appears to

There are two ways of  
waiting. After and after,  
one as a tourist where the  
sights are ~~staring~~ ~~you~~  
When you stay in the world  
with and are not interested about  
learning anything at all  
Get a new friend to do it. The  
first is when you come as  
a tourist will join a ~~year~~  
where you are not ~~at all~~ ~~you~~  
The first by Robert Guise  
eager to meet you and to  
show you when you reach  
the first of ~~you~~ ~~are~~ the  
station to welcome you,  
You are advised to the  
Penguin Service where the  
ambassador ~~and~~ ~~people~~  
attend to the ~~people~~ ~~training~~

We are attached to the  
one called ~~the~~ ~~more~~ ~~the~~  
a number to us. We have ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
our friends. G. H. H. H.



Had to carry Amboy water  
provisions -

Maybe near Palau is the only place  
who considered me ? You must  
go to the same place & you must  
know to learn you must

learn from the Spanish people,  
and the to go to the other  
house was the Native room,  
to search the room

Amoy such night with greater  
Holy day, the time has never before

Palau always called the  
"July" is

Just above the in every way  
with the small My one,  
The last generation is the same  
the the to the same place  
the the to the same place

While in the ocean prison  
a few months ago we went to  
with with a Boat to the city  
the only place each day,  
the most of from the same  
the Palau people and the same  
because a Palau, the same  
are now Palau in the sea,

"My name is not in my  
in the document, but in the  
the same place of the same  
Palau,

the same place of the same  
Palau,



Mrs. True, having just returned from Haifa, related some of her experiences and talks with Shoghi Effendi.

Shoghi Effendi told me I could stay as long as I wished and by having a long time we could take it easy and when convenient for him to talk about things we could take a walk to the sea, or go to the Shrine, and I gained a great deal more that way than to go for only a week or so and feel I must rush. There is so much to be absorbed and to talk about. Shoghi Effendi is very well.

The first pilgrims from Australia and New Zealand came while I was there. Martha Root is being sent to Europe, to Geneva, by Shoghi, will be located at Geneva for the summer where there will be many congresses. Shoghi Effendi says the work in Europe is very necessary just now.

All the big tourist ships now stop at Haifa making it their chief port, so that there are thousands of American tourists who land at Haifa. Cook has an agency in Haifa and his man asked Shoghi Effendi if he could have the privilege of showing the Shrine to the tourists and this was granted, and this may be an avenue. There is a drive around the city and they always take them around the Shrine and gardens, and the people from the town come there on Sunday afternoons. 500 people visited the Shrine one Sunday, they do not enter, only on special request. Such changes are going on. Haifa does not know itself. Shoghi says that through the Zionists Haifa will be very wonderful. He is very much in favor of the Zionist work in Palestine a brilliant pearl. One reason is this. It has been a Mohammedan country and Syria the same way but through the coming of the Jews they, with the Christians, are in the majority and then progressive movements will be produced and Palestine will go far ahead of Syria because it has a Mohammedan majority. *Says the Jews will make Palestine*

In speaking of the work Mr. Mills had done at Bagdad in connection with the houses there, Mrs. True said he had wonderful letters of introduction to many people and it was surprising to them that a man like Mr. Mills was interested in the movement and it opened their eyes to the fact that the people of the West were really taking such an interest in the Cause of Baha'Ullah and Mr. Mills did great good in meeting these prominent officials.

Shoghi Effendi is very busy. The Greatest Holy Leaf built him a little apartment on the Master's house, an office, bedroom and bath. He has maps of different countries, marked with red ink and dots for every city where there are Bahais. You can see right away in what part of the country the work is being done. Germany and Australia are doing more for the Cause, it is spreading fast in these two countries, more so than in any other country. Shoghi would be very happy when we can get matters established and relieve him of a great deal of work that should be taken care of by the different assemblies. He has a tremendous correspondence. He dictates letters and then adds a few words by hand. His sense of justice is wonderful. Today is the day for the House of Justice. Justice is a marvelous characteristic he has. He feels he cannot write to anyone for justice demands then that he write to all.

Shoghi Effendi talked a great deal to us about teaching by living the Baha'i life. Each one of the great Manifestations of God have brought a springtime in the spiritual world when they came and there are certain things they bring and teach us by living which have not been given before, and it is very essential that the Bahai's live the life that Baha'Ullah has taught and 'Abdu'l Baha has explained, and then the deeds that would follow a life according to their teachings would be like new fresh flowers, not like last year's flowers but would have a newness and a fragrance, and an attractiveness of the new springtime; then we would attract more people to the Cause, because they would seek new spring flowers and come and ask for them and in that way we could quicken the whole earth.

Shoghi Effendi said it would be advisable for any soul who felt called upon to do so to arise and go forth and teach and he wished the friends could fulfill the Divine Plan and follow those teachings. Go forth and spread the teachings as broadly as possible.

They are expecting to elect a National Spiritual Assembly in Egypt on April 21st, that was before Mrs. True left, ~~and~~

One thing Shoghi said about organization was, to go ahead and get your organization created and when you have created do not forget the object of that organization. There might be a little tendency to give too much time to perfecting the organization and forgetting the object behind it which is to spread the Cause. He laid great stress on the point of being sure that the organization performed its function. Through these committees Shoghi himself will be able to promulgate the Cause. Ever have before your mind - how are we going to further the Cause. Have frequent meetings and make business if you have no business. The less often you meet the less business you have but do not forget what the organization was created for primarily. We are not trying to establish a perfect organization in the world but are establishing an organization to promulgate the Cause. We need machinery but not machinery without a soul.

Shoghi spoke of how we should name spiritual assemblies. On letterheads, speaking of National Assemblies, they should be called NATIONAL SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY, in large letters, and in small letters, of the Bahai's of the United States, etc. Local -- THE SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY in large letters, of the Bahai's of New York, in small letters. The spiritual assembly in any city means the nine elected members for that city.

~~XXXXIS:~~ Shoghi does not change anything of 'Abdu'l Baha's. The master made two kinds of statements in his Tablets, one was for temporary expediency and the other permanent. Where it was temporary, when the time came to change that, Shoghi has the privilege to make that change. In Persia he found two or three Tablets about electing committees that were different. He found these differences and is making a uniformity and has sent instructions to elect committees once a year. He changes those that are temporary according to the expediency of the time and its requirements but those that are permanent-nothing on the face of the earth could change these things.

Shoghi says the Baha'i is a person who is attracted to the principles of the Cause but a believer is one not only attracted to the principles but knows the station of the ~~founders~~ and source of these teachings and who

turns to the source for his strength and is detached from the world and attracted from the world to the Cause. Try from among those who are attracted to make more believers for the work of promulgating the Cause falls on the believers. They are the ones who are spreading this Cause. It is necessary to make believers for the Cause will never be established if we make only Bahais. It is necessary to make believers of those pure souls who are attracted and who will give all their time to the Cause and then the Cause will rest on the shoulders of those people. If they are only attracted they will not serve or put their hands in their pockets and the Cause will never become an established Cause.

