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Dear Harriet!

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of <sup>another</sup> Country made the heart  
 pulsate quivering. France had more  
 than its share; now the Sun of the  
 Covenant must dawn from another  
 horizon and cast its rays upon other  
 people. As ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~stay~~ <sup>journey</sup> in Stuttgart  
 will be <sup>short</sup> ~~only a few days~~ we are  
 not going to take <sup>with us much baggage</sup> ~~anything~~ ~~with~~  
~~us~~ ~~we~~ are leaving behind our  
 trunks in the same hotel. Mirza  
 Jalal will stay in Martha's <sup>version</sup>  
~~and have a room there and we~~  
~~leave our extra baggage in that~~  
~~room~~. First of all Miss Fraser  
 and Miss P. Hodgson came ~~down~~  
 to see the Master. He <sup>told them</sup> ~~said~~:  
 We are <sup>leaving</sup> going for Stuttgart ~~to~~  
 While there, we will be engaged  
 in spreading the Cause of God.  
 We are looking forward to  
 raise the Call of the Key Stone

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in <sup>that city</sup> ~~Stuttgart~~ and to cry at the tops  
of our voice. <sup>The friends</sup> ~~you~~ must also  
travel around. If possible, as many  
of them as they can, they <sup>should</sup> ~~have to~~  
move <sup>from place to place</sup> ~~around~~; <sup>ten</sup> ~~the~~ days here,  
15 days there. ~~Everywhere~~ <sup>wherever</sup> they go,  
they must cry ~~out~~ <sup>message of the</sup> the Kingdom  
like unto ~~him~~ . . . . .  
<sup>He will be</sup> ~~I am~~ <sup>with them</sup> ~~you~~ always. Whenever  
<sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ are <sup>his</sup> ~~my~~ heart <sup>will be</sup> ~~is~~ with  
<sup>them. Let them</sup> ~~you~~. <sup>Let the Bahais</sup> ~~know~~ <sup>and promote</sup> ~~if~~ this of a certainty  
~~spread~~ <sup>spread</sup> around, ~~spread~~ <sup>and promote</sup> ~~around~~  
the glad-tidings of the  
Kingdom of Abba. <sup>Let them</sup> ~~Open~~ <sup>their</sup> ~~your~~  
wings, <sup>and</sup> fly in the atmosphere  
of heavenly Teachings. ~~Let them~~  
not sit silent. This is the  
day of speech. <sup>They</sup> ~~you~~ must  
work; <sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ must strive.

When I leave Paris, <sup>he</sup> you <sup>leave</sup> also for London and <sup>there</sup> <sup>while</sup> spent <sup>your</sup> <sup>time</sup> in calling the  
 people to the Kingdom. <sup>Whenever</sup> <sup>you</sup> <sup>go</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>each</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>cause</sup> <sup>and</sup> <sup>speaking</sup>  
 about the Kingdom, <sup>do</sup> <sup>not</sup> <sup>spend</sup> <sup>your</sup> <sup>time</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>alter</sup>  
 discussions. <sup>Let</sup> <sup>them</sup> <sup>dedicate</sup> <sup>their</sup>  
 lives to the Cause. It is <sup>his</sup>  
 hope that <sup>you</sup> <sup>may</sup> <sup>become</sup>  
 heavenly, living, spiritual,  
 attracted, unkindled.

3 Mon and Madame Dreyfus <sup>and</sup>  
 many Persians come to say good-  
 bye to ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Master and I was  
 about 15 minutes after eight  
 when we left the Hotel for  
 the Gare de L'Est. The Master  
 went with Mon. Dreyfus in  
 his auto and we got two taxis  
 for ourselves and other  
 friends.

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Arriving at the station I hurried ahead  
and got the seats for the Master.  
The Beloved <sup>He</sup> and S. Ahmad Bagey  
had first Class tickets and the  
rest of us 2<sup>d</sup> Class but we were <sup>all</sup>  
~~on~~ <sup>on</sup> the same <sup>train</sup> ~~wagon~~ which was  
divided into two parts, the first  
part first Class, the second part  
second class. At the station there  
were many Babais with bouquets  
of flowers ~~in their hands~~ for  
the Master and the little girl  
with her mother <sup>to</sup> of whom I  
referred <sup>in other places</sup> ~~to you~~ twice in  
former letters. The Master loves  
this girl very much and she  
is also ~~very~~ attached to <sup>him</sup> ~~the~~  
Beloved <sup>when he saw her he exclaimed the joy: - Ah!</sup> My friend has come  
also to bid me farewell. I am  
very glad! ~~the said~~

Now the ~~Beloved~~<sup>he</sup> is in his compartment.  
 His ~~hands~~<sup>arms</sup> are full of flowers. He  
 looks out of the window. His  
 face is benign and smiling.  
 His <sup>moving</sup> hands shower divine blessings  
 upon the friends. <sup>and</sup> Then he utters  
 his last words:— I shall never  
 forget you. You will be  
 always in my memory. I  
 leave you here as my own  
 souvenirs. May God assist  
 and confirm you! My last  
 advice to you is: ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> arise in  
 the ~~speaking~~<sup>promotion</sup> of the Cause and  
 the teaching of the souls!  
~~Then~~ the train <sup>moves</sup> ~~slowly~~ ~~pulls~~  
~~out~~ and <sup>slowly</sup> ~~little by little~~ adds  
 to its speed. We look out of  
 the window, ~~and~~ we see  
 the <sup>weeping</sup> faces of the beloveds,  
 their hands are in the air,

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hats and ~~...~~ waving  
 the handkerchiefs are ~~being waved~~ and they are shut off  
 and then <sup>only</sup> one turn, ~~of the track~~ <sup>find ourselves</sup>  
~~shuts off~~ <sup>from</sup> our view and we are  
 looking at the meadows, blooming  
 trees, green valleys, cultivated  
 fields, vast stretches of  
 forests, happy, contented  
 farming communities, busy  
 industrial centres, rushing  
 rivers, large towns, <sup>and</sup> beautiful  
<sup>hills</sup> mountains covered with <sup>blooming</sup> ~~fruit~~  
 trees all <sup>below</sup>! They <sup>rather affect</sup> ~~looked~~  
 from <sup>a distance</sup> ~~far off~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~the~~ snow  
 capped mountains. <sup>Every now and then</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~mountain~~  
 gleefully exclaimed ~~all the time~~!  
 How divine! How beautiful  
 nature is! <sup>It is clothed</sup> ~~How it is~~ in its gold  
<sup>robes</sup> ~~How~~! I am glad to travel at this  
 time of the year. How  
 all creation is transformed

with the touch of <sup>the</sup> Spring!

4 He asked me to read to him the news, and of course the most <sup>I told him of</sup> important ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> the death of Mr Morgan. <sup>Portant</sup> <sup>Regretfully, he said that it</sup> ~~It~~ would have been well, ~~had it~~ <sup>had</sup> he breathed one breath in the cause of Baba-Ollah! ~~for~~ he has left all that wealth which he ~~has~~ accumulated during his life <sup>time</sup> and <sup>which, now</sup> will serve him to no purpose! When I told him that the Stock Exchange in N.Y. stopped five minutes to pay homage to <sup>this financial</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> friends of Morgan he was amazed. "Oh, five minutes!" he <sup>exclaimed</sup> ~~said~~.

Sayid Assad Allah had prepared a fine lunch for us, rice, chicken, <sup>matzoen etc</sup> ~~sandwich~~. ~~We served first the Master~~



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~~first and at ourselves afterwards~~  
The Master said that as soon  
as he started travelling he ~~had~~  
felt much better. This is very  
<sup>significant</sup> ~~strange~~ indeed and showed the plan  
of God that I <sup>he</sup> must not stay  
in one place too long!

5 ~~The~~ An interesting phase of the  
Stuttgart trip was the total  
ignorance of the German friends  
about the Beloved's departure  
from Paris. He told Mon. Dreyfus  
not to telegraph them at all  
because he was going to "surprise"  
them. While the train was  
speeding along, laughing <sup>and heartily</sup> he  
was ~~speaking~~ <sup>telling us</sup> that ~~this~~ <sup>was</sup> the  
best thing: - We will arrive  
in Stuttgart, take our rooms  
in a hotel, settle down ~~and~~

~~But~~ and <sup>then</sup> call up the friends! How  
 will they be surprised! <sup>Was</sup> not they  
 a fine plan? We <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ going to  
 surprise them! ~~then~~ When they  
 come <sup>to the hotel</sup>, they will find us in  
 their midst; ~~not~~ <sup>but now they</sup> ~~knowing~~  
<sup>no</sup> ~~any~~ thing about it at all! Yes!  
 this is the <sup>very</sup> best plan!

6 About 3 o'clock tea was  
 served and then the ~~Beloved~~  
~~attended to~~ <sup>he read</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>a few</sup> letters from  
 America, and ~~receiving~~ <sup>answering</sup>  
 to each. He was very happy  
 as he detested Tablet after  
 Tablet, <sup>while</sup> looking out of the  
 window into the lovely country  
<sup>adorned with blossoms</sup>  
~~full of red~~ <sup>pink</sup> ~~the~~ ~~trees~~ ~~abounding~~  
 7 white, and red. At 8 o'clock  
 we reached the station and  
 the Master ~~gave~~ <sup>gave</sup> a light  
 from the train walked right

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Marquardt,

to ~~the~~ Hotel, a picture postal card  
of which I enclose. <sup>Rooms were</sup> ~~the~~ engaged  
~~the rooms~~ and then I telephoned  
to Mr Herrigel and Mr Ekstein  
and a letter was depatched by special  
messenger to Miss Knablock.  
When over the phone I told <sup>Mr</sup> ~~the~~  
Herrigel that <sup>Abdel Baha</sup> ~~the Master Abdel~~  
~~Baha~~ was in Stuttgart I could  
<sup>feel</sup> ~~hear~~ by the intonation of her  
voice that she <sup>almost</sup> jumped <sup>in</sup> the  
air with delight and surprise!  
"WHAT! WHAT! Abdel Baha here!  
in Stuttgart! Is this possible!"  
Within a few minutes Mr Herrigel  
arrived and was <sup>taken</sup> ~~introduced~~ into  
the Mr Master's room. The  
Beloved embraced and kissed  
him very affectionately and  
said: - You see! I have come!

