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Dear friends! 1- The life of the Spiritual man.

We have an old Bahai by the name "El yahou." His former religion has been Jewish and his devotion to the Beloved is unquestioned. The other day he ^{went} ~~go~~ to the house wherein the Master lives and started to weep and cry near the door. The members of the Blessed family hear the ~~crying and weeping~~ of the man ~~and~~ inform the Master about it. ~~He~~ ^{Abdu'l-Baha} called him, ~~and~~ giving him consolation and telling him that in this day no one must cry for any reason, nay rather, we must be very happy and contented with our lot and know of a certainty that the Lord of Hosts is with us, ready to restore our health and alleviate our burden. We must not let anything disturb the balance of our minds. Under all circumstances we must control our feelings and curb our inclinations. We must fulfill our duty, attain to the highest station of perfection and close our eyes to all imperfections.

in his hands

Then the Beloved takes the pen and paper and writes for him the following holy Tablet:-

"O thou my kind friend! It is my hope through the Bestowals of the Blessed Perfection that thou mayst ever become assisted and confirmed, happy and joyous; that thou mayst not cry and lament, may rather thou mayst sing and chant. It is said that the son of the Glorious Friend had a wonderful melody and a sweet voice. The Psalms of David are ^{spiritual} chants. They are famous and not lamentations, and mourning or crying by day and night. Therefore, be thou happy and let the songs and anthems of joy be on thy lips! (Sif) Abdul Baba Abbas."

Our El yahou ^{came} back with the possession of a new happiness, a new inspiration, a new serenity. We all felt his joyful vibrations and watched delightfully his calm face. Then he drew his book of poetry out of his breast pocket and sang a stirring Bahai song with the energy and zest of a youthful singer.

Today the Beloved sent for the Zoroastrian and other pilgrims. He inquired about the ~~health~~ condition of the Cause in Bombay and the spiritual health of the believers. If I don't translate his exact words it is because I am not generally present at these morning meetings, but I inquire from them as soon as they are back. It seems that the burden of ~~this~~ morning ^{his} message ^{this morning} was ~~the encouragement of~~ those who were present ~~in~~ ^{to go forth and} the spread of the Cause. They must remove all obstacles from their path. They must open eloquent tongues in the explanations of proofs and arguments. Like the apostles of the old they must not mind any trial or test. With the infiltration of the spiritual melodies of the Kingdom of Abha they must raise a new call. They must clear the road of righteousness, blow through the Trumpet of Reality, teach the laws of love and gentleness, herald the Glad-Tiding of the Lord of Hosts and pitch up the tent of Universal Peace ^{in the centre of the world}. The light of the heart is love, let it shine brighter and

brighter unto the perfect day.

^{4 To go forth into the world.}

The receipt of cables from America will take back Mrs Fraser. I am very sorry, for many reasons, ^{because} she ^{is now} ~~would~~ ^{not be} able to go to India, ~~for~~ I had great confidence in her ability. Of course she is greatly disappointed but the Beloved ^{gave her the hope} ~~told~~ that she ^{might visit} ~~can go later~~ to India. Whenever thou art ^{she may be} ~~she~~ ^{stated} ~~you~~ ^{She} ~~will serve~~ the Cause of God. In America ~~thou~~ ^{she} will be able to render a great service. Rest thou assured, ^{Let her rest} He loves ~~thee~~ ^{her} very much. Thou art now my daughter, ^{his} ~~my~~ real daughter. ^{Let her inquire from} Ask Muzza Ahmed how often ^{he} speaks of ~~thee~~ ^{her}. I do not need to speak of this before ~~thy~~ ^{her} face. Thou hast been here, hast heard the words and associated with ~~my~~ ^{the} family. Now ^{she should} go forth into the world and teach the commandments of ~~the~~ ^{her} Lord. Let ~~thy~~ ^{her} heart be enkindled with this new fire of the Love of God; let ~~thy~~ ^{her} lips sing the praises of joy, let ~~thy~~ ^{her} tongue communicate the glorification of true Peace) Let ~~thy~~ ^{her} spirit be stirred with the breezes of heavenly happiness. ^{He is} ~~I will be~~

her he will be with ~~thee~~, I am always with ~~thee~~. While the Beloved was uttering these spiritual words of guidance I knew that there must be a great wisdom behind this sudden call of Isabel ^{and} ~~that we~~ will ^{come to know of} understand it later, ~~that~~ no matter where she is she will be the same indefatigable worker for the Cause of good-will and Peace.

Now that she will return to America, Doctor and Mrs. Getsinger will leave for India without a third person. Mrs. Stannard may join them later, ~~but it is not sure~~. She is not yet very strong and must keep perfectly quiet in order to win back her health again.

(The Master called) ^{2 5 A visit to Muzza Abul Fazl} (in the afternoon) on Muzza Abul Fazl and stayed with him for more than an hour, speaking ^{with} ~~him~~ about the book which ^{he now} ~~is~~ writing.

Later on a large package of letters were received. He looked over each and left them ^{dictated answers to} ~~to be read~~ afterwards. In answer to one of them he ^{6 Alidul Bahas answers to letters.} wrote:-

"At present we are living in Ramleh, near Alexandria. From all parts the

believers are arriving daily and the banquet of meeting is spread. Likewise numberless letters are being received in large quantities. If I devote my day and night to their reading it will ^{alone} not be sufficient." In answer to a letter from London he ~~says~~^{dictated}:- "Praise be to God the Fragrances of Holiness are diffused and the believers and the maid-servants of Merciful are engaged in the promotion of the Most Great Glad-Tidings. They are overflowing like unto a cup with the Love of God. This is the Favor of the Almighty." In another Tablet he ~~says~~^{speak}:- "O thou new plant of the garden of Abha! Happy is thy condition for thou art a fresh branch in the Paradise of ~~Abha~~^{Thy}! Thou art the twig of the Tree of Life, hast entered in the Citadel of the guidance of God and art free from the dress of error. Thou hast attained to the Most Great Purity, opened thy eyes and unstopped thy ears and become the Candle of the assemblage. I hope that day by day thou mayst add to thy faith, ^{and Assurance} knowledge and wisdom, firmness and steadfastness."