Shoghi Effendi wants all the spiritual assemblies all over the country to get very closely united with each other and exchange speakers and visitors and get closer to each other.

Took up point with Shoghi, what should we do if the members of our local assembly cannot act. He said it might be very good idea to elect a few extra members and only call on them at specific times but each assembly could decide that for itself..

Shoghi is not pleased because the Temple work has been neglected. We must not push the Temple work now as it would cut off the channel of promulgation of the Cause. We must build up the body of the Cause and must make some believers and that will build the Temple. One reason he is stressing teaching is that the Temple is a wonderful instrument for attracting and after you have attracted them they must be instructed in the teachings. The Temple must not be neglected. He wants a complete statement of exactly how things are and any indebtedness. Wants everything cleaned off and then he will tell them ~~what~~ what to do.

Shoghi also says we have now the right to ask for reduction in traveling expenses of teachers on railroads and the N.S.A. should take care of this.

We had a visit with the Greatest Holy Leaf, she gave us each a ring and said she did not think she was going to be with us very much longer and that if God allowed her to attain the Kingdom-she hoped and prayed she would succeed in obtaining the Kingdom, she wanted God to allow her to be an emisary to Baha'Ullah and 'Abdu'l Baha to tell them of the faithfulness of the friends after the passing of 'Abdu'l Baha.

At the 19-Day meeting April 28th, Mrs. True spoke at the Library and while some of the foregoing was repeated the following inspiring messages were given us.

Loving greetings from Shoghi Effendi and the Holy Family. I received so much in this visit. Shoghi gave me things that satisfied my heart so that now I can work with understanding. He says we must get understanding and be happy and joyous in our work and unless we know what we are doing we cannot be happy and joyous in this work.

He talked of the necessity of living the Bahai life according to the teachings of Baha'Ullah. 'Abdu'l Baha says there was many a spiritually minded woman when Christ came to this world who did not know the Mouth-piece of God, so that she failed to attain, she was living the law of Moses.

So today, we have gone into still another and higher degree. Baha'Ullah has brought this wonderful new message, such a message as the world has never seen. We must live the life of the Baha'i teachings. ~~NOT THIS~~ This message has come to the world and it has a mighty potentiality and the only way we can know what that potentiality is, is by the way those who come under these teachings bring into action those great teachings of Baha'Ullah. We must do something to prove to the world that it is a new springtime. Unless the trees do some sprouting, or you find violets you would not know that it is a new springtime, so unless the Bahais show such qualities the people would not know that a new springtime has come into the ~~world~~ spiritual world. If we want to attract hearts to our Manifestation, the one of our day, we have to prove it through the teachings emanating from our teacher, we have to prove the teachings of this day. We want the new, fresh, fragrant spring flowers of our day.

After talking about the individual lives of our teachers, he talked about our teaching work. It is not enough to broadcast this message and simply proclaim the principles because the majority of the people will agree with you on them, but every place you go, when you have given them the principles, train them and turn them to the founder of the movement and teach them to turn to the founder as their source of inspiration.

Again referring to what Shoghi said about Bahais, that a Baha'i is a person attracted to the principles of the Cause but a believer is one who is not only attracted to the principles but knows the station and founder and the source of these teachings and turns to the source for his strength. Shoghi said, try from among those who are Bahais to make some believers for the work of promulgating the Cause falls upon the believers. An effort must be made to train as many souls as possible to become real Bahais so they will arise and give all their energy and time to the Cause. More work should be done for this than to spread the Cause.

Shoghi wants us to demonstrate to the world that we have something the world has not. We must prove to them that there is some reason why they should seek this movement in preference to others. Then you will find it will become a magnet.

Shoghi's wisdom and justice are wonderful. He will not do a thing that violates justice. There is a tie between Shoghi and the Greatest Holy Leaf that we on our plane cannot understand. They belong to a higher plane and they have a communion which we cannot understand which is most beautiful to see. She is very feeble and said she did not think she would be with us much longer.

Record of my visit to Haifa.

March 13th - April 1st, 1925.

(These notes were sent back to Haifa and corrected by  
Shoghi Effendi)

(Above note in Rffie E.Baker hand-writing.)

Record of my visit of Haifa, March 13-

Shoghi Effendi sent greetings to us and asked us to come to the Master's House and see him before lunch.

First Interview with our Beloved Guardian.

To me it was a wonderful interview and meeting. His step is quick and decisive also his manner of speech, but the sweetness of his countenance, and the bright alert expression of his eyes conveys to you a wonderful tenderness of heart which radiates to you such graciousness and simplicity, you feel at once at your ease, as if a weight had been removed from your heart and a great Peace reigns. You feel such a happiness in his Presence it is hard to describe.

Shoghi Effendi first of all gave us all a hearty welcome to the Holy Land, and hoped by making the Pilgrimage we would receive much spirituality.

Assured us of his earnest prayers for us and our countries... Enquired about the Friends in Australia and New Zealand..... Progress of Movement.....Very delighted at reports recently received from Father Dunn\* re the Cause.....Thinks Australia has a great future.

He said the essential point is to speak of, and teach the Principles, but first and most of all--live them.

After giving the Principles, give the history of the Cause.

I said we would like him to come to Australia and his answer was "I certainly hope I will."

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\*Note. In Australia and New Zealand the Friends all call Mr. and Mrs. Hyde Dunn, "Father" Dunn and "Mother" Dunn, because they feel themselves their spiritual children.



Monday, 16th of March, 1925.

Second Interview with our Beloved Guardian-

Shoghi Effendi again emphasized the importance of speaking on the principles whenever opportunity arises and then giving a short history of the Cause.

Speaking of the Cause..... Our great object is to create harmony and unity..... If differences arise we must consult with one another- and when decision of a just settlement is arrived at, go to the ones with whom difference has arisen and tell them in great kindness and love of our decision; leave it to them to meditate on. Do not force or insist but just pray that they may see things in the right light.

Regarding literature..... Must be distributed in a dignified and tactful manner and not made cheap.... Not given out at doors, or put in park benches &c. In meetings have a specified place for it in room and say if anyone is interested in the Cause they may obtain it.

Our object wherever we are to make a firm believer, instead of just interesting a lot of people.....that is not sufficient.. We must concentrate our efforts to make a firm believer who will be capable of carrying on the work when we are not there.

We must strive to study the teachings...to impart the truth fluently and with conviction(not superficially)...Must devote as much of our time as possible so that we may grasp the inner meanings of the teachings and be able to satisfy without hesitation (or referring to books) questions asked us.

Questions asked by Margaret Stevensn for Mr. Hyde Dunn.

First Question: The Birthday of Shoghi Effendi?