I have fulfilled my promise!  
 God willing you will also come  
 to Haifa. On Mount Carmel  
 there are many of your <sup>Camp</sup> patriots  
 ..... God hath Chosen <sup>him</sup> ~~you~~  
 from amongst the <sup>Germany</sup> ~~people~~ for  
 the sake of his own Love. His  
 Holy Scriptures Christ hath said <sup>that</sup>  
 many are called but few are  
 Chosen! "At this time Mr  
 Ekstein was announced. He  
 has been to Paris last year <sup>and had</sup> ~~seen~~  
 the Master, so they <sup>know</sup>  
 each other and he received  
 a warm welcome. Then the  
 Below continued: - Consider  
 the Bounty and Favor of  
 Baba Allah! how he has <sup>united</sup>  
 us together in Faith and  
 assurance. He hath <sup>united</sup>  
 together our hearts, our

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Spirits and our souls. Our  
love stronger and more powerful  
than the love which exists  
between the members of our  
family. This is real union for  
whenever I thought of you  
I was made very happy.  
Outwardly a few years ago you  
had never heard the name  
of Stuttgart and you had never  
heard the name of "Hou".  
Such is the unifying power of the  
Word of God! It is not yet  
known what a great love  
Baha'allah has created in  
the hearts but when this  
<sup>type of the</sup> Cause grows and develops  
and yields delightful  
fruits, then its importance  
will be fully understood;

~~The~~ <sup>Then</sup> the world of morality will  
 become illumined, spiritual  
 susceptibilities will be  
 obtained, the minds and the  
 souls will be educated, the  
 lights of sanctification and  
 holiness will shine forth,  
 the people will become  
 real sincere Bahais; ~~then~~  
 the lights of reality will be  
 reflected through the transparent  
 glass, and the solidarity  
 of humanity will be <sup>clearly</sup>  
~~obtained~~ apparent and  
 manifest. ~~But the~~  
~~words~~ <sup>in detail</sup> spoke ~~of~~  
~~deal more~~ which <sup>is</sup>  
 impossible to <sup>report</sup> translate  
~~them~~ now. Arrangements  
 were made that tomorrow  
 be devoted to ~~the~~ the

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to the promotion of the Cause.  
9. Supper was ordered to  
be brought ~~up~~ <sup>in</sup> for the  
Master and he ~~partook~~ <sup>spoke</sup>  
~~of it~~ while he was eating.  
For supper we went into  
a restaurant near here  
and after 45 <sup>minutes</sup> we returned to  
the hotel. Miss ~~Knoblock~~ <sup>Alma</sup>  
Knoblock and Miss Daring  
were waiting. ~~for us~~. We talked  
with them for a few minutes  
about the Master and the  
joy and surprise of the believers  
when they hear that he <sup>was</sup>  
actually amongst them!  
Miss Daring is a good and faith-  
ful Bahai and she serves  
the Cause very <sup>faithfully</sup> ~~well~~.

The Master had by this



time retired, so they could not see him <sup>but</sup> tomorrow morning!

I feel very happy in Stuttgart. The friends here are very warm, very genuine, very sincere, very earnest. The Cause has taken a firm hold of the truth-seeking German people and it will grow and grow.

The Master's room is on the second floor <sup>Room</sup> No. 150 <sup>overlapping</sup> the broad avenue; and the Royal Park and <sup>the</sup> palace, <sup>not far</sup> are a little further.

All Germany must sing the songs of joy because ~~is~~ the Beloved of the World is in her midst! <sup>Germany</sup> She has <sup>had</sup> never a more honored and a more divine Guest than ~~the~~ <sup>Abdul Baha - the Mystery of God</sup> Master. Happy Germany!

Love to all

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Dear Harriet!

This was a day ~~very much~~ similar to the busy days of the Master in America, ~~in~~ <sup>through</sup> the air of Stuttgart we inhaled a scent of spiritual activity, even in the early morning. Of course everybody was up before six and Sayad Assadullah was preparing the Beloved's tea over his small alcohol stove. I was in the Master's room waiting his commands. Letters and telegrams arriving from Budapest urging the ~~Master~~ <sup>him</sup> to go there, but no definite decision yet. The Beloved dictated telegraphic messages to various parts. He walked from one ~~end~~ <sup>to the other end</sup> of his unusually large room to another, ~~his room being unusually large~~

For breakfast he ordered a glass of  
 milk. At half-past <sup>eight</sup> the <sup>curves</sup> <sup>believers</sup>  
 started to come. Everyone ~~has~~ a  
 bouquet of flowers in his or her  
 hand. Mr Herrigel, a Doctor Fisher  
 or Mr Ekstein or Miss Knoblock  
 translate <sup>translation of the Beloved's words</sup> my English <sup>into</sup> German.  
~~Some~~ <sup>a number</sup> of the friends, however, speak  
 English. Love and sincerity are  
 the two supreme characteristics  
 that I <sup>have</sup> observed in these people  
<sup>streaming in</sup> ~~Coming~~ from 8.30<sup>am</sup> to 1 pm. Many  
 of them were weeping with joy  
 and kissing the hands of the  
 Beloved or the hem of his  
 garment. <sup>what heart-thrilling</sup> ~~Many~~ a ~~touching~~  
 scenes were witnessed all  
 morning! The ~~Beloved~~ <sup>His</sup> also  
 unveiled the <sup>face</sup> ~~power~~ of his  
 love and affection <sup>in a manner not witnessed before to</sup> ~~for~~ all  
 those who had the privilege

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of visiting him this morning.  
Afterwards he said: <sup>He</sup> I inhaled the  
fragrance of humanity in this  
City; One cannot properly <sup>know</sup> ~~know~~  
the depth of his sweet and heavenly  
glow for his own children. In  
order to let you have a peep at the  
room <sup>no</sup> ~~of~~ 150 and what was being  
said <sup>there</sup> I will quote a few <sup>of his</sup> remarks  
~~of the Master~~. Some one asked <sup>about</sup> <sup>his</sup>  
health and expressed the heavenly  
joy of "having Abdul Baha in our  
midst." <sup>Although, they were not worthy of it</sup> He said that <sup>he was</sup> ~~I~~ enjoying  
eternal, spiritual health. It is a  
health, ~~which is~~ never followed  
by any sickness; There <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ no doubt  
that <sup>the servants were</sup> you very worthy because  
God has sent <sup>him</sup> ~~me~~ here so that  
<sup>he</sup> I may summon the people to

the Kingdom of Abba. This <sup>was</sup> is a  
 blessed day because ~~from~~ <sup>he was</sup> associating  
 with <sup>the German Bahay</sup> ~~you~~. This <sup>was</sup> is the cause of  
<sup>his</sup> ~~my~~ joy. The greatest happiness for  
 man <sup>was</sup> to behold the faces  
 of the friends of God. How sweet  
 it <sup>was</sup> to converse with the believing.  
 Praise be to God that this is  
 made possible. <sup>He</sup> I hoped that  
 great results will be the  
 outcome of these meetings,  
 the rays of the Sun of Reality  
 may shine forth <sup>in</sup> the Kingdom  
 of God be established.  
 Just at this moment the  
 East and the west <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~  
 gathered together in this  
 room, exercising toward  
 each other the utmost of  
 kindness. This <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ through  
 the power of the Love of God

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otherwise it would have been impossible

.....  
4 To another group of <sup>visitors</sup> ~~people~~ he said:  
"This <sup>was</sup> is a good city. It <sup>was</sup> is very  
delightfully situated. It <sup>was</sup> is a  
worthy place to become the  
Vineyard of the Kingdom and  
let its unto trees which are covered  
with foliage, blossoms and  
~~the~~ fruit, the <sup>holy</sup> temples <sup>also</sup> may  
be revealed, <sup>adorned</sup> with heavenly  
Vines. <sup>He</sup> I hoped that each  
one of <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~ may become  
a heavenly gardener. So  
that <sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ may sow  
pure seeds in the prepared  
~~and~~ soils and the  
variegated flowers may  
grow <sup>themselves!</sup>  
They <sup>visitors</sup> ~~hoped~~ that this way

be accomplished through the assistance  
of Baha Ullah and Abdul Baha.

5 Another group of <sup>Bahais</sup> ~~friends~~ entered  
and the Beloved welcoming them  
said:— "As soon as <sup>he</sup> I heard that  
a number of <sup>souls</sup> ~~people~~ have embraced  
this Cause in Stuttgart I <sup>he</sup> became  
infinitely happy! I <sup>He told</sup> ~~said~~  
the friends at that time that  
the circle of this Effulgence  
will widen and widen in this  
city. <sup>And</sup> Because the ground <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ fertile,  
the people <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ receptive, therefore  
the seeds of the Love of God  
shall grow into mighty trees.

6 ~~Then~~ Three friends came in  
with flowers in their hands  
and the tears of joy in their  
Eyes:— <sup>He said that</sup> These flowers <sup>he said</sup> ~~he said~~  
<sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ the harbingers of Spring!  
<sup>He was</sup> I am very happy ~~to~~

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because ~~I have~~ <sup>was</sup> come to Stuttgart  
while nature <sup>is</sup> welcoming the  
spring. Although this is the  
beginning of the material spring,  
may the beauty of the divine  
spring fetch its tent in  
Stuttgart!

