

events deserving special mention have occurred since then, and which of course are not referred to in the closing Talk.

Humbly thy servant the Author.

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PREFACE

In complying with the urgent demand for a second edition, we deem it necessary to add another chapter in order to make clearer some of the texts quoted in the first edition, which seem not to have been fully understood by readers who have not considered the verses in their broad and far-reaching interpretation.

THE AUTHOR.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE SECOND EDITION

TO THE READER:

N. B. — Nearly two years ago the above note and new chapter mentioned was written and forwarded to one of the friends in New York, who had the matter of publication in hand, but for substantial reasons, the work of publishing has been delayed up until the present time, and as many notable events have transpired in the interim, some of which seemingly cast a doubtful reflection on some of the statements of the first edition, we feel it necessary to call the reader's attention to one of the leading and most horrifying events in this connection, viz., the present war between Russia and Japan. In referring to the tablets sent out by El-Bahá, to the different crowned heads, attention was called to the fact, on page 22, first edition, of the wonderful advancement and prosperity of Russia from the time she had befriended BAHÁ'O'LLAH up to the time of its going to press. Since then, calamities and disasters unparalleled in the records of history, have fallen upon that nation from all directions, and which serves only to further confirm the substance of the last Tablet sent by the Manifestation to the Czar of Russia.

In that most wonderful tablet He reminded that monarch that "The beneficence of His providence hath stirred, and the sea of His mercy hath moved," toward him for the reverence shown, but that it would continue only so long as his face was turned towards the face of his Lord, and commanding him to "arise amongst the people and summon the nations to God." We quote from that marvelous Tablet the following brief extract:

"One of thy ambassadors assisted me when I was in prison, in chains and fetters, therefore God hath decreed unto thee a station which the knowledge of none comprehendeth save He. Beware lest thou change this lofty station, verily thy Lord is able to do whatsoever He willeth. He cancelleth what He pleaseth and confirmeth what He desireth, and with Him is the knowledge of all

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