Answer- 1897. Date not given as he does not wish it to be observed in any way.

Second Question: Are New Zealand and South Sea Islands to be included in the National Assembly of Australasia?

Answer:- For the present - yes. Later on when numbers increase and local spiritual assemblies sufficient..have National Assembly for Australia and one for New Zealand....No immediate hurry to form National Assembly....Just go on quietly....Not important..

Third Question: Certain cities that have firm and steadfast Bahais, and yet not sufficient numbers for an Assembly... Would these firm ones be eligible for electors from whom the National House would be elected?

Answer-As a rule ..No.. except in countries where the Bahai Centres are still few in number.

In answering this question Shoghi Effendi says:-Bahai in the wider sense of the term only means one who is interested in Principles.

We must first of all have true believers.

A true believer, is one who is not only a believer in Principles but believes in Manifestation as well. We must wait till we have these firm believers before we can elect the local assembly. They must be ~~the~~ ten in number at least, but nothing less than ten, so that nine can be elected to form local Spiritual Assemblies.

Get local Assembly established first of all. To establish National Assembly not urgent. Get local Assembly firmly established first.

Fourth Question: Official Assembly of Nine? All the believers attending the meetings? Are these to be known as members of Assembly?

Answer- The term "Assembly" should apply only to the body of nine elected by the Friends..

First of all we must have more than nine declared believers before we can elect our local Spiritual Assembly (ten at least). Those who are not declared believers- (declared believers being those who believe in the Principles and also in the Manifestation) have no vote.

The Will of Abdul-Baha gives concise and explicit instructions regarding the election of the local Spiritual Assemblies, and must be studied carefully, followed carefully, not deviated from.

Fifth Question:- Committee for practical work. Are they to be chosen from Assembly and its members?

Answer-Not necessarily from chosen nine to form local Spiritual Assembly. The Local Spiritual Assembly may choose them from amongst the members or Bahais.

Sixth Question:- Regarding the Surat-ul-hykl? We have understood it to be by Baha'u'llah, revealing the Station of Abdul-Baha. Is that correct? Is there a commentary in connection with it to be had?

Answer-No, there is no commentary referring to this.  
No, rather revealing the Temple of Body of His Cause.

Note E.Baker. (I am not sure if I grasped the answer to this question properly).

Seventh Question:-The Tablet of the Hour? Does that apply to Abdul Baha?

Answer- Yes.

Question by Margaret Stevenson:-Regarding Prayers? Is it necessary to wash hands, bend and place hands on knees, hold before face&c. Some people object?

Answer-Baha'u'llah has revealed three Prayers(Obligatory).

- 1st- in the Prayer Book which is the usual daily prayer.
- 2nd- is the short prayer which does not necessitate bending or kneeling.
- 3rd- Very long, kneeling with forehead to the ground &c. (this is only for those who wish).

One must choose one of the three as daily obligatory prayers.

Baha'u'llah has revealed these three sothat one can have perfect freedom to choose one of them, but we are commanded to use one of them daily.

If one objects to bending &c., we have our freedom to choose the short prayer which does not necessitate it.

THIRD INTERVIEW with Shoghi Effendi our beloved Guardian, Friday, 20th March, 1925.

Shoghi Effendi sent for Margaret and myself and he spoke to me regarding the work in Australia...Says for me to proceed to London and visit Friends there..does not wishme to proceed to America.. it is not necessary...Wishes me to return to Australia and continue to work with Mr. & Mrs. Hyde Dunn, and spread the teachings in Australia....He lookswith great expectations to A Australia,,,Speaking of getting in touch with The Source, said:-

- 1st- We must have Purity of Intention.
- 2nd- We must have Detachment.
- 3rd- We must have Concentration.

FOURTH INTERVIEWwith our Beloved Guardian, 29thMarch, 1925.

Shoghi Effendi sent for Margaret and myself. He referred to the return of the Jews to Palestins: says they will first make a great contribution to the material civilization of Palesting and then eventually will (as the Master foretold) come into the Bahai Faith. There are 14 million Jews in the world whom it appears are concentration upon Palestine, and their advanced ideas and wealth will help Palestine considerably.

Soheil then came to ask us to come and have our photographs taken with the Arab Pilgrims from Bagdad. Shoghi Effendi declined. He does not wish his photograph taken since he has become Guardian.

of the Cause. Does not wish any attachment to his personality.

FIFTH INTERVIEW with Shoghi Effendi our Beloved Guardian,  
31st March, 1925.

Shoghi Effendi sent for all of us and told us he had asked the Ladies of the Household to prepare the Pictures of Baha'u'llah, and the Bab for us to see.

The Picture of Baha'u'llah is a photograph (in sitting posture at a table. A wonderful powerful face. To me the eyes were half closed but they seemed to search one's heart, and involuntarily the words came to one's lips; Oh! God! Forgive me!

The other is a series of three small paintings of Him done by an artist (Persian) from memory depicting Him in His Youth which did not appeal to me so much.

The third a painting of the Bab is small and depicts him in a praying attitude. It is a beautiful quiet spiritual face. The art is Eastern in its conception and contrasting to Western ideas.

The others were beautiful photographs of The Master and one could there fully realize His Majestical Beauty simplicity and kindness of heart, showered to all creatures irrespective of race color or creed. One, who meekly withstood the onslaught of the enemies, bearing no trace of malice. Showing naught but loving service to all mankind from day to day, through many trials, tribulations and indignities were heaped upon Him.

SIXTH INTERVIEW with our Beloved Guardian, March 31st, 1925.

Shoghi Effendi sent for Margaret and myself to say good-bye and wish us bon-voyage. He wished us to see his Apartment. His Library is large and spacious.. has one of its windows facing the Holy Shrine. He opened it so that we could see the Light shining above the Holy Tomb. He can always turn there to pray. The walls are surrounded with book-cases containing literature touching on all vital questions of the day.

(He does most of his writing in his bedroom).

He again mentioned how glad his heart is at the good reports from Australia, and hopes great things from there. How glad he was I had come as the first Pilgrim and assured me of his earnest prayers... that he wished me to return and continue the good work with Father and Mother Dunn, and that he felt all that we do together would be confirmed.

He prayed a prayer for us in English starting - In the Name of God, The Supreme, The High - (page 78 of Hidden Words) - Says it is a favourite one of his.

Shoghi Effendi asks that we give publicity to martyrdoms occurring in Persia as much as possible. In doing so we must use tact and wisdom...Not to ask the Government to take steps, as Bahais do not interfere politically, but just try and let people know what suffering is caused by the fanatical minds ignorant and prejudiced...How the faithful followers of Baha'u'llah suffer for the Faith, He has proclaimed, which only has for its object the betterment of humanity. It does behoove each one of us to make fresh efforts to promulgate His Noble Teachings and strive to instill into our hearts His Command - "Son of Spirit. Justice is the best beloved in my Sight, turn not away there from if thou desirest me, &c".

