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Interview with Mr. Jawdat Haidar a citizen of Baalback the city of the sun who has distinguished himself with a vast background of culture specially in the field of English and American Literature.

He has become well known in the West and specially in the United States as a poet who possesses great sentimentality combined to a depth of serious thought which he had given expression to in his poems which are considered as master pieces.

This interview throws a light on some of his outlooks on the current literary concepts of our modern world.

Mr. Haidar

(1) *How do you define literature ?*

Literature is a forest of thoughts, growing trunks of culture within the perimeter of knowledge bearing the perdurable fruits of excellence in a written language.

(2) *Would you consider poetry as the most prominent feature of literature.*

I consider poetry to be like a statue standing on the pedestal of our imagination gazing at the universe dreaming of a solution of its perplexities.

(3) *How far do you think perfection of the English language is necessary to express literature.*

Perfection is relative and any writer wishing to express himself in literature should be versed in the language.

(4) *How do you compare between the standards of the past and the present ones as to the efficiency in the learning and teaching of English.*

The standards we have today for teaching and learning the English language are improved and are more efficient than those of the past.