STORIES OF ‘ABDU’L-BAHÁ

Love for Children

He and His companions wished to go into an inn to take some rest. A group of children approached Him. They crowded round Him and looked up at Him in wonderment. They had eyes only for ‘Abdu’l-Bahá--it was as if they did not even see the other people who were with Him. They were selling little bunches of violets and were all trying to sell their flowers to Him. ‘Abdu’l-Bahá took some money from his pocket and bought all the children's violets. A little later, the children came back to Him and tried to sell more violets to Him. One of the Bahá’ís wanted to send the children away.

‘He would give away everything He has,' they whispered.

But ‘Abdu’l-Bahá discovered a little girl who had not been there before. 'I haven't given anything to this little one,' he said. So she also got something.

A little later the group of children returned once again to Him. They held out their hands for more money. One of the Bahá’ís sent them away--they wanted to protect ‘Abdu’l-Bahá from their covetousness. 'You have given them all something,' said one of the ladies.

One of the other Bahá’ís was called over.

‘Have I given this boy anything?' asked ‘Abdu’l-Bahá.

‘I don't think so.'

So the boy also got something.

- Hitjo Garst, "The Most Mighty Branch”