We cannot realize this oppression in our land of freedom of thought and opinion. Pray earnestly that the time is not far distant that our dear brothers and sisters in Persia may have freedom of spiritual thought and ideas. That the Government will cause the enforcement of educational facilities which will be a means of material advancement and enlightenment that will bring in its train spiritual enlightenment also.

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Talk with Husain Ruhi and Aziz'u'llah Bahadur, Mar. 23, 1925.

Speaking of The Bab....Said he had come to tell the people all the spiritual streams had become muddy, polluted with human ideas and conceptions and to announce that a new spring was at hand.

Baha'u'llah comes....says....here is a clear spring, come and drink..

Day of Judgment....Is the Coming of The Christ, the New Manifestation....The New Day....Jesus (The Christ) came to add to the Law of Moses....Each Manifestation is like another examiner.. Mohammed came with sword and fought in defense to establish His teachings.

Baha'u'llah is the Universal Manifestation....None of the former Manifestations said "I am He".... One said "I am His Servant"....One said "I am His Messenger"....&c., but Baha'u'llah said - "I am He" - I am the One with my Son" - but people turned their faces away as in the time of Christ. He said only the chosen would know Him, as Jesus the Christ said only the chosen would know Him (meaning only those whose hearts are ready.)

The Bab's Mission was the fulfillment of promises of Muhammad. He was the Morning Star of the New Day. The early morning star does not shine from yesterday's sun, but from the Sun of the New Day.

The Bab drew his light from Baha'u'llah. (The great spiritual sun of this New Day.)

Abdul-Baha, the Center of the Covenant, drew His Light from Baha'u'llah.

The Bab's Message was to destroy corrupted order of Islam and prepare the people for the Coming of Baha'u'llah, He Whom God would Manifest!

Baha'u'llah- the Great Universal Manifestation, the Revealer, the Founder of this Great New Day.

Abdul-Baha- the Center of His Covenant- not the Founder. His work was to expound the teachings of Baha'u'llah. He was the Exemplar of how they should be lived. Each minute, each hour, each day. He lived those teachings revealed by the Blessed Perfection.

Should another come before a thousand years to found new religion, he is an imposter.

Abdul-Baha is the Branch mentioned in the Bible. What Abdul-Baha says we must obey absolutely.

Abdul Baha said "I am the servant of Baha'u'llah.

Line of Guardians appointed to protect Cause and keep its purity.

Fundamental things if not clear to you always refer to our beloved Guardian. Write clearly the text of your discussion. Send it to him, and he will give you the true and clear explanation.

Guardian always President of the House of Justice. The Master has conferred upon him power different from other people. (inspired). He is revelator, but only inspired to give correct interpretation, keep Cause from friction, corruption, and disintegration.

To give him as much help as possible. Keep our assemblies in greatest unity and harmony, and do our utmost to promulgate the Cause wherever and when ever we can, so that news of the steady progression of the establishment of this Great Cause in our country may be forwarded to him from time to time....Will be the means of bringing joy to his heart and enable him to shoulder responsibility he has been called to bear.

(Signed) Effie E. Baker,  
Australia.

Letter No. 1, from Miss Effie S. Baker ("The Toymaker of Australia" while on pilgrimage to Haifa, Palestine, to Melbourne Baha'i Assembly.

March 29th, 1925.

We have been in Haifa just a little over two weeks and the days and nights have been so crowded with wonderful things, it has been impossible to find time to write. It is getting quite late now but I must make a beginning as we think our boat leaves next Friday. We will not know until tomorrow whether we can get berths though. We will be very loathe to leave. It is heavenly to be among these dear people. One cannot realize what self-sacrifice means until one comes in contact with them. I must start and give you as best I can all that has transpired since I last wrote to you and posted by the "Jervic Bay."

I think I wrote to Father and Mother and told them of our trip up the canal and so will just continue about landing at Port Said. We reached there at daybreak on Thursday 12th March at 8.30 A. M. Martha (Root) came on board. We were surprised to see her. Her boat had been delayed so she waited for two or three days and came to meet us and then travel with us to Haifa. Three Persian Baha'is were with her and gave us a warm welcome.

It was lovely to see Martha and she is looking so well. We had breakfast on board and then went ashore. Had to go through the Customs House. After a lot of wrangling our luggage was put on conveyance and taken to the Hotel where Martha was staying. Here Monever Khamm, the youngest daughter of 'Abdu'l-Baha and wife of Mirza Ahmad Yazdi, came to see us. She is very sweet and gave us such a beautiful welcome. After lunch Monever Khanum and a friend called on us again and some of the Baha'is (also). One Muhammad Mustapha offered to accompany us as far as Kantara E. (that is the station you change at for Haifa) and see us safely into the train for Haifa.

We left Port Said at 6 P. M. and reached Kantara at 6.45 P. M. Here we had to go through the Customs and we saw what thought and kindness of heart Mirza Mustapha had. He interpreted for us at the Customs and saw all our baggage loaded on the ferry and finally had us a Kantara E. where we had to settle down and wait till midnight for the Express to Haifa. He had to leave us at 9.30 P. M. for to return to Port Said. He wanted to stay and see us safely off and then spend the night at the railway station and return early in the morning, but of course we would not let him.

We had a very good journey and reached Haifa at 10 A. M. Friday (March 13th). Fugeta met us at the station. He is a bright, merry hearted little fellow and gave us a heart welcome. He certainly is a good Baha'is General and soon had his little band of happy pilgrims marshalled and in order. We were installed into carriages and driven to the Pilgrim House in Persian Colony which is opposite the Master's House. Here we received

leaving Barracks 'Abdu'l-Baha's Mother had to live in room with his Uncle, her brother.

Baha'u'llah wished 'Abdu'l-Baha to marry. There was no room so the next door neighbor who owned the house they lived in, saw why marriage could not take place. He had a room in his house made with den connecting to Baha'u'llah's house, and prepared it for 'Abdu'l-Baha and offered it. It was accepted and 'Abdu'l-Baha was married. "My mother was called by Baha'u'llah and 'Abdu'l-Baha said, 'What Baha'u'llah wishes me to do, I will do.'"

When taken out of prison some Azeles came. They were much against the Cause. Took 'Abdu'l-Baha first and for three nights put him in dungeon with chains. Then they took him to interview Baha'u'llah. He tried to hide the chains from his Mother's sight. Pleaded with them when they took Baha'u'llah to put him in the upper room and not the dungeon. They agreed. He went into the dungeon himself and became ill from being in such a foul, damp place.

