

Pilgrims Bahai Home
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Dear friends!

An Indian Mohamaden Prince
who is travelling in the Holy land with a retinue of
servants, called this afternoon on the Beloved.
He was accompanied by the English Consul. He asked
many questions, to all of which the Master gave
satisfactory answers. He spoke with him in
detail on the oneness of the world of humanity and
the fundamental unity of all the religions. He had
heard of the movement in India and therefore was
delighted to come to the source and see the
"Man who has freed humanity from dead dogmas
and spiritless doctrines." He stayed for more
than one hour and when he left, he carried with
himself the ^{living} aroma of the spirit and the ^{the Beloved} love
of mankind. A gain in the course of conversation
this Indian Prince invited the Beloved

to visit that sect-heridden country and diffuse ¹⁹ far
and wide the Fragrances of the teachings of Universal
Love and fellowship. "India needs these principles
of tolerance and liberalism more than any other country
in the world. That thickly populated Kingdom is a
hot-bed of religious prejudices. The sphere of their
thoughts is very contracted and although there are
some acute thinkers and practical reformers in
their midst, the mass of the community frown
at any suggestions or rules which change in
the slightest degree their mode of ^{living} ~~life~~. The
weight of immemorial customs ^{has} fallen on their
necks like the rusty chains of ages, ^{and} while the corro-
ding marks are imprinted on their emaciated bodies
they hug the chains more closely. In order to ^{re}gain
the freedom of their limbs and the suppleness
of ^{their} bodies they must throw away these chains
of superstitions and dogmas and fraternize
joyfully with all the nations of the earth
irrespective of religion and race."

In the morning I did not see the Master but there was a large meeting held in his house in the evening. The pilgrims and the believers were present and the Beloved gave a long and interesting talk. In the beginning he spoke about the wonderful scenery and beauty of Mount Carmel, then he said:—"Truly I say if at every moment we praise Baha-o'llah a hundred thousand times for His Bounties and Gifts ~~we~~ shall be unable to express adequately our feelings. While I was travelling in America, whenever I entered a new city I looked around and said to myself: 'Why am I here? What relation ~~there~~ exists between me and the United States? This is made possible through the Bestowals of the Blessed Perfection. During my stay in Boston I delivered an address ^{and read} at the Banquet of the Unitarian Association where more than 800 Ministers were present. In order that they ^{may} discuss their Church affairs, consult together about ^{their} future plans, etc, they

come together once a year from the different States
 and hold a convention for which many sessions
 are planned. When I ascended the platform and looked
^{into} in the faces of all those delegates I turned my heart
 to Baha-Allah, begged from him Confirmation, and
 then started to talk Several Ministers ^{are}
 attracted to the Cause. Amongst them is a Mr. Jones
 of New York City. He is a noble, self sacrificing man.
 He is a servant of the world of humanity. At first
 he invited me to his church and there I spoke to
 the members of his Congregation. Today he is ^{is} engaged
 in teaching the Cause of God and ~~the~~ ^{is} inviting
 the souls to the Kingdom of spiritual brother-
 hood. While travelling around he has carried
 in his hand the torch of guidance, illumining
 many dark hearts and consoling many down-
 cast spirits. I love him very much
 Wherever we went the Doors of Confirmation
 were opened before ~~our~~ faces. Any thing

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undertaken was carried to completion The poet says:-

'Do thou not look upon thyself, whether thou art on the top of the mountain or in the depth of the ^{well}, Look thou upon Me, because I am the Light of thy path.' Every undertaking must be backed by Divine Confirmation; even breathing is in need of Confirmation. No affair whether important or trivial will reach the stage of fruition without Confirmation"

Here he speaks about the nine judges of the Supreme Court of the United States and how he had the pleasure of meeting ^{one} of these ex-judges in Washington at the residence of Mr and Mrs J. Parsons. "These judges form the Court of the last ^{appeal} resort and all the inter-state disputes and supposed unconstitutional legislations are presented to them for final decision. Their power and influence are tremendous and their judgment absolutely binding upon

~~all~~ the nation. They are learned in law and legality.
 They are loved and respected by the people. Unlike any
 other ^{Government officials} ~~could~~ ^{see} positions in that mighty Republic these
 judges are appointed for life. Mr and
 Mrs Parsons have served the Cause most nobly.
 In ^{reality} Mrs Parsons is one of the most splendid
 believers in America. They invited us not only to
 their house in Washington, but to their summer
 home in Dublin, N. H. ^{In this country place} where many important
 people gather during the hot season. We stayed
 there for about 3 weeks and almost every
 day there was a meeting. " Here the
 Beloved gave the outline of some of his
 talks, especially the one on Material and
 Spiritual Philosophy, ^{saying} and how negligent are
 some agnostics to deny the existence of the
 ideal, sacred Power in man, and land and
 praise and worship nature. The pilgrims
 were transported to the seventh heaven of
 joy. This was a most intellectual feast for them.