

Tiberias, Sea of Galilee
Syria

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Dear friends!

Eleven Tablets were revealed this morning and afternoon for the American and Indian friends. As these words are issued from this holy Spot, hallowed with sacred associations, they carry a peculiar message of beauty and sweetness to the Bahai world. May I be allowed to translate a few extracts? To a friend in Montreal Canada he writes:—"O thou who art yearning after the Kingdom of God! Thy detailed letter was received. At present I am living on the shore of the Sea of Tiberias. The shores of this Lake have been hallowed by the Presence of Christ; consequently the utmost spirituality and fragrance is obtained. Thank thou God that thou didst ^{meet} Mrs —. This meeting was very blessed because it became conducive to thy guidance. Thou wert uninformed of the Kingdom of heaven; thou didst become aware. Thou wert deprived of the Breathes of the Holy Spirit; thou didst obtain an inexhaustible portion. From the world of darkness thou didst hasten toward the realm of light....

Concerning my power: It is one Bestowal of the Bestowals of His Holiness Baha-o-llah. It is my Confirmer. It is the light of my guidance. It is the Fire of my Love. Save It I have ^{Besides It I know nothing} nothing ~~else~~ ^{except} ~~and beside~~ It I wish for nothing. ~~etc~~

To another believer he says:- "O thou Candle of the Love of God! Thy detailed letter was received. It became the cause of great joy. It was a brilliant proof to thy firmness and steadfastness and a conclusive evidence to the enkindlement of the Fire of the Love of God From the day that I have left America I have always supplicated toward God in thy behalf, begging for thee infinite protection and providence;— thus thou may'st be in that city a center for the Bahais, an assemblage of the spiritually minded ones and the cause of the guidance of the innumerable souls! To the thirsty ones may'st thou become a fountain of life! To the lost ones may'st thou become a path of salvation! May'st thou impart freshness and beauty to the withered ones and be the means of the everlasting life of the dead. "

To the Director-in Chief of the International Ins-

titude of China, Rev. Gilbert Reid, Shanghai he writes: -

"Dear, respected friend! Your letter was received. It imparted exceeding joy; - for you have put forth such a lofty exertion to hold an Universal Congress of Religions in Shanghai - thus with perfect freedom every person may elucidate the principles of his own Faith, investigate the Reality, abandon all the dogmas and traditions ^{and} thoroughly search the truth of all the divine Religions so that the Religion which today is the means of the life of the world, the enlightenment of this Cycle and the cause of the owners of the world of humanity may be revealed with the utmost splendor. Then the basis of difference will be destroyed, all the religions will be harmonized and will find themselves gathered around one common point. My highest desire is to be present at such a Congress but it is regrettable that for the present my health and constitution do not admit such a long journey. I am most pleased with your effort, because you are one of the leading promoters of this Congress. I have the utmost yearning to meet you."

and if in the future my health and constitution gain in power and strength to stand the long voyage to the Chinese Empire, I will not fail.

To one of the Professors of the University of Illinois, Urbana he writes: - "O thou seeker of the Divine Light! Whosoever is freed from Self and Illusion, released from the claws of ~~the~~ Passion and Lust, and holds aloof from ^{the} thorn and thistle-like dogmas - he will undoubtedly attain to the world of Truth, will be emancipated from darkness and ushered into the Kingdom of Light. He will come out of the ~~well~~ ^{well} of error and soar toward the highest apex of the world of Knowledge. Now praise be to God, thou didst hear the Call of Baha-Ollah ^{and} hast turned thy face toward the Center of Reality - thus thou mayst be submerged in the ocean of science and become a herald of the oneness of the world of humanity."

To the little boy of Consul Schwarz of Stuttgart whose Persian name is Bahrām he says: - "O thou my dear son! Thy sweet letter sweetened the heart and the spirit. Thy lovely face is -

engraved for ever on the tablet of my heart. I am also longing to look into thy countenance. Say always the Greatest Name before beginning thy lessons. The Confirmation and Assistance of God shall encircle thee. Convey my greeting and Kindness to thy ^{dear} father, ^{respected} mother and sister..."

To the Portland believers he writes: -

"O ye assemblage of Bahais! Your letter was eloquent in the expression of your highest desire and hope; - because you are yearning to become the means of the promotion of the Light of God, and quicken the souls with the Breaths of the Holy Spirit. As this intention is heavenly, merciful, and divine, undoubtedly it will have great effect and will confirm you in the service of the Kingdom of God! Rest ye assured in the Favor and Bounty of His Holiness Baha-Allah - for his Mercy like the downpour of the vernal Shower and His Confirmations consist of the Heavenly Chords. ~~~"

This morning the Beloved asked me to read a number of petitions and report to him

their gifts. These were the letters which he had brought with him from Haifa and this was the first opportunity to go over them. Several Turks and Arabs called on him and each had long interviews. As he is near his three villages he is attending after to the practical solution of the villagers' problems. In the evening more than 150 Christian Pilgrims arrived from Espagne. — so our hotel was filled with Spanish priests, men, women and girls. They are travelling through the Holy Land. They arrived today from Nazareth and will go tomorrow to Caspernaum. They are all strict and Orthodox Catholics. I wonder what would they have ^{said} if they heard the Bahai truths concerning the second Coming of Christ. However they saw the Beloved and many were they who inquired: "Who is this Man?" All the rooms were filled and up to midnight you could hear them singing religious songs and anthems. Many of them spoke French and English and these I tried to make friends with a number for future contingencies. They were from Barcellona.