The last time he was brought before Court, he was commanded not to leave Acca. He said to them, "I have news to make you happy. I am very happy this order is given. Now I really will have a good rest. My imprisonment is not my sorrow but the unfaithfulness of my followers." She (Rouha Khanum) then told us how he used to go and visit Baha'u'llah after he was allowed the freedom of the surrounding few miles of Acca and then went to live in Palace of Behjeh, four or five miles out of the city. He used to go and see Baha'u'llah every Friday. Would put on old Aba and go on foot, chanting prayers, praying slowly as if walking to his Beloved. Would rest in shade of old aqueduct with stone for a pillow (we saw the spot on way to Behjeh). Baha'u'llah would sit from early morning at his window watching for him and as soon as he saw in he would send the friends and pilgrims to meet 'Abdu'l-Baha, saying: "The Master comes. Go and meet him!" It was a beautiful sight to see them meet. Such wonderful love, such kindness! 'Abdu'l-Baha would recount his work to Baha'u'llah. Then Baha'u'llah would direct his next week's work. Baha'u'llah would say, "How happy you make me. You bring might and happiness to my heart." Then Baha'u'llah would tell them all to leave the room and he and the Master would have a private talk for a while.

Baha'u'llah received so many letters. He would give them to 'Abdu'l-Baha to answer. 'Abdu'l-Baha would bring the answers and read them to him. Baha'u'llah would be pleased and praise 'Abdu'l-Baha for the way in which he answered them. (Rouha Khanum) told how 'Abdu'l-Baha would go to a room in Inn (across from house where Baha'u'llah was imprisoned for seven years) called Master's drawing room. Here he would receive people, Baha'is and non-Baha'is and give them advice both spiritually and materially. At twelve o'clock would come and have lunch with Baha'u'llah and tell him all that transpired during the morning. Would go to the Barracks in the afternoon and write in little room (sentry box for soldier). Had no room where he could go



to write privately. He would come back and again go and visit and help people.

(Rouha Khamum) spoke of the pilgrims coming on foot and the journey taking four and sometimes six months to complete. There were nine pilgrims once who came this way (Ismael, 'Abdu'l-Baha's gardener) who is still living was one of them). They were very poor, nothing else to offer, they brought a white lily in a basin or pot and carried it on their heads, each taking their turn. Baha'u'llah said when they offered it to him, "It was the best present kings or queens could ever get," though the valley of Behjeh was full of lillies, it was their love that counted.

In the afternoon we spent some time with the Holy Family. Greatest Holy Leaf who had a cold is little better. Dr. Esselmont is better also.

Friday 20th March: Shoghi Effendi sent for Margaret and myself and he had a talk with us regarding work in Australia. He wishes me to proceed to London with the party and visit the Friends there. Said it would be encouragement to them to meet a friend all the way from Australia. Does not wish me to proceed to America, there is no necessity for me to go. He wishes me to return to Australia and continue to work with Father and Mother Dum as I have done before and spread the teachings in Australia. He looks with great expectations to Australia. Speaking on getting in touch with the Source, he said:

- 1st, We must have purity of intention.
- 2nd, We must have detachment.
- 3rd, We must have concentration.

Afterward I went down town with Mrs. True and on the way met Hussein Ruhi who had just arrived by train from Jerusalem. Had come up for the week end to celebrate Maturuz Feast. He related his father's life story for us just after lunch which I shall try to give as he gave it.

"My father Ha'ji Mullah Ali of Tabriz accepted the Cause when Baha'u'llah was in Adrianople. He witnessed the martyrdom of The Bab. He was a teacher of religion (a mullah. A leader of the Shi'ite sect from Suffi School (suffi's discovered the date of The Bab's coming) and thought himself greater than any theologian in Persia. (He was very learned and proud). He came to Mosul where he met a man, a believer (who afterward became a nac(?). My father was sitting in his shop. He offered to the man a cup of coffee and told him about the teachings, but my father said it was not worth while arguing with him, so he took my father to his father (Mirza Moneer) and he in turn took him to Jinabi Zain (one of the old believers) who was a copyier of tablets of Baha'u'llah and also the Master. What he wrote was true (or correct- never any mistakes. His writings are very valuable now. They are perfect.)

"When my father went to him he said: It is no good talking (They knew each other as teachers of religion). My father said he had seen writings of The Bab and thought he could write just as well. Said he wanted to see writings of Baha'u'llah. Jinabi Zain gave him the Ighan. My father went to his hotel to read it. (He) spent whole night reading. At dawn he took a cup of tea, went to Jinabi Zain and said, 'Tell me where is the One who revealed this? Where is He? He is God! These are the words of God.' He (Jinabi Zain) said, He is in Adrianople. My father went to see Baha'u'llah and became a believer. Baha'u'llah said to him to go to Tabriz, and go to Egypt and stay until they would meet again some where in Syria. My father went, and a few years later Baha'u'llah was exiled to Acca and my father had the pleasure of meeting him once again. My father was the first one to take the teachings in the Ottoman Empire. He was sent by Baha'u'llah. My father returned to Acca and then went on to Baghdad, leaving believers in each village. I was two years old when my father went to Alleppo and from there to Aintab in Khurdestan (a few miles from Alleppo). There he received a tablet from Baha'u'llah in which he plainly told him that it was time to stop teaching and that he must go to the place in which he had to drink the cup which he was longing for. So my father (as I was told by a certain Baha'i) left taking no food or clothes. He went to Diarbakr in Khurdistan. The place which he had frequented as a merchant of indigo and carpets. There my father used to go to the Armenian church to teach the priests. Same time attended mosques and explained Koran. The people doubted his belief and finally discovered he was a ~~Babian~~ term only known then as follower of The Bab). They sent some people to meet him at the gate of the city, who knocked him to the ground. I was informed by one who had seen that (which was related to me word for word by the Master) and began to break his bones with cudgels. They broke the bones of his arms, legs, robbed him of his belt of money and left him alone. At that night a caravan going into the city heard him moaning. They brought two boards and carried him into the town to the room in which he used to live. It happened that three believers were coming from Baghdad on the way to the Holy Land (whose names I didn't quite get, but they were something like these. He put it thus: No. 1 Darvish Aba, No. 2 Haji Nur, No. 3, All- Isphan.) ~~Some people~~ Some people informed them that one, a Babi, whose bones were broken was in an Inn and wanted to see them.

"My father told them, as related by Haji Nur, that two of them should go on and one remain with him. His advice was carried out because the caravan was on the move toward Acca. My father said to man who remained with him that he would depart at dawn, and that he should take him to a certain spot just by the gate of Mardin (one of the gates of Diarbakr) and bury him there.

I finally discovered that this spot is the last place in the country at which Baha'u'llah stopped on his way to Constantinople. The way I discovered my father Tomb ; I had supplicated that I might be permitted to build the tomb of my father at Diarbakr. Reply was like this, 'You are permitted to go provided

facility or things are all right.'

On the day of the arrival of the reply, I had \$500.00. I was a teacher in school and it was not possible for me to go then as the school session was not finished. I was glad I had the money but I did not realize necessity of keeping it, and when vacation came I had spent it. This annoyed me. I didn't know why I had spent it. I had to continue another year. I supplicated again. The reply came, 'You are permitted to go at once before his grave is lost in ruins.'

