

Abdu'l-Bahá's Travels to the West

Paris, visit to the Ponsonailles
15 October 1911

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'Abdu'l-Bahá in Paris

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'Abdu'l-Bahá visited the Ponsonaille's home for orphans in a very poor neighbourhood of Paris, in a cabin Mr. Ponsonaille had built himself



Apartment of 'Abdu'l-Baha with Edwin Scott
Photo by Shoghi Effendi



'Abdu'l-Bahá
in Paris
with children

Visit to Ponsonaille's

Alice Beede wrote:

I had never seen such a dirty miserable quarter... we walked down to the end of a narrow lane or street without sidewalks... into a small board cabin about 20x25 feet. At one end was a raised platform and desk of rough boards.

(Earl Redman, *'Abdu'l-Bahá in Their Midst*. George Ronald 2011, pp. 44-45)

Visit to Ponsonaille's

Alice Beede continued:

I can only say as my eyes fell first upon The Greatest Name hanging in a frame from this desk and I saw the crowd of miserably poor, dear little ones gathered there, and as my ears caught the music of their voices (for they were singing), tears filled my eyes and a great lump choked me...

(Earl Redman, *'Abdu'l-Bahá in Their Midst*. George Ronald 2011, pp. 44-45)

'Abdu'l-Bahá to orphans

I am very glad to be here with you. I am very glad to see you all here. I love you very much. I have been in many beautiful houses, but this is more beautiful to me than any of the others, for the spirit of the love of Baha'o'llah is here.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in Earl Redman, ‘Abdu’l-Bahá in Their Midst. George Ronald 2011, pp. 44-45)

'Abdu'l-Bahá to orphans

You are all receiving the teachings of God and learning how to act and live and some day you will be great and wise for having learned the truth. I have seen many beautiful rich children, but to me you are more beautiful.

(‘Abdu’l-Bahá in Earl Redman, *‘Abdu’l-Bahá in Their Midst*. George Ronald 2011, pp. 44-45)

'Abdu'l-Bahá
in Paris