7 To <sup>another</sup> ~~other~~ friends he said: - <sup>He had</sup> ~~I~~  
come to pay <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~ a visit. <sup>He</sup> ~~I~~ <sup>hope</sup>  
<sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ will pay back <sup>his</sup> ~~this~~ visit  
which <sup>he</sup> ~~I~~ <sup>returned</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>him</sup> ~~you~~  
<sup>He</sup> ~~I~~ <sup>had</sup> travelled more than  
20,000 miles to reach here, <sup>but</sup>  
<sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ will not have to cover  
so much distance! This <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~  
matter than <sup>his</sup> ~~my~~ <sup>intense</sup>  
longing to visit <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~!

8 Miss Alma Kuablock came  
and the Master arose from his  
seat and greeted her most  
warmly: - Oh! Miss Kuablock



She

Oh! Miss Knablock! ~~How~~  
<sup>was</sup> ~~so~~ very welcome! Very welcome!  
~~I~~ <sup>she</sup> ~~loved~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~there~~ very much! ~~I~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~very~~  
 heart <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ attached to ~~you~~ <sup>her</sup>. In  
 reality ~~the~~ <sup>she</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> the bedrock of the  
 Kingdom. ~~My~~ <sup>her</sup> heart <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ pure and attached,  
 otherwise ~~she~~ <sup>she</sup> could ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> serve  
 the cause so well. ~~Her~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~services~~ <sup>services</sup>  
~~in the cause~~ <sup>in the</sup> ~~conferred~~ <sup>conferred</sup> ~~there~~ <sup>her</sup>  
 in <sup>the</sup> ~~service~~ <sup>of</sup> the cause ~~is~~ ~~great~~.  
 While in America I always  
 remembered <sup>her</sup> ~~you~~. I ~~never~~  
 forgot <sup>her</sup> ~~you~~. I ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~very~~  
 greatly ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> attached ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~as~~  
 friends ~~in the cause~~ <sup>in the</sup> ~~whose~~ <sup>whose</sup>  
 selfless. <sup>Let</sup> ~~thank~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>God</sup> ~~that~~  
~~she~~ <sup>she</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>has</sup> ~~attained~~ <sup>attained</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> ~~such~~  
 a ~~height~~ <sup>height</sup>! ~~God~~ <sup>God</sup> ~~willing~~ <sup>willing</sup> ~~the~~  
 heart will become ~~more~~ <sup>more</sup>  
 illumined ~~day~~ <sup>day</sup> ~~into~~ <sup>into</sup> ~~day~~ <sup>day</sup> ~~he~~  
 will ever pray for ~~you~~ <sup>her</sup> ~~and~~

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<sup>in German</sup>  
all the believers - so that the  
confirmations of God may descend  
upon them. <sup>Let</sup> teach always the  
Cause of God. If ~~you~~ <sup>she</sup> <sup>taught</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>was</sup> one  
soul in a ~~given~~ city and he ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> being  
attracted to ~~the cause~~ after one  
year he ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> make <sup>test</sup> <sup>his</sup>  
& And so it <sup>and on and on</sup> went on. I can  
write <sup>many</sup> many pages but there is  
no time. Doctor Fisher <sup>brought</sup>  
two actors to meet the <sup>Machine</sup>  
They ~~were~~ had lived ~~in the factory~~  
in Saloniki and one of them  
spoke Turkish. The Beloved  
~~spoke~~ <sup>talked</sup> with them on the  
evils and ~~murders~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~and~~  
which are perpetrated in the  
name of religion. They were  
very much impressed. One  
of them asked about the

and its influence ~~also~~ upon the public. The Master said, The plays <sup>should endeavor to</sup> ~~must always~~ elevate the ideals of humanity and not degrade them. The theatre is life unto a school and the play~~ing~~ must ever think how to <sup>teach</sup> educate <sup>his audience</sup> the ~~people~~ through the characterizations of noble ideals and personalities. The actors must embody in their uttered words and deeds, while <sup>in their roles</sup> upon the stage, the noblest emotions, the highest motives, the most delicate art, the tenderest feelings and the most attractive <sup>appearances</sup> ~~manners~~. The chief aim of the theatre <sup>should become</sup> ~~must be~~ the spiritualization of humanity.

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10 Throughout all the interviews that  
 the Master gave this morning I  
 could feel <sup>a new exhilaration in</sup> his power <sup>and an added</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>to his stature</sup> majesty.  
 Many of the friends came with  
 their children and the Master  
<sup>he</sup> embraced them, kissed them,  
 made them sit on his lap or  
 stand on both sides of his  
 chair, caressing <sup>them</sup> and gently <sup>touching</sup>  
 with his Blessed hands their  
 faces and hair.

11 ~~Our Beloved~~ <sup>He</sup> had his lunch  
 in his own room and we  
<sup>had ours</sup>  
~~went out~~ <sup>to</sup> a good Restaurant.

12 At 3 o'clock Mr Herrigel  
 arrived with <sup>an</sup> automobile  
 to take the Master for a  
 ride. We drove through  
 the hills and valleys  
 all <sup>clad</sup> in their spring garments.

For ~~many~~ one hour we drove  
~~and~~ we reached ~~to~~ the Royal  
 Park. Here the Master alighted  
~~to~~ <sup>and</sup> walk through the Park. We  
 entered from one gate and the  
 automobile was going to <sup>pick him up</sup> ~~meet~~  
~~him~~ at the other gate. We  
 walked through the spacious  
 avenue, <sup>picknickers</sup> ~~people~~ wondering  
 looking at him, not knowing  
 who <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ this glorious man.  
 He sat in the middle of  
 his walk on a bench and  
 Mr Herrigel <sup>put</sup> ~~made~~ a sign on  
 it so that the friends may  
 come and visit the place  
 afterward. The ~~Below~~ <sup>He</sup> called  
 the gardener who was <sup>working</sup>  
 nearby and gave him a few  
 shillings. The man was surprised  
 and astonished and started

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to thank profusely. Mr Herrigel  
immediately took out of his  
pocket some German <sup>Bahay</sup> booklets  
and gave them to him. "This Man"  
he told him "is the friend of all  
the poor and laboring classes.  
He is your friend too." The  
gardener <sup>was</sup> touched very much.  
Returning home Mr Herrigel <sup>was</sup>  
all the time <sup>pointing</sup> ~~showing~~ <sup>to us</sup>  
the interesting buildings, both  
public and private, the palace  
of the King, the new museum,  
the new hospital, the new  
large royal theatre etc etc.  
12 We arrived at his residence  
at about five o'clock. At  
first the Master rested in  
the bed room for half an  
hour, while the friends  
were ~~coming~~ gathered

for the meeting. Four large  
 rooms thrown <sup>to one another</sup> open, were filled  
 with <sup>the friends</sup> people, their faces ~~of all~~  
 full of joyful expectations.  
 It is impossible to describe  
 the contagious happiness of  
 the German believers. They are  
 brimful with optimism and  
 felicity. When the Beloved <sup>came</sup>  
 into the crowded rooms they  
 all rose and many eyes <sup>burst</sup>  
 weeping. The Herrig said:  
 We the German believers  
 shall never forget this day!  
 It will be remembered  
 throughout all our lives.  
 It is the day of great  
 rejoicing for all Germany!  
 May we be all worthy of  
 this heavenly Bestowment!  
 We welcome Abdul Baha

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in our midst with a heart overflowing with joy!" Then the Beloved with the light of great happiness in his eyes said:—  
 "Praise be to God that <sup>he had</sup> I have come to Stuttgart and <sup>he was</sup> ~~met~~ <sup>associating with the friends</sup> ~~met~~ <sup>meeting</sup> ~~you~~ in this blessed house! Praise be to God that <sup>then</sup> your faces <sup>were</sup> ~~and~~ illumined with the rays of the Love of God, <sup>and then</sup> your hearts ~~are~~ attracted to the Kingdom of Abba. <sup>Stephen</sup> Thank you God because <sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ have heard the Call of God, <sup>and</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ living in ~~the~~ world in the Glorious Days of the Lord of Hosts; <sup>they were</sup> ~~you were~~ witnessing the wonderful dawn of the Sun of Reality whose rays have cast their



splendors and reflections upon  
 the mirrors of ~~your~~<sup>their</sup> hearts,  
 your ~~souls~~<sup>their</sup> ~~and~~<sup>were</sup> illumined,  
 your ~~souls~~<sup>their</sup> spirits ~~are~~ assured,  
 your ~~consciousness~~<sup>and their</sup> ~~are~~<sup>strengthened</sup>  
 with the glad-tidings of  
 God.

Therefore ~~let them~~ ~~strive~~ ~~that~~ ~~you~~<sup>they</sup>  
 may be ~~come~~ radiant through  
 the lights of Bahá'í-lah. ~~There~~  
 he ~~rose~~<sup>rose</sup> from his seat, ~~took~~<sup>took</sup>  
~~away~~ the child he had in his lap  
 while he was speaking  
 and then walked around shaking  
 hands with the friends, every  
 one, even the little girls and  
 boys reverently kissing ~~them~~  
~~them~~ ) May each one of ~~you~~<sup>them</sup>  
 become like a bright candle!  
 Perchance through ~~your~~<sup>their</sup> efforts  
 these darknesses may

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be dispelled (now he <sup>was</sup> in the  
other room gently passing by this  
one or that, like a fragrant breeze)  
and the lights of the <sup>lone</sup> <sup>east</sup>  
and the West. This hatred and  
enmity may be changed into  
joy and fragrance; these  
foul clouds may disappear  
(Now he kissed a child who  
offered ~~to~~ him a bouquet of  
flowers) and joy and fragrance  
be obtained, this world may  
become another world;  
eternal life may be made  
possible and the Breaths  
of the Holy Spirit may  
surround all. . . . .