At time of reply I had no money but at end of session I had \$500.00, so I started for Acca taking my family with me. I left (as guests at the Holy Home my ~~mother~~ Mother, aunty, wife and little child). I asked the Master to give me a letter to Ho. 2 Hoji-Nur (who was at Aintab at that time as a watchmaker) because he knew where the grave was. He had visited it on his way back to Persia. The Master also gave me something to inscribe on the Tomb which reads as follows: 'Verily the tranquil soul Hoji Mullah Ali had drunk the cup of Eternity from the hand of the Water Giver of ----- away from his home, while he was spreading the fragrances of God, and devoted to the Beauty of God.' Master told me before I left that I would find my father's grave. I went to Aintab and to make a long story short, took my friend Ho. 2 Hoji-Nur to Diarbakr. He took me to whereabouts of grave and for four hours we were searching in not more than ten square yards for grave. I said the Master said I was going to discover it, better let us go and find a grave digger and ask if he know about it. Seeing an old grave digger I asked him his age and how long he had been at that work. He told me he was over 70 years old and was a grave digger for over 40 years. I was glad to hear this. I asked him if he could show me any graves of Persians in that part of the country. He said there are only two, pointing to first one, he said this was made over 15 years ago, but the other only five years ago. Being then more than seventeen years of age, I knew the first was my father's. I began to clear away the debris and looking on it I read this inscription: 'He is Allaha-Abha  
This is the tomb or grave of  
Hoji Mullah Ali of Tabriz.'

I discovered the man who put this on my father's grave was a believer (working at Persian Consulate). He had put it on on his own account and expense and was the man who had stayed with my father and had seen to his burial. I brought ~~masons~~ masons and built the Tomb. On the day that the Tomb was finished the wife of the Governor of the city died and as the funeral procession passed by father's Tomb, the people stopped and recited introduction of Koran. Quite surprised to see a boy from Egypt in Diarbakr (not less than twenty days from Cairo) building Tomb of his father. I gave them a drink made from liquorice-root in the name of my father.

When I returned with the picture of my father's Tomb for the Master, he took it and kissed it and passed it to the believers

present and then related the martyrdom of my father word for word as the grave-digger had related it to me.

In afternoon, Martha (Root) and I went for a walk and to the Holy Shrines. Went and had afternoon tea with the Holy Leaves and saw the Greatest Holy Leaf for a while.

Saturday, 31st March: Nauruz Feast today. It is the beginning of New Year of the Baha'i Calendar. Had a visit with the Ladies of the Holy Household. Holy Mother gave us each a Persian silk handkerchief and ringstone blessed by the Master.

Went to new Pilgrim House and partook in another wedding festivity. These two weddings are the first to be celebrated since ascension of the Master. After visiting Shrines we came to see the Ladies of the Household and saw bride and bridegroom in Master's drawing room. She is very pretty and he is good looking also. They were not so shy as the first ones were.

Sunday 32nd March: Visited the home of Mirza Anayatullah Asghani. He showed us wonderful pictures of funeral of 'Abdu'l-Baha. We had a lovely time there.

In afternoon, visited Mirza Badi Bushrud's home. He is Governor of the Province and such a fine man. His wife is very sweet and charming. They put on the phone record of the Master's voice. It was wonderful. Went next to visit the Holy Family. The Greatest Holy Leaf is much better. We went in to see her and she gave us each a Baha'i ring. Then we went to see the room where 'Abdu'l-Baha passed away. His white Fez lay on the pillow. One felt in the Holy Presence and we all knelt at the bedside and prayed.

We are leaving in morning for a four day tour of Palestine. Mrs. Blundell is kindly taking me. She has hired a seven-seated Studebaker car and a Baha'i Mr. Marnous (?) is to arrange the tour. It is his business taking parties on these tours. He has a line of cars called the 'Jerusalem Express.' As this car has just returned to Haifa with a party we are to go straight to Jerusalem tomorrow and return by Nazareth and Tiberias way on the return journey. I will give you the trip from leaving Haifa till return.

Monday 23rd March: Left Haifa at 9 A. M. for Jerusalem. Passing the plain of Jezreel where River Kishon flows into the Sea. This is the River where Elijah slew the priests of Baal, 400 in number, I think. We are now 21(?) miles from Haifa speeding mountain side and looking down on plain of Esdraelon. It looks very fertile land and is under cultivation. On the hill side are anemones, blue corn flowers and a pink flower resembling exalis. Passing a village called Jaffa- near Nazareth. The reading are while and winding(?). Meet camel trains, Arabs driving herds of cattle. Flocks of sheep and goats. The country is hilly and mountains and very stony. They are composed of a volcanic shala. Passing home of Jezabel

and Ahab; See Mount Tabor and Little Hermon. Can see Jordan Valley in distance and Mount Jebrah, where King Saul was killed. Passing village-Jewish settlement. Plain of Esdraelon, cultivated and looks so green with young crops. Arabs ploughing with oxen and primitive wooden ploughs. Plenty of storks in fields. They have red bills, heads, neck and part of body white, wings partly white and partly black, black tail. Very handsome birds. Not allowed to kill them as they keep fields free from grubs, etc. We keep passing small Arab villages. Passing scene of British camp during war. Old tractors lying about. One viewing the stony mountainous districts all around can understand "the high places" spoken of so often in the Bible. Passing Arabs drawing water from well at roadside to water their flocks- very picturesque. All along the way you see women in the fields weeding the crops. They have a very hard life, have to help in the fields and do the house work and look after the children.

Passing the Hill of Dotham where Joseph was sold by his brethren. Passing Arab village of Silah. Plenty of fig and olive trees, can get a glimpse of Mediterranean Sea from here, also Plain of Sharon in distance. Passing lentil fields - an old Roman aqueduct and Hills of old Samaria. Can see ruined gate of town of Samaria built by King Ahab. Reached Nablus (new city). The old name is Shechem. It is associated with earliest period of Jewish settlement in Palestine. Here Abraham pitched his tent on entering the country to set up the first altar to Jehovah. Joshua led Israelites after miraculous passage of the Jordan and on slopes of Mount Girizim and Ebal recited the Laws of Moses. Also from Mount Girizim and Ebal were pronounced blessings and cursings. They are high barren and rugged looking. Here the Samaritans come to keep the Passover (which takes place beginning April. They offer the sacrifices on Mt. Girizim).

We lunched and left Nabulus at 1.20 P. M. Passing Tomb of Joseph and remains of house of woman of Samaria whom Jesus met at Jacob's Well. They are building an orthodox church over this well, but it is only partly erected, cannot finish on account of lack of funds. Passing stone erected to show the boundary between Samaria and district of Jerusalem. Here we are beginning to see vineyards. Passing village of Singel or St. Giles, founded in time of Crusades. British and Turks fought a battle here during the last war.

