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Dear friends!

Having not seen the Beloved today and not being present at the various interviews I cannot write anything or report his words but I know he has been feeling well, his health improving, that the pilgrims and Mrs Steward have seen him during the day, the latter 3 times and that he took a long drive in the afternoon with Mirza Ali Akbar talking with him all the while about the Cause. In the evening he went out with Haji Mirza to call on a prominent Pasha.

Personally for the last 3 days I have not been feeling well, a strong headache pursuing me like one of the old Guries and trying its best to attack me so hard in order that I may fall if not on the floor, at least on the bed. But I have been meeting the onslaught of the enemy by counter-revolution - reducing my diet to a few glasses of warm water daily, eating and drinking nothing else. This I have found is quite a manœuvre, the result is that although I have brought myself to a starvation basis, the pertinacious enemy quite reluctantly is getting its hold loose, leaving me in the possession of my head minus ache.

A few more Bahais have just arrived from Cairo and as our house cannot hold all of them they are living in the hotel Orient near Rasas station and take their board with us. A more jolly crowd

of men - old and young - one seldom sees anywhere else. One of these new arrivals Mirza Abul Gaseem Galestani of Shiraz, hung round my neck for more than two minutes kissing my cheeks and of course I inflicted the same punishment on him. Finally the amused friends had to come and separate us, so that he may go ^{around} and perform the same oriental ceremony. This is a custom which is kept intact amongst the men in the East but if the company is large the poor new comer must consume a solid half an hour before he is through with this charming custom.

In order to have a few choice dishes of the spiritual food I will translate again a few extracts from the recent Tablets revealed by our Beloved:-
 "O thou who art thirsty for the fountain of guidance! Thank God that thou hast reached to the fountain head of guidance and quaffed from the Salasul of the Law of God. Thou wert a hanging nightingale, therefore thou hast found a way to the divine rose garden. Thou wert an adoring moth thou didst behold the lights of the lamp of the Almighty. I hope from the favors of His Holiness Bahadur that thou mayest become the cause of the guidance of others."
 Regarding the Star of the West he says to one of its editors:-

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"Strive most strenuously that such Tablet articles and news be published in its columns so that they may become the cause of the attraction of the hearts of the seekers and conducive to the happiness of the hearts of the friends"

A beautiful Tablet was revealed to Sardar Umbrassingh of Majitha living now in Budapest and who was with our Beloved often during his stay in that city: -
He is God!

O thou Sarda of the spiritual Army!
The letter that thou hast written to his honor Mirza Ahmad was received. Do not say that it was a letter but a muse-diffusing aroma; because the sweet fragrance of the Love of God was inhaled from its contents. During the days that I was in Budapest thou wert my companion and associate. That fellowship and love will never be forgotten. It is my hope that the results of that fellowship may become very great in the future because it was in the utmost sincerity and unity. In all occasions we were engaged in the conversation concerning the dawn of the Sun of Reality. Thou hast complained and expressed hopelessness on account of the negligence, blindness and deafness of the people. Become thou not hopeless for lo! and behold there are many hopes before us. After the darkness there will appear

many years. The beginning of every undertaking is difficult but once the foundation is laid the structure will be constructed with the utmost of facility. Consequently, show ye firmness and steadfastness and be ye occupied in the diffusion of the rays of Reality. Then rest ye assured that the angels of the Kingdom shall support you and the confirmation of the lights of the Kingdom shall shine continually.

Upon thee be Baha El Abha!
(Sig) Alidul Baha Abha!
Another Tablet to Mr Moore of Budapest may be of interest:-

He is God!

O thou real friend! "Moore" in the Persian language is "ant" but I hope this Moore may become the lion of the forest and the eagle of the apex of prosperity and success. Divine Power shall assist all the powers of the world are limited but the Power of the Kingdom of God is unlimited. All the dominions shall at last be annihilated but the Dominion of the Kingdom shall last forever and ever.

Therefore I beg from the Favours of His Holiness Baha Allah to confer upon thee the power of the Kingdom so that thou mayst become able to guide the souls, suffer the people of defects to attain to the degree of perfection,

giving sight to the blind and the spirit of eternal life to the dead.

Mrs Hanford Ford, the authoress of the Oriental Race who is now in London and will be on the Continent during this winter is honoured with the following wonderful Tablet:—

"O thou heavenly daughter!

This detailed letter written to his honor Mirza Asnad was perused. It is very acceptable and reasonable that thou hast taken this voyage. The apostles of His Holiness Christ were always travelling and calling the people to the Kingdom of God. Consequently, walk thou in their footsteps. Travel thou to every country and under all circumstances raise the Call of the Kingdom of God. Mankind like unto the children are satisfied with water and clay and love to play with their play-things. Their ambitions are very inferior. Praise be to God that thou hast a lofty ambition (magnanimity); therefore, arise in calling the people to the Kingdom of God. This Call shall fill the East and the West and will continue throughout all ages and cycles. It is endless. That is why in this day, the wise and perceiving souls exalt their ideal and engage in heralding the Kingdom of God.

Upon thee be Baha Elah
Signed Abdul Baha Abbas.

To another believer he writes:—

O thou seeker of Truth! All the people are submerged in the ocean of superstitions and know nothing of the appearance of the sun of Reality. As thou wert a ~~flower~~ of Reality, perceive God that thou hast attained to it and took a portion and a share from the Divine Favours."

To another he writes:—

"Thou must undoubtedly be very happy because thou art confirmed in teaching the Cause of Thy Forgiving Lord. How many philosophers and Professors are living today but God has crowned thy head with the diadem of Guidance; so that thou mayst herald the people of that city to the Divine Kingdom and because the cause of the guidance of many souls I have not forgotten thee nor will I ever forget thee."

Thus I may go on indefinitely translating these words of light and life which are falling from the lips of the manifestation of the Covenant in this Glorious Age. The whole world feels the vibrations of this new age, new possibilities are becoming manifest new avenues are being opened, new sciences are discovered, new teachings are poured down from the heaven of the divine Will, new souls are arising to serve the Cause of their Lord, new mysteries are unlocked, new fountains are pushing forth to irrigate the parched ground of humanity. Blessed are those who know!