Then ~~Followed~~ with an <sup>ornful</sup>  
of flowers, roses, carnations

violets, tulips <sup>he</sup> walked out  
 into the ~~st~~ private room,  
 leaving behind ~~himself~~ not  
 only the fragrance of those  
 material flowers but  
~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> perfume of the spiritual  
 flowers of the Rose-garden  
 of Ishaq! <sup>that will ever come to the ears of those who seek for it</sup> Many of the believers  
 who had arrived late and  
~~could~~ <sup>did</sup> not hear <sup>his</sup> the Master's  
 talk were taken into his  
 room and while reclining  
 on bed he spoke to them.  
 There were professors, sculptors,  
 artists, musicians, etc,  
 each one asking questions  
 and receiving answers to  
 satisfy <sup>his</sup> ~~their~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~most~~ <sup>best</sup> hearts.

Then an auto mobile was  
 brought <sup>at the door</sup> and with two young  
 men and Mr. ~~Reverend~~ <sup>Bahai</sup> he had  
 me

another half an hour ride.  
 13) While the automobile was  
 speeding along he said: you must  
 thank God that at this hour  
 you are sitting in this <sup>car</sup> auto-  
~~mobile~~ with the Center of  
 the Covenant. The importance  
 of this event cannot be fully  
 appreciated at this time. It  
 will become known <sup>in the future</sup> later.  
 14) Looking over the hills which <sup>were</sup>  
 covered with blooming <sup>500 m</sup> trees,  
 he said: A man not acquainted  
 with botany ~~may~~ <sup>could</sup> not  
 know what kind of fruits  
 these trees will yield at  
 the time of fruiting but a  
 skilful gardener does ~~not~~  
 know. Therefore in this day  
 those souls who have

spiritual perceptions are <sup>capable</sup> to appreciate the importance of this event.

14 Arriving at the hotel the Master rested for awhile, and then the large and magnificent <sup>car</sup> of Consul Schwartz who called on the Beloved Ones morning with his wife and daughter came to take him to the second meeting in Mr Herrigel's <sup>home</sup> Consul Schwartz has offered his <sup>car</sup> automobile to the Master to use it at his discretion. First we had a ride through ~~the city~~ and the hills overlooking <sup>the</sup> city. It was the most beautiful sight that I have ever seen! It looked like ~~the~~ heaven upon earth. Thousands and <sup>tens</sup> ~~thous~~ of thousands

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encircling hills,  
electric lights illumined the hills,  
the valley and the distant horizons.  
The Master looking at the  
wonderful panorama of scintillating  
lights and dazzling illumination  
said: How really beautiful  
would it have been if the  
people were as bright as  
these lights. Baha-ullah  
always loved to have many  
lights in the evening! In the  
darkness of the world he has  
ignited many thousands of lights.  
He has studded the heaven  
of his Cause with many  
stars! May they ever  
shine and gleam!

We reached at Mr Herrigel's  
home. Although it was  
raining, <sup>a large group of</sup> ~~slowly~~ more than

~~My~~ friend had waited <sup>outside</sup> for ~~us~~  
~~them~~ half an hour <sup>to be the first ones</sup> to greet  
 him. The Beloved looking  
 into their beaming faces  
 said: - How attracted and  
 enthralled are the German  
 Babais! How much full of  
 love they are! Love does not  
 need a teacher.

Walking ahead of this large  
~~number~~ <sup>group</sup> and I was surprised  
 to see <sup>so many</sup> ~~the~~ people. I am sure  
 there were more than 200  
 and yet half of the friends  
 are not notified about  
 the Beloved's arrival.

What a glowing, enthusiastic  
 beaming faces! The Master then  
 entered <sup>the house</sup> and all arose. We had  
 them <sup>be seated</sup> ~~to sit down~~ and called  
 one of the little children

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and then continued to speak:-

to his side ~~to~~ This <sup>was</sup> is a very  
blessed night! for ~~for~~ <sup>he was</sup> ~~for~~  
meeting ~~with~~ the souls who  
<sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ believers in God; souls who  
have turned their faces toward  
the Kingdom of Abba; souls in  
whose faces one witnessed the  
rays of the Sun of reality;  
souls who <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ of the chosen  
ones and not of those who are  
called. Then ~~the Beloved~~  
<sup>He</sup> gave a ~~very~~ brilliant address  
on the prophecies of the ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
Book in regard to the coming  
of the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ Promise One, <sup>expanding</sup>  
the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~  
of the Old Testament. His  
last word was: Tonight <sup>My</sup> ~~I~~ <sup>felt</sup>  
very happy to find <sup>himself</sup> ~~myself~~ ~~in~~  
<sup>their</sup> ~~your~~ midst!

There were so many people



that some ~~of them~~ in the other rooms were standing on their chairs in order to get a glimpse of the Master as he walked to and fro.

Amongst those who were present ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> Miss Pollock who had travelled from Latta, a distance of 10 hours, ~~to see~~ <sup>to see the Master</sup>.

She is the sister of Miss Assayah Allen of Wash. D.C.

<sup>15</sup> One of our Bahais in Stuttgart is a book-binder. With the hope that the Master will visit this city he had prepared a most precious book with the finest <sup>paper and</sup> cover and ~~papers~~ so that the history of the Cause in Germany may be written in it. His hope was that when the Master ~~came~~ <sup>came</sup>

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~~to this city~~ he may write on the  
first page and then Mr Herrigel  
<sup>Completed</sup>  
~~the writing of the history. I was~~  
~~was not that a very wonderful~~  
~~thought on his part?~~  
16 At ten <sup>P.M.</sup> ~~o'clock~~ dinner was  
served at Mr and Mrs Herrigel  
and the Master spoke about  
the prophecies of Baha Ullah  
which <sup>were</sup> fulfilled today as well  
as the Germans who have  
built a large colony on Mount  
Carmel. These Germans were honest  
since <sup>seekers of truth</sup> people and according to their  
calculation, Christ was going to  
descend from heaven on Mount  
Carmel, so they migrated <sup>to</sup> there  
~~and~~ <sup>Hals Land</sup> ~~states~~ and laid the foundation  
of the present Colony. It <sup>was</sup> very

significant that in that very year that they ~~arrived~~<sup>reached</sup> on Mount Carmel Baha-Ballaha also arrived - thus fulfilling the prophecies.

17 After dinner the Beloved shook hands with all those who were present at the table and in the ~~car~~<sup>of</sup> Consul Schwarz he was driven <sup>back</sup> to the Hotel.

Thus the first day in Germany came to an end with the greatest of happiness. The Beloved was most ~~pleased~~<sup>delighted</sup> to see so many children of the Kingdom, all united with one thought and accord serving the cause and letting the light of revelation shine forth.

Love Well

Abbas

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Dear Harriet!

Wherever the Beloved goes he carries with himself the spirit of life. His presence creates spiritual atmosphere; His words confer assurance; His teachings elevate the thought. His voice draws one near unto God. His love teaches us to love mankind. His tenderness makes us affectionate to all humanity. In him we find all-life and all-light combined. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. Whether in Germany or in France; America or England; Egypt or Syria he is the King of Kings. The German people love and honor him with the same sincerity and loyalty as the ~~people~~ <sup>people</sup> of another nation. His throne is in the Palace of universal brotherhood and all the tribes and ~~peoples~~ <sup>nations</sup> of the earth are welcome ~~to~~ his audience -

hall. The most civilized man of the West whose mind is a treasure-house of knowledge and wisdom and the simplest <sup>illiterate</sup> man from the steppes of Russia or the ignorant Arab from the Sahara of Africa find the Beloved ~~in~~ <sup>an</sup> Elder Brother and one in whom the spirit of God dwells. His heavenly spirit has broken the barriers of language and nationality. All the people are humble before him just because he considers himself the humblest. Day ~~into~~ <sup>by</sup> day I marvel at his wonderful power of attraction. His unifying spirit is the most stupendous fact of the present century. What relation <sup>of long beauty and vision</sup> between the Germans and the Persians? Yet ~~he~~ <sup>Abul Kalam</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is able to</sup> let the two forget their different customs and show toward each a love and fellowship which are the standing miracles of this age. There are certain inner <sup>experiences</sup> that we have to go through before we can get the adequate insight into the marvellous powers of the Master.

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This morning the sun shone forth gloriously upon Stuttgart to welcome the godlike Guest who looks out of <sup>the</sup> window watching the crowds of Germans going to their work. The Germans generally speaking are strong in physique, vigorous in <sup>their</sup> mental activity, industrial in their practical lives, earnest in their pursuits, devoted <sup>to</sup> love and substantial in every way. They are a noble race. Their love for this Cause is indescribable, their respect for the Master is unimaginable, their firmness in the Covenant is unquestioned. In three days we have grown to love them as our <sup>own</sup> Kith and Kin. I could never dream that the Cause had taken such a firm hold of the German mind and heart. Really it is nothing short than a miracle!