Passing Villages we are now passing are mostly Christian faith, much <sup>cleaner</sup> and prosperous looking than the Arab villages. The vil- <sup>from</sup> <sup>backed</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>ruined</sup> <sup>during</sup> <sup>war.</sup> lage Birziet (called well of oil) is surrounded by hills, all the sides of which are terraced and olive trees growing on them. The hills just seem to be layers of stoney strata. The people build up the terraces to keep the soil from washing away. Each house here has its oil press and little under-ground well to store the oil, hence its name. Passing Shiloh where the Ark of the Covenant stood. People used to visit it annually. Bethel (ancient) Here Jacob had his vision (ladder from heaven with angels ascending and descending).

Ancient Beiroth where the parents of Jesus returning from Jerusalem to their home missed him. They had to return to Jerusalem to look for him and found him teaching in the Temple. Saw American Friends (Quakers) See Mission School. Fine

building. Can now see in distance two towns on Mount of Olives, and part of City of Jerusalem to the right. Passing Bedouin Arabs moving camps. Can see high hills with Mosque. It is Tomb of Prophet Samuel and called Mizpah. Minaret on it was destroyed by British during war. They have rebuilt it. Passing landing place for aeroplanes, English mail service between Cairo and Baghdad. Passing ruins, excavation of House of Saul. Ancient Nob (place of good vision). Can see Garden of Gethsemane. Passing Damascus Gate. We are outside of the old city and will be staying at the Hotel Casa Nova in the modern Christian portion of the city. Reached hotel at 3. 30 P. M. Had a little rest then Mr. Tannous who is our guide came to take us to see the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, which is situated in North-western corner of old city. All is so quaint and interesting. One has forgotten modern civilization. We are gazing on scenes hoar, ~~with antiquity~~ antiquated and those in authority no doubt are doing their utmost to keep it its original state. You can see by its vaulted bazaars, narrow winding streets, steep alleyways, stone paved, planked on each side with ancient architecture that no change has taken place for centuries. It is indeed very picturesque but lack of cleanliness detracts from the scene somewhat. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was originally a group of small separate churches rising in the holy site in the 4th century and afterwards received its present form from Crusaders who built one large Romanesque Church to embrace the Chapel covering holy sites. In this Church which is circular in form are separate chapels allotted to different sects of Christianity. Orthodox Greek, Roman Catholic Armenians, Coptic PC(?) and so (?) It is the scene of many different rituals and ceremonies and endless sectarian strifes. On entering the door you see the altar with stone of unction on which Jesus was anointed after crucifixion. The Tomb of Jesus and the piece of stone suppose to be rolled from door of Tomb. Tomb of Joseph of Aramathea and Nicodemus hewn out of the rock. The place where Mary met Jesus and thought the gardener (had taken him away). The prison where Jesus awaited his trial. Place where family of prisoner visited them. Pillar on which Jesus sat and Jews mocked him. Place where soldiers cast lots for his garments. Place supposed where St. Helena found crosses, nails and crown of thorns. Tomb of Longinus soldier who pierced Jesus' side. Calvary where Jesus was nailed to cross and crucified. Painting by Murillo, his masterpiece, of Christ and his mother. This is a wonderful piece of work. It depicts the Holy Mother holding her hand under the head of Jesus and gazing into his face just after he has been taken from the cross. The portrayal of the serene calm, physically beautiful face of the dead Christ, the look of anguish and untold grief in the face of the Mother as she gazes at her son's lifeless form is indeed a masterpiece of art. The statue of the virgin Mary, - this is too a wonderful ~~piece~~ work of art. The face is beautiful. She seems to be in a kneeling posture. Is enclosed in glass case, her robe from neck to knee is literally covered with jewels. Fingers of each hand are covered to finger tips with rings sparkling with jewels. Her arms from wrist to shoulder, with bracelets. Numerous jewels over her head, watch chains, watches, medals ~~and~~ ect., covering whole figure. They have been gifts of people who have come to pray to her for healing and the value is estimated at five million pounds. Here is

wealth untold meeting your gaze while just outside the doors of the edifice holding this wealth your eye meets the scenes of abject poverty and misery and much of it caused in the name of religion. It is ~~certainly~~ one certainly that has lost its life giving properties.

Next went to Russian Church where we saw part of the old wall of Solomon and gate where Jesus left city carrying cross.

26th March: Visiting Mosque of Omar in area known as 'The Haram (the August Sanctuary). The two principle edifices being "Dome of the Rock" on a raised platform in the middle and the Mosque of Al Aqsa against the south wall. On the left along east wall the double portals of Golden Gate appear. On every side trees break the prospect which lends a peculiar charm to the scene. The site is one of the oldest in the world. Its sanctity dates from the earliest times. Its identity with the site of Solomon's Temple is beyond dispute. This too, is the spot according to universal belief on which "Daniel built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings" (2 Samuel 24th)! The Mosque of Al Aqsa built in commemoration of Prophets ~~caught up in the clouds while riding his charger and then landed~~ miraculous ascension. It is said that Muhammad was miraculously caught up in the clouds while riding his charger and then landed at this spot. ~~Returned and~~

Returned and had lunch, then started for Mount of Olives. Passed hospice built by German Emperor, now residence of Sir Herbert Samuels, Governor of Palestine appointed by British ~~Council~~ after war. Can see Dead Sea from here. Visited Carmelite Convent. Here we entered a courtyard supposed to be the spot where Jesus gave the disciples the Lord's ~~Blessing~~ Prayer. Saw on walls surrounding this courtyard the prayer in thirty-four different languages. Nuns of this convent never see any one after they enter it. Visiting Church of Nativity. Passing ~~Main~~ where King David met Philistines on way to Bethlehem. Bethlehem is five and one-half miles south of Jerusalem. Birthplace of Jesus and of King David. It stands 2500 feet above sea level and has about 6000 inhabitants mostly Christians. It is the scene of the story of the Book of Ruth and in Old Testament times is famous for association with House of David. Can see Mountains of Moab and Hills of Judea. Passing Rachel's Tomb. See fields of Boaz where Ruth gleaned and where shepherds received message of the "New Born King." Church of the Nativity is the outstanding monument of Bethlehem and is built over the spot where the Inn ~~se~~ stood that Jesus' parents came to and where he was born in the stable ~~to rest~~ and put in the manger. Built by Constantine in 330 A. D. Church consists of a nave with double aisles, of a wide transept, and semi-circular apse. The nave and aisles are separated from one another by four rows of monolithic columns surrounded by Corinthian capitals. Like Church of the Holy Sepulchre it is shared by several communities, orthodox, Greek, Armenians, Coptic, etc. <sup>what is believed to be the spot where the star shined, although</sup> Went down a sort of underground grotto where you are shown the stable roof, then the spot where the manger was (of course all these places have altars erected on them). We were much amused here. Saw a policeman sitting with handcuffs

beside him. Our guide told us they have to keep one there all the time to keep peace between the greek, Armonians, Roman Catholic Coptic. etc. One sect doesnot dare put his foot on portions of another sect or there will be a fight.

