

Bahá'u'lláh and the Children

We loved our early morning tea, when Bahá'u'lláh would chant prayers and tell us stories of the Lord Christ and His Mother, of Muhammad, of Moses and other Prophets....

We children looked upon Bahá'u'lláh as another loving Father; to Him we carried all our little difficulties and troubles. He took an interest in everything that concerned us.

He used to send a servant to Beirut every year to buy stuff for our clothes. Bahá'u'lláh would then call for us to choose which we liked best for our frocks. My mother, my aunt and the children would make this cotton material into garments.

He was always punctual, and loved daintiness and order. He was very particular and refined in His personal arrangements, and liked to see everybody well groomed, and as neatly dressed as possible. Above all things, cleanliness was desirable to Him.

'Why not put on your prettiest frocks?' He would say.

All our holidays, all our treats and our happiness came from Him in those days; when boxes of sweets were brought to Him He would set some aside for us. 'Put that box of sweets over there, or 'Abdu'l-Bahá will give it away to the people,' He would say in fun.

'Let the dear children come in and have some dessert,' He often said, when we were being sent off to bed... He always welcomed us with loving words....

'Now children, tomorrow you shall come with Me for a picnic to the Ridván,' He would say, and our night was so full of joy we could hardly sleep.

[words underlined relate to 9 pictures on worksheet.]