3 Before nine o'clock the friends started to come. I may say there were

many "meetings" <sup>instead of "interviews" from 9 to 11 o'clock</sup> during ~~the 4 hours~~.  
Every <sup>was</sup> ~~time~~ <sup>minutes</sup> ~~the~~ room was filled, the Beloved  
delivered a <sup>bold</sup> address and then <sup>emptied an</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>addressed</sup> ~~other delegations~~ <sup>other</sup> ~~and others~~. <sup>Among the first arrivals were</sup> ~~Professors~~ <sup>and others</sup>. ~~Before~~ <sup>every one</sup> ~~came~~ <sup>came</sup> Miss  
Knobloch, Miss Kottlin, Miss Doring and  
many others ~~came~~. The Master spoke about  
the last night meeting: <sup>He</sup> ~~I~~ was very happy  
last night. <sup>He</sup> ~~I~~ saw that in <sup>their</sup> ~~your~~ <sup>WABA</sup> ~~midst~~  
the fire of the love of God <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>entirely</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>entirely</sup> ~~entirely~~.  
Last night one beheld in that meeting  
the breaths of the Holy Spirit and the  
confirmations of the Kingdom of Alpha!  
The influence of that meeting will be  
felt throughout all Germany, because  
the effulgence of the Sun of Reality was  
cast upon it. It was a very radiant  
meeting, ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> the hearts were turned  
toward the Kingdom of Alpha, the  
eyes were looking <sup>forward</sup> ~~upward~~ the Supreme  
horizon, the spirits were rejoiced  
unto the Glad-tidings of God. In  
that meeting there was baptism  
with the Spirit and fire. <sup>He</sup> ~~I~~ hope  
it may yield great results

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and the lights of love may radiate from that meeting to all the regions of the world. " . . . . . "

To another group:-

4 "Today God has conferred upon ~~you~~ <sup>them</sup> a new Confirmation and a new power. <sup>I testify</sup> that ~~your~~ <sup>their</sup> hearts ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> pure, ~~you~~ <sup>that they</sup> had no other aim except the good-pleasure of the Lord. ~~You~~ <sup>They</sup> are the servants of the owners of the world of humanity, ~~you~~ <sup>They</sup> are kind to all the religions, ~~you~~ <sup>They</sup> love all the people. ~~you~~ <sup>They</sup> long <sup>was</sup> for the realization of ~~the~~ public weal. <sup>Philosophy</sup> ~~Your~~ <sup>lead by</sup> intention on ~~your~~ <sup>their</sup> part shall ~~carry~~ <sup>lead</sup> to the highest deterioration. As he was surrounded by several lovely German children, one of them lying her head on his breast, he spoke on ~~the~~ education of ~~the~~ children and how they <sup>must</sup> teach ~~them~~ <sup>children</sup> English - so that they <sup>may</sup> be able to correspond with American Bahais and ~~they~~ <sup>may</sup> travel to each other's countries.



5 One asked whether Christ ever travelled  
to India to study Indian philosophy. He  
laughed :- No! Christ did not go to India.  
He did not need the Indian philosophy.  
Then he spoke at length about the Covenant  
Through the power of the Covenant  
<sup>they</sup> can withstand the attack of all those  
who are on <sup>the</sup> earth. The victorious Army of  
the Covenant ~~was~~ waiting on the field of  
the Supreme Concourse to assist  
all those who ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> firm and steadfast  
and crown them with the diadem of  
triumph.

6 Others came in and the voice of the  
Master was raised <sup>again</sup> in praise of last  
night meeting :- It was a divine  
gathering! All of those who were present  
enjoyed it. It was a Bahai meeting.  
There were the susceptibilities of the  
Kingdom. These ~~were~~ <sup>one witness</sup> the Love of God.  
I hoped that many such meetings will  
be organized here in the future.  
To ~~another~~ lady he said :- One year

of real Bahai life is equal to a thousand years. If a man lived 1000 yrs he ~~shall~~ <sup>may</sup> not attain to eternal life but if he lives one day according to the precepts of Baha Ullah he shall obtain Everlasting Existence. One of your days is better than a thousand years of others. For the doors of the Kingdom are opened before your faces; the light of reality is shining upon you; the eyes of your perception are unstopped. you are informed with the realities of all phenomena; you are acquainted with the mysteries of the Kingdom of God...

7 ~~The~~ <sup>and he said</sup> the room was again filled with newcomers. As the believers of Stuttgart <sup>one of them</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>depart</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>came</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>used to</sup> ~~be~~ <sup>loaves of</sup> like a fragrant, fresh, imperishable roses, each one <sup>was</sup> like unto a brilliant Camp and a shining star. In their faces <sup>he</sup> beheld the effulgence of the Love of His Holiness Baha

Allah. Happy ~~are you!~~ <sup>were they</sup> Happy ~~are you!~~ <sup>were they</sup> &  
attain to such a Bestowal . . . . .

This is the Day of <sup>the</sup> Lord. The birds of  
bygone ages who were caught by the gale  
and wind of autumn longed for this  
delightful spring. The flowers which  
were thirsty in those days were <sup>yearning</sup> longing  
for the downpours of this rain from  
the clouds of Providence. They were  
thirsty for the water of life and hungry  
for the food which is <sup>now</sup> descending  
~~from~~ from heaven. Praise be to God  
that ~~you~~ <sup>they</sup> have attained thereto.  
How ~~two~~ ~~long~~ talks were given on  
marriage and the education of the  
children, each one containing <sup>many</sup>  
ripe opinions and directions.

8 A painter who has made a pencil  
sketch from <sup>Alfred Bakas's</sup> ~~the~~ photograph <sup>taken in</sup> of Paris  
brought <sup>them</sup> a few copies for ~~the~~ ~~Beloved~~.  
The Master praised his work and  
said: - Can <sup>he</sup> you paint upon the page

of the world the ideal pictures of the  
Supreme ~~Common~~ <sup>Common</sup> Concourse? The  
pictures which are in the ideal world  
are eternal. <sup>My</sup> I desired <sup>from</sup> you to become such  
an Artist. Man can paint those ideal  
pictures upon the ~~page~~ Tablet of existence  
with the brush of deeds. The holy  
divine Manifestations are ~~all~~ <sup>lovely</sup> heavenly  
Artists. Upon the Canvas of Creation,  
with the brush of their deeds, ~~their~~  
and actions, they <sup>have</sup> painted immortal  
pictures which ~~cannot~~ <sup>could not</sup> be found in any  
Art Museum of Europe and America but  
<sup>he could</sup> you find <sup>these divine</sup> ~~these~~ masterpieces of these  
Spiritual artists in the <sup>galleries of the</sup> hearts.  
9 ~~The~~ Miss Pollock came. Several ~~of~~  
were present. The Master asked <sup>what</sup>  
news she had from her sister <sup>Miss</sup>  
Allen in Wash? She sends her <sup>love</sup>

to Abdul Baha and ~~she sent me a~~  
lock of Roushan's hair to me."

"Did she send you also a fragrance  
from Talshah?" the Master answered.

(This was a play on word. Talshah means  
"rose-garden" and is the name <sup>by the Beloved</sup> given to the  
second child of Mrs Allen ~~by the Beloved~~.)

The Master said <sup>that</sup> Mrs Allen ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> serving  
the Cause; <sup>that</sup> She ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> very attractive and

entirely. Miss Fallock asked,  
what <sup>could she</sup> ~~can~~ say when people asked

<sup>her</sup> ~~me~~; "Whom did you go to see?" <sup>He said</sup> "Well

then I went to see Abdul Baha, the  
Spreader of the religion of Baha-Ul-Lah,

the Standard-bearer of universal  
Peace, the Crier <sup>to</sup> of the Kingdom of

God, the Servant of God and the  
servant of humanity."

10 Many, many more people ~~came~~  
and the Beloved talked and talked.

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It was as though the sea of his utterances  
was set in motion. <sup>within one</sup> ~~One~~ hour ~~after~~

Mr Herrigel and Mr Ekstein who were  
assisting <sup>me</sup> in translation left the hotel  
exhausted and at the same time delighted  
to see the results of the Cause. ~~They~~

The Master had his lunch and he told  
us of a dream he had <sup>last</sup> night: <sup>48</sup> I dreamed  
<sup>he</sup> I was in Tiberias. Along the shore  
<sup>he</sup> I was living alone in a small cottage  
which was built with mud bricks  
but <sup>he</sup> I was most happy and ~~I was~~ <sup>surrounded</sup>  
with a spiritual atmosphere indescri-  
bable in its beauty and calmness. There  
was Esmael aga with <sup>him</sup> ~~me~~ too. As  
<sup>Abdul Baha</sup> I talked with him, he was silent. Then  
<sup>she</sup> I told <sup>Esmael aga that</sup> ~~him~~ <sup>that</sup> this small, humble  
cottage <sup>was</sup> more beautiful and  
exquisite than the palace of the  
King. <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> ~~he~~ answered, in reality it is so,  
it is so.

12  
 At 3 o'clock Consul ~~Schwarz~~ Schwyz  
 came to the hotel with his <sup>car</sup> ~~automobile~~  
 and took the Master for a ride.  
 He drove us through most beautiful  
 country, <sup>places and</sup> the valleys covered with  
 the blossoming trees, <sup>and</sup> the forests of  
 pines and the prairies carpeted with  
 wild violets and flowers. We ~~could~~  
 inhaled their sweet odor bringing to us  
 the messages of spring. We drove  
 as far as "Schloss Solitude" a  
 wonderful palace built 200 years ago  
 by one of the Kings of Wurtemberg.  
 The palace is now empty and <sup>of course</sup> the tourists  
~~can walk through it.~~ Napoleon lived  
 in it for more than 2 weeks as he was  
 in friendly relation with the then  
<sup>of Wurtemberg</sup> King. He was there before his Russian  
 Campaign and had in ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> Russian  
 Army nearly 30,000 of the men ~~his~~ Grand

of this King, but only 800 returned. It was also this King who persecuted Schiller the great poet and he had to fly by night from Stuttgart. The Master walked through the whole palace, was greatly interested in ~~some~~ all the historical events connected with ~~the palace~~, especially the room in which Napoleon <sup>had</sup> slept. When he came out of the palace many children were gathered there from a nearby village and he gave to each one a mark. I enclose a few photographic postal cards of the palace. Sayed Ahmed Begeroff wrote on ~~the~~ ~~wall~~ the day of the Master's visit to the palace on the wall, facing the Grand Stair Case. The palace <sup>was</sup> built on a hill and overlooks a wonderful valley for miles and miles. The panorama <sup>was</sup> most unique.