We are going to see the Dead Sea. Passing Bethany, home of Mary and Martha, Lazuras, Simon the leper. Can see old original road ~~winding round the hill sides~~ on our right. The road to Jericho on which we are traveling was frequented by thieves (it is a very lonely road winding round the hill sides, no habitation any where) and robbers and is very unsafe to travel. ~~since under~~ But since under British control this has been put down and it is quite safe now. Jericho is 18 miles distant. Roads/ind along sides of the Hills of Judea. They are mostly composed of stratas of lime stone, and are very barren as no rain fall here.

Passing Apostles Spring where Jesus and disciples rested on way from Jerusalem, wayside in at this spot. Passed Inn. of Good Samaritan, Reached Dead Sea. It is ten miles wide and 47 miles long over 1300 feet below sea level. Its water is very bitter and salt to taste. River Jordan flows into it three miles farther up from where we are standing. Can see village of modern Jericho in distance. Looks like oasis in desert it is so green. We are at bank of Jordan River where Jesus was supposed to have been baptized. Plenty of Poplar and Tamarick trees growing along its banks. Water very muddy colored (turbulent stream here) passing through modern Jericho. Here are banana and orange groves every where. Visited site of old town. Jericho was scene of a victory of Israelites in Palestine. Sacked by Joshua. Subsequently rebuilt and formed part of inheritance of Benjamin. It was here that Elisha performed the miracle of rendering the bitter spring sweet (the people told him they had found water but it was bitter so he put a handful of salt in it and it turned sweet). People from all parts come here to draw water from it. The British government have built a long oblong cement basin around it. You can see it bubbling up and gushing out at one end of basin. This basin fills up and then they let it out to irrigate the land round about. That is why it is so green. When we were inspecting the walls of old Jericho I found a piece of broken pottery imbedded in the mud, etc., evidently used in those days.

Of the old town there is little to see beyond the excavations of the German Oriental Society which laid bare braces of the old masonry and walls. The walls were composed of irregular stones and mud (so no wonder they fell down when the High Priests and people marches round them blowing trumpets, etc).

We then started for the return to Jerusalem and reached there at 7. 30 P. M.

March 25th: Lord Balfour is entering Jerusalem this morning and much bitterness amongst Arab community. They are making a stop work demonstration to show disapproval of the Jews coming into Palestine. Lord Balfour is coming in connection with opening of a Jewish University. For fear of trouble our guide advises



not to leave Hotel till he comes. No cars or vehicles to run in streets and shops closed. Mr. Tannous who is a Baha'i and has lived here all his life has warned us for our safety. We are having a novel experience. Stayed in all morning. No demonstration, so are continuing our tour. We called on Houssain Hadd (Inspector of Education) then returned to Hotel to prepare to leave for Nablus where we will spend the night. We heard guns firing just before or at noon and thought perhaps a riot had occurred but not so. Found it is the beginning of Muhammadan feast. It starts with new moon. The first who sees it has to get a witness and then they go and tell High Priest. A gun is fired to let the rest of the community know.

At 4.30 P. M. we are starting for Nablus. It was a wonderful drive from Jerusalem to Nablus. Looking down on the Plains with some of their rich red soil just fallowed, some under cultivation crops, the different variety of cereals and giving contrasting hues of green. Hills outlines with winding terraces of white stones, patches of sombre grey green of olive, the brighter tint of fig and almond trees was a sight not to be forgotten. The sun's genial rays giving ever varied tones added to the panorama before our eyes. Great patches on the hill sides of scarlet and blue and pink flowers causing a riot of color hard to depict. It gave the impression of a huge Persian carpet, rich in coloring and of wonderful tracery spread to meet our gaze.

28th March: After a good nights rest we are leaving for Tiberias. Again reach Nazareth. See the Church of Dolchites which is claimed to be the Synagogue in which Jesus taught. From Plain south east of Nazareth is the dome shaped Mount Tabor. Can see Horn of Hittin where Christ gave the Sermon on the Mount. Plain where he fed 5000 and 7000 people. At noon reached Tiberias on Sea of Galilee. It is 681 feet below sea level and lies on west bank of Sea of ~~Tiberias~~ Galilee. Scene of miracle of Cana (St. John 2). It is built of basalt a black looking stone like blue stone and this gives it a very sombre appearance. It is very old and street very crooked, narrow and dirty. Had lunch in Municipal Gardens outside of city. Had a row in boat on the Lake on Sea of Galilee. We then went to Bethsaida. Passed home of Mary Magdalene, Home of Jonah. We then returned to Tiberias, back to Nazareth, and then to Haifa. Traveling from Nazareth to Haifa we got the view of the other side of Mount Carmel famed from Old Testament time for its beauty. It is one of the most attractive regions of Palestine. Its highest point is 1800 feet and it is 18 miles long. On south east point at height of 1695 feet the miracle of Elijah took place (the offering of the sacrifice, the place of burning recorded in 1 King 18) with priests of Baal. The River Kishon in the Plain below finding its way to the Sea where Elijah slew the Priests of Baal 400 in number.

Haifa is situated on the other side of slope of Mt. Carmel and has 34000 inhabitants. So you see it is not a small place. We reached there at 5 P. M.

Another will see by this narrative that "Smart Alick" lied

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the guide with a few questions, ~~and~~ put them down tersely and have just written up the events as I could remember, so if we made a few mistakes in recording, excuse them. It has been quite a long task writing this. The boat has been rolling a good deal. I wish to post it on board tonight so that it will go straight away by an outgoing mail.

This journey to Jerusalem has left a lasting impression for one has indeed seen the full demonstration of the words of The Bab, "You have the forms and creeds but have lost the spirit of your religion." One recognizes how necessary it was for the appearance of the Father Himself to come and purify the channels of spiritual thought from the superstitions of man made creeds and dogmas. One's return to Haifa was certainly a return to a pure crystal spring of spiritual thought, effervescent with life and energy, ~~frustrated~~ muddy streams and stagnant pools polluted with sectarian strife, superstitions and human ideas and thoughts, absolutely void of essential life giving properties - "The Love of God."

It was a happy home coming to be once again with the dear souls whose lives are one continual sacrifice and service to humanity.

I think I shall end this now as it will be quite, perhaps more than you can read at one time. All the Holy Family, Shoghi Effendi and the Friends wish me to convey their love to you when ever I write. Mrs. Blundell and family and Margaret also join me in love to you. It won't be so long before I return to be with you once more. Love to you all.

Yours, In His Name,

Your loving co-worker,

(Signed) Effie S. Baker.