On our return the Master spoke about  
 the future of Stuttgart, that it will  
 progress extraordinarily because the  
 Call of the Kingdom of Alba <sup>was</sup> first  
 raised here in Germany. He was very  
 loving to Consul Schwartz. He held his  
 hands all the time, kissing him and  
 calling him "my son, my son I love  
 you very much!" The <sup>car</sup> automobile  
 brought us to 3 Alexanderstrasse,  
 the home of the Consul. At the threshold  
 the Master kissed his both cheeks  
 and his wife, his daughter and two sons  
 were waiting at the door to greet  
 the Master. ~~All~~ <sup>They</sup> of them kissed his  
 hands and with the greatest joy they  
 took him to ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> room to rest ~~a little~~  
 before the meeting. The Minister  
 of the Church of the King will be  
 present at the meeting. After  
 a few minutes the Beloved

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entered the large parlor. Prominent men and women of Stuttgart ~~and~~ <sup>were</sup> present. Busul Schurz has his own special stenographer to take down the address. As Mirza Mahmud was not ~~there~~ <sup>here</sup> of course its Persian could not be preserved. The Master delivered a wonderful address <sup>with</sup> on the fundamental unity of religions, the oneness of the world of humanity and toward the end he made a dramatic appeal that this century is the century of brotherhood, this day is the day of love, this period is the period of concubation.

After the meeting, tea and refreshments were served and the Minister of the King who speaks English fluently had a private interview with the ~~Master~~. The Master, then retired to the bed room and from <sup>the</sup> windows

he watched the whole valley suddenly  
 illuminated by thousands of electric lights.  
 It was a magical transformation of  
 darkness into light. ~~At~~ At eight  
 o'clock we were taken to <sup>the</sup> public  
 hall where the first public meeting  
~~was going to be held.~~ <sup>with music</sup> As we entered  
 the place, there was no room to move.  
 Hundreds, probably ~~500~~ <sup>five or six</sup> hundred  
 Bahais and friends were gathered. With  
 much difficulty the ~~way~~ <sup>a lane was made</sup> ~~was opened~~  
 for the Master to <sup>ascend</sup> ~~go~~ to the platform.  
 All arose from their seats. Mr  
 Herrigel introduced the Master <sup>him</sup> ~~and~~  
~~am sorry I could not understand~~  
~~his German.~~ There the Master spoke  
 I translated <sup>his words</sup> into English, Mr Ekstein  
 translated <sup>my</sup> ~~into~~ <sup>English</sup> German. It was a  
 very interesting scene! When Mr  
 Ekstein could not remember

the exact word in German, dozens of <sup>voices</sup>  
~~would~~ <sup>were</sup> be raised from different corners,  
giving him the English word; showing that  
there were quite a considerable number  
who could understand English. Here are  
the opening remarks of the Master:  
<sup>He has</sup> ~~I have~~ come to <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~ from a very distant  
land. <sup>He</sup> ~~I have~~ travelled back and forth  
more than 20,000 miles to reach to  
Germany. <sup>He has</sup> ~~I have~~ been in prison for 40  
years. Young <sup>he</sup> ~~I~~ entered the prison, <sup>he came</sup> ~~I came~~  
out as <sup>he stood</sup> ~~I stand~~ before <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~. Notwithstanding  
the vicissitudes of prison life and the  
weakness of the body <sup>he</sup> ~~I have~~ accepted  
the hardships and inconveniences of  
travelling, covering such long distances  
to come here and behold <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~  
illuminated faces. <sup>His</sup> ~~My~~ aim <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ that  
perchance the world of humanity

~~the world of humanity~~ may be illumined

Praise be to God

that the Radiant Century hath come. Praise  
 be God <sup>that</sup> the spiritual springtime hath  
 pitched its tent. Praise be God this is  
 the age of the discovery of the realities  
 of things. Verily <sup>Verily</sup> by God <sup>unto</sup> <sup>them</sup>. This  
 age is the age of lights! This age  
 is the age of sciences! This age is  
 the age of the appearance of Truth!  
 This age is the age of the extension  
 of the sphere of thought! This age  
 is the greatest divine Age! This  
 age is the age of Everlasting Life!  
 This ~~is~~ age is the age of the  
 Breaths of the Holy Spirit!  
 This age is the age of the <sup>bringing</sup>  
 forth of all the hidden virtues  
 of the world of humanity! —

Then his thoughts flew toward the spiritual realm and brilliant pearls of wisdom, he displayed on the benefits of divine civilization. ~~Then~~ <sup>Then</sup> I desired to offer a prayer at the Threshold of the Almighty in ~~your~~ <sup>their</sup> behalf:—

O Thou Kind God! This congregation are the sheep of Thy flock and Thou art the real Shepherd! These souls are Thy children and Thou art the loving Father! O God! Encircle them with the Glances of Thy Mercifulness! Open before their faces the doors of Thy Guidance! O God! descend upon them Thy heavenly Confirmation! Make their eyes seeing, <sup>and</sup> their ears hearing! Quicken their hearts and gladden their spirits; May all

<sup>us</sup>  
of ~~the~~ take a portion and a share from  
the Sea of Thy Providence! May <sup>each</sup> ~~each~~  
of us be sheltered beneath the  
Tabernacle of Thy Protection! O  
God! We are poor, unlock <sup>before</sup> ~~for~~ us  
the doors of the Treasures of Thy  
Kingdom! O God! We are humble  
endear us in Thy Realm! O God!  
Establish affliations between  
the hearts and attract the spirits  
to each other - so that all humanity  
may enter beneath the all-  
inclusive Tent of the Ownership of  
the world of humanity! May  
wars and rumors of wars be  
entirely forgotten! May humanity  
attain to the highest summit  
of felicity! O God! Answer  
our prayers! Verily Thou art

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the Kind! The Giver! The Generous!  
and the Bounteous!

16 After the meeting there were so many people who wanted to shake the hands <sup>with</sup> of the Master that it was impossible to move <sup>around</sup> ~~any~~. Every body rushed <sup>forward</sup> to kiss his hands, yet in all their movements there was dignity and respect. As the Master came out they ~~all~~ filed like a regiment of soldiers and ~~the~~ ~~below~~ shook hands with almost every one. Outside around the ~~car~~ <sup>car</sup> ~~the below~~ ~~all~~ of them were <sup>gathered</sup> <sup>together</sup> and as he entered it, there were hundreds of hands with hats and handkerchiefs waving loving farewell to the Beloved of their hearts!



17 We were again driven back to the house of Consul Schwarz for dinner. At the table there was a <sup>physician</sup> doctor who was quite competent. The Master joked with him: - ~~You~~ <sup>He</sup> do not need to say that ~~I~~ <sup>he</sup> was a ~~doctor~~ <sup>physician</sup>. ~~you look~~ <sup>No look!</sup> it! If anyone doubts <sup>his</sup> efficiency in keeping the body whole, tell him, look at me! Several courses were served, and at half past eleven we were back again to the habit. The Master prayed before leaving Consul Schwarz's house that divine blessings may descend upon him and his family. They are really wonderful Balaais, <sup>and</sup> devoted to the cause.

Love to all

Atmas

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Dear Harriet!

The Bahai Cause is firmly established in Germany. No power on earth can <sup>ever</sup> uproot it. It has attracted unto itself some of the best elements of this country. In Stuttgart we have many Bahais who are very prominent even from a <sup>intellectual</sup> material standpoint. What I admire about them - men, women, children alike - is their deep earnestness and faithfulness in the Cause. They appreciate the value of the Teachings and unitedly ~~they~~ have <sup>they</sup> arisen to <sup>promote</sup> spread them. They have done and are doing a great <sup>deal</sup> of translation and although the Cause is very young here, yet they have <sup>already</sup> a good ~~little~~ Library on Bahai literature. The Master is most pleased and very happy over

the conditions of the Cause <sup>here</sup> ~~in Germany~~  
 and has often remarked that the  
 Movement will be promulgated  
 2 far and wide, ~~in this country~~. At this  
 morning a group of the friends gathered  
 around him, while closing his eyes as  
 though looking into the future, he said:  
 At this time it <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ not known what  
 a bounty <sup>has been</sup> ~~is~~ destined for Stuttgart. It  
 will ~~be~~ become evident in the future.  
 When the rain pours, the sun shines  
 and the zephyrs blow, the bounty hid-  
 den in each is not known, but when  
 the prairies become verdant and trees  
 green, then everyone will see the  
 result! When the divine <sup>Providence</sup> ~~Providence~~  
 comes along and scatters the seed,  
 nothing is visible except the black  
 soil, but when the harvest is  
 gathered, the success <sup>will be</sup> ~~is~~ evident.  
 Similarly the Grace of God

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which has surrounded Stuttgart cannot  
 be seen now, but ere long every eye  
 shall witness the results! Last night  
 I <sup>he</sup> prayed for the people, the city and  
 the government of Stuttgart. I <sup>he</sup> begged  
 of ~~the~~ <sup>God</sup> divine Blessing. In reality  
 Wurtemberg <sup>was</sup> an excellent country, its  
 people <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ very progressive and its  
 government ~~is~~ fair, therefore I <sup>asked</sup>  
 heavenly Confirmation for them. So  
 that the Favor and Grace of God  
 and the Supreme Bestowels of the  
 3 Merciful may ever visit them! When  
<sup>years ago</sup> the Germans <sup>arrived</sup> ~~came~~ from Stuttgart to  
 Haifa to lay the foundation of their  
 colony, their leader ~~who was known~~  
 by the name of Hoffman Hertek  
~~was~~ <sup>Abdul Baha's</sup> became friend. He ~~came~~ <sup>and</sup> called  
 on <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> ~~me~~. At that time I <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> was

a prisoner but he showed <sup>him</sup> much love. From that time on ~~Abdul Baha~~ <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> became a great <sup>admirer</sup> ~~friend~~ of the Germans and ~~they~~ <sup>then</sup> an ~~ancient~~ friend. The Germans in Haifa did not associate with any one except with <sup>the Bahais</sup> ~~the~~. There was a German carriage-driver who worked between Haifa and Acre. Somehow he was attracted to the Cause and whenever he came to Acre he would ~~call~~ call on <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> ~~see~~. But as <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> ~~was~~ was a prisoner <sup>guards</sup> they would not let <sup>the German</sup> ~~him~~ <sup>the latter</sup> speak with ~~me~~ <sup>him</sup> fearing I may communicate to ~~some~~ <sup>the former</sup> ~~some~~ <sup>neighbors</sup> dangerous to the State. So ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Germans <sup>stood</sup> ~~would~~ stand far away and looked at ~~me~~ <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> and I would look at <sup>him</sup> ~~them~~ and they would smile and smile. Thus <sup>each time</sup> ~~they~~ they communicated with <sup>one</sup> ~~me~~ <sup>father</sup> ~~every time~~. By this <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> ~~meant~~ meant that <sup>the Bahais</sup> ~~our~~ friendship with ~~Statt~~ <sup>Statt</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup>.

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people <sup>was</sup> very old. Now <sup>in order</sup> to strengthen  
 this tie of friendship, ~~we~~ <sup>he</sup> has come  
 to pay ~~the Germans~~ a visit. In reality we are  
 the members of one family, because  
 the Love of Baha-Allah has cemented  
 together all our hearts. ~~I have~~ <sup>He has</sup> already  
 sent many cablegrams to all parts  
 of the Orient and America that  
~~we~~ <sup>He was</sup> are now in Stuttgart. This news  
 will give them great rejoicing and  
 happiness. Then he spoke about  
 the devotion and the self-sacrifice  
 of the Persian believers. As  
 regards the last night <sup>public</sup> meeting he said:-  
 It was a spiritual assemblage, a heavenly  
 gathering. The lights of the Kingdom  
 were shining upon it; the Confirmations  
 of the Holy-Spirit descended upon it.  
 Consider what a wonderful Bounty

and Favor this <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ that a <sup>6</sup> ~~per~~ <sup>from</sup> ~~ance~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~ge~~  
the East and <sup>the German</sup> ~~from~~ from the west ~~are~~  
gathered together. The result of these  
meetings will be known later.

5 To another group of friends gathered <sup>about</sup> he  
said: — We are all close relations, we  
are the members of one family and  
one household. We receive the lights  
of one sun, ~~we~~ drink from the same  
fountain, ~~we~~ walk in the same  
rose-garden, <sup>and</sup> ~~we~~ are under the  
protection of one gardener, therefore  
we enjoy amongst ourselves the utmost  
of unity and unity. <sup>He</sup> I hoped that  
day unto day this communication  
may increase. This age is the age of  
lights! This century is the century  
of love! This period is the period of  
the awesness of the world of humanity!  
This cycle is the cycle of the down-  
pouring of the Bestowels of God!

6. There was amongst those who were present a very old man with a very long beard and a very young heart. The Master talked with him a great deal, kissed his beard and they became great friends. It is most interesting to observe the love and the respect that the German Children have for the Master; even the children who are four or six years old come into his presence with such a reverence that is impossible to describe! They all bring flowers and fruits. The Beloved gathers them around himself near the window and showers <sup>upon</sup> them his blessings. To see him <sup>from</sup> sitting on the chair near the window every morning and surrounded often with six or ten children



is the most ideal picture I have seen!  
 Now and then he gets up from his seat  
 takes a child by his two arms, lifts him  
 up and puts him on the bed to the delight  
 of the mothers and those who are  
 present. Some one said, if we have  
 worked in the Cause a hundred years  
 we could not attract so many different  
 elements to the Cause, only Allah  
 Baha can do that. He answered: - <sup>that</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>has</sup>  
 that each one of <sup>them</sup> you may become  
 a divine farmer and each one may  
 cultivate a large <sup>blessed</sup> farm. The  
 real Bahai farming is through deeds.  
 May <sup>they</sup> you become adorned and confirmed  
 with such deeds and actions that  
 they may become the pure seeds.  
 The Bahais must be known  
 by their deeds. That is why His  
 Holiness the Christ says: ye shall

Know the trees by their fruits. God hath  
chosen <sup>the Bahais</sup> ~~you~~ from amongst the people  
and has opened the doors of the Kingdom  
before <sup>their</sup> ~~your~~ faces. Therefore <sup>you</sup> ~~you~~ must  
appreciate the value of this gift so  
that each one of <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~ may become  
a lamp lighted with the Fire of the  
Love of God; day unto day ~~you~~ may <sup>they</sup>  
be drawn nearer unto God in order  
that <sup>their</sup> ~~your~~ hearts be inspired with  
divine Inspirations. May <sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>become</sup>  
as fruitful trees producing <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~  
fruits for all the seasons. <sup>They</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>have</sup>  
decided this station for <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~. <sup>These</sup>  
majority of the people are the  
lowers of shells, praise be to  
God <sup>the Bahais</sup> ~~you~~ are ~~the~~ lowers of the  
kernel. <sup>The people</sup> ~~you~~ ~~are~~ ~~deprived~~  
of reality <sup>and</sup> ~~you~~ <sup>their</sup> ~~have~~ <sup>reached</sup>  
the home of Fruith

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A mother with three of her daughters who <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ all good Babais were presented to the Beloved. ~~and the~~ After welcoming them he said: ~~I am~~ <sup>No more</sup> very happy to have come to Stuttgart and ~~to~~ <sup>the</sup> supplicated at the Threshold of the Almighty to descend upon <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~ this eternal blessings, <sup>They were his</sup> ~~you are my~~ friends, <sup>his</sup> ~~my~~ real friends ~~and~~ shall never forget <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~. I shall continually remember <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~. <sup>They were his</sup> ~~you~~ are my own daughters, <sup>that</sup> that in the orchard of God <sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ may be <sup>as</sup> fruitful trees. <sup>Let them be</sup> ~~Be~~ happy because <sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ have entered under the protection of Baba Ullal. <sup>They were</sup> ~~you are~~ all the sheep of God and the Blessed Perfection <sup>was their</sup> ~~is your~~ shepherd. <sup>Let them</sup> ~~Thank~~ God and <sup>render glory to Him</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>Let them be</sup> ~~of~~ confident in the Favours and Boonies of Baba Ullal. His Everlasting Bestandly shall surround <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~ and shall choose <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~ for a great service

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from amongst this own maid servants.  
<sup>Then</sup> ~~your~~ mention will become eternal  
in the Kingdom and <sup>then</sup> ~~your~~ names will  
be handed down to posterity and  
in the divine world <sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ will be  
like ignited lamps and <sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ will  
be related to God."

In short, I may <sup>on</sup> write <sup>more</sup> many pages  
~~now~~ about the Beloved's talks in  
the morning but these <sup>few drops are sufficient</sup> ~~is not~~, as  
one o'clock we found <sup>him</sup> the Master  
almost exhausted from the four  
hours consecutive talk. He said <sup>he</sup>  
<sup>was</sup> most happy to see the believers  
of Germany so holy, so pure and  
so united. They <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ the angels of  
the Paradise of Abba! You pray  
that the Flame of <sup>these</sup> Divine Light  
may be ignited in all Germany.  
Then he had his lunch and took

10 his rest. At half-past two we had  
12 tea in his presence and at four  
o'clock Consul Schwarz with  
his wife and daughter came with  
their ~~auto-carriage~~ <sup>car</sup> to take the Master  
to Esslingen where Miss Anna  
Köstlin, a most devoted, enthusiastic  
Bahai has prepared a children's  
party to greet Abdul Baha. Another  
auto was hired for the other Persian  
friends and after a few minutes  
we were driving through the  
the most beautiful part of  
the country, all ablaze  
in a riot of colors and hues!  
We passed by rivers and falls,  
mountains and hills, all  
clothed in the joyful garments  
of Spring. How I wished the

American friends could share these hours in the divine presence of the Master! This is the most beautiful season and I am glad that we did not come last month.

On our way to Esslingen we saw many vineyard. ~~Some of the~~ mountains from ~~top~~ <sup>bottom</sup> to summit

|| <sup>changed to</sup> vineyards. Counsel Shwarz <sup>asked</sup> about the future events in Europe. <sup>the answer is:-</sup>

There will be a general war between the European powers "he said" and Germany of course will take a prominent part. Baba Allah has predicted a war between Germany and France and this will be fulfilled!

Consul Schwatz is the Representative  
 of the Norwegian Government  
 and is the President and Proprietor  
 of a dancing institution which  
 was founded by his father. As  
 we sped along the road the  
 Master enjoying the wonderful  
 changing scenes of nature  
 Consul told him about himself  
 and his visions of life and  
 the Master assured him  
 that everything will be well  
 with him. We were driven  
 through the famous Black-  
 woods of Stuttgart and  
 were simply charmed with  
 the beautiful panorama  
 constantly opening before  
 us.

It was as though we were driving  
through a fairy land. At last we  
arrived at Esslingen, a quaint  
lovely town. <sup>Here</sup> There are a large  
number of young men who  
have become Bahais. Miss  
Köstler, the hostess who always  
smiles and laughs and is a  
charming young lady was dressed  
in beautiful white silk.  
She was radiant with happiness  
and bubbling over with joy. ~~She~~  
and a large number of mothers  
were waiting at the door of the  
large hall to welcome the  
Royal King. As our Beloved  
ascended the stairs, they  
followed him reverently



Now we ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> in the ~~large~~ room,  
 just before entering the Hall.  
 What ~~to see~~ <sup>is this enrapturing scene before</sup> ~~before~~ <sup>before</sup> our  
 eyes? More than ~~two~~ <sup>one hundred</sup> children  
 boys and girls, most of them  
 dressed in spotless white, each  
 one a bouquet of flowers in  
 his or her hand, waving in the air  
 as a welcome to the King and  
 suddenly the Chorus of "Alle-  
 luia" was raised from all. I  
 was overtaken with surprise  
 emotion, joy and couldn't  
 contain myself! The tears  
 filled my eyes! It was the  
 most beautiful, the most  
 heavenly, the most artistic  
 picture that I have ever

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seen in all my life. Then the Beloved  
~~walked~~ walked in their midst, touching  
 the head of this, looking into the  
 radiant face of that and near  
 while talking the words of light.  
 He had brought with himself  
 candies in small decorated boxes  
 and he divided <sup>amongst</sup> them. Then he  
 entered into the large hall.  
 The floor <sup>here there were</sup> was covered with  
 many tables big and small  
 decorated with flowers and  
 candies and fruits. All the  
 children and their mothers ~~and~~  
~~sisters~~ sat at the tables.  
 A long table at the upper  
 side of the hall was <sup>prepared</sup>  
 for the Master, the platoon

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decorated  
was ~~also covered~~ with large palms  
and orange trees. Oh! it was so  
beautiful! I cannot describe  
these things. One must  
feel them, see them! It  
was a glorious day indeed for  
these people in a far away  
town of Germany to see  
with their own eyes the  
Desire of all nations! What  
love! What attraction! What  
enthrallment these German  
believers have! As to Miss  
Koster she was serving  
and looking after the  
happiness of the friends. I  
have seen few girls who  
~~were~~ <sup>are</sup> as happy and as radiant  
as this really remarkable girl!

The Master and his friends <sup>sat</sup> sitting  
at the table <sup>and later he</sup> delivered ~~another~~  
address which ~~was~~ translated  
into English and ~~then~~ by Mr  
Eckstein, <sup>translated in English</sup> but German. When  
the Beloved finished speaking  
tea and refreshments were  
served and afterwards  
all the children and the mothers  
and fathers were called to  
go out ~~and be ready for~~  
a photograph to be taken  
with the Master. When  
the Master came out  
in front of the Hall  
every body in the loge

gathering had a flower in his <sup>20</sup>  
or her hand. It was a lovely  
idea! The Master sat in a  
Chair and I begged him to have  
a ~~sweet lovely~~ red rose in  
his hand! which I ~~enclose~~  
~~here for your collection.~~  
Two pictures were taken and  
I am <sup>sure</sup> they will turn out to  
be very ~~good~~ ~~excellent~~. After  
this the Master <sup>had</sup> <sup>himself</sup>  
to everyone and <sup>walked</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>to</sup>  
his <sup>car</sup> ~~automobile~~. Everybody  
gathered around <sup>the car</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>him</sup> and  
~~they~~ offered <sup>him</sup> their flowers to  
~~add~~ ~~their~~ ~~hands~~ to the  
Master. Others <sup>to</sup> <sup>holding</sup> <sup>their</sup> <sup>flowers</sup>  
hands, waved <sup>them</sup> in the air.

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While the picture was being taken more than 500 men and women and children as curiosity seekers had gathered <sup>in front</sup> of the Hall because they had never experienced such an event in all their lives. <sup>Before</sup> the <sup>car</sup> automobile started on its way the Master called Miss Koethig and thanked her and her associates for the splendid arrangements of the Feast. She was overwhelmed with joy with this <sup>marked</sup> <sup>distinction</sup> of the left <sup>in</sup> with a heart full of happiness <sup>in</sup> the borders of our hearts <sup>in</sup> inundated with a

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flood of emigrants. ~~For~~ <sup>on</sup> our  
return, ~~we~~ <sup>they</sup> took <sup>us through</sup> another road  
and again we beheld the <sup>constant</sup> shifting scenes of the beautiful  
country and Vineyard. Arriving  
at the hotel the Master invited  
Consul, his wife and daughter  
to come up. As the daughter is  
studying art, the Master is  
asked what <sup>was</sup> the best  
for her children to <sup>take up</sup> study.  
The Master said, <sup>The parent</sup> you must  
let the children study that  
which they like best.  
If your daughter loves art,  
she can devote her time  
to it and surely she will  
succeed. Painting <sup>was</sup> a lovely

art and most refined; we  
have an <sup>Bahai</sup> artist in New York. Her  
name is Miss Juliet Thompson.  
At first, she <sup>requested me if I gave her</sup> ~~asked~~ <sup>I wanted</sup> ~~asked~~ me  
or two sittings, she ~~would~~ paint  
my picture. I consented, but  
the one or two sittings became  
many. I wondered whether after  
all she got all the <sup>she wanted</sup> sittings (here  
the Master laughed) "Then the  
daughter of Consul asked,  
whether she would be  
permitted to paint <sup>him</sup> ~~the Master~~.  
"All right" the resigned <sup>genuine</sup> ~~genuine~~  
came with a twinkle of smile  
in his eyes. "How many hours  
do you require?"



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" About three hours. " This is too much, 24  
" fifteen minutes ~~do~~ " Oh no!  
" it is not enough " ~~do~~ " would. " ~~do~~ " would. " Oh no!  
" hour do? " At last it was  
arranged for Monday that the  
Shauline may ~~take~~ paint <sup>from</sup> the  
~~house~~. " I hope you will not  
walk in Miss Thompson's feet,  
steps. " He told her laughing.

The Beloved rested the evening  
Mr and Mrs Kerrigel ~~called~~ <sup>called</sup> ~~us~~ <sup>us</sup>  
and he served them tea ~~prepared~~ <sup>prepared</sup>  
with his own hands.

15 Our trip to Budapest at  
last decided. We will leave  
for that city on Tuesday evening  
by way of Munich and Vienna  
~~Love to all~~  
Ahmad

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April 5, 1913

Dear Harriet 1

It was the fifth of December <sup>1912</sup> that the ~~Beloved~~ <sup>we</sup> sailed away from New York ~~harbor~~ and this is the fifth of April 1913 that I write to you from Stuttgart, so it is exactly four months that the Master has been travelling in Europe, spreading the message of the Kingdom and promoting the principles of the <sup>Beloi</sup> Cause. Now we have before us another trip to Budapest and <sup>on</sup> our return we will probably make a short stay of ~~a day or two~~ in Vienna. During the last four months you have received the news of the Master's movements quite regularly I suppose, although not quite as graphically as one would like to immortalize every action and deed of the ~~Beloved~~ and to preserve every word he utters. This German

sojourn

~~trip~~ although only a few days <sup>old</sup> yet <sup>so far</sup> much work has been accomplished and ~~many~~ <sup>innumerable</sup> <sup>souls</sup> people are attracted to the Cause and will, <sup>no doubt</sup> be drawn to it as soon as the Master leaves the city. It is interesting to note that from the time the Beloved has arrived in Stuttgart to the time he is going to leave will be exactly 8 days. <sup>Before</sup> arriving he expected to stay only <sup>one</sup> day or two, but he found the German believers so warm so <sup>enthusiastic</sup> kindled that he decided <sup>otherwise</sup> to stay much longer. Owing to certain reasons known only to himself he requested the friends to avoid ~~all~~ newspaper publicity, although ~~all~~ the city knows something ~~about~~ him and speaks about the Cause. As he goes out and <sup>enters</sup> ~~comes~~ in the hotel ~~all~~ the eyes are turned toward him and wander at his majesty

2.

This morning ~~the Master~~ <sup>he</sup> prepared the tea with his own hands and served us most lovingly. A <sup>little</sup> incident which shows more than anything else his <sup>extreme courtesy and</sup> thoughtfulness was this:- He had just given me the cup of tea and I was going to drink it, when he remembered, Sayad Assad ~~had~~ had no tea, so he told me, he was going to call him to come <sup>in</sup>. I put my cup on the table and wanted to go ~~of course~~ in his place. "No, No" he said, "you drink your tea. It will get cold. I will go and tell him to come." Just think of it! How thoughtful and considerate he is even to his nearest servants - servants who are ready to sacrifice their ~~lives~~ lives for him. ~~Then~~ After awhile he revealed several

several Tablets for the American  
believers, especially one for the  
Bowery Mission which were  
immediately translated and for-  
warded. In the book which is intended  
for the historical records of the Cause  
he wrote:—"O God! Confer Thou a  
shelter upon this Person under Thy  
Protection and surround him with  
Thy Infinite Bounties! Verily  
Thou art the Generous and the  
4 Merciful." — In the family  
book of Consul Schuyler he writes:  
"O Thou Incomparable Lord! Bless  
Thou the members of this Household  
and endear these souls in Thy  
Kingdom and confer them in  
the service of Thy Cause! Verily  
Thou art the Powerful! The  
Mighty"

~~This morning~~ Young Hefter with his mother and father came to see the Master. I do not think the boy is more than 4 yrs old but very intelligent and a true Bahai. He <sup>has been</sup> coming every day and receiving a ~~great deal of~~ <sup>great</sup> ~~love~~ <sup>love</sup> from the Master. They ~~tell me~~ <sup>tell the Master</sup> he had already taught all the children of his quarter about the Bahai Cause and <sup>was</sup> full of love for Abdu'l Baha. <sup>This morning</sup> ~~Today~~ <sup>his</sup> parents asked "where should we go?" "Of course" he directly answered "we will go and pay our homage to Abdu'l Baha. Is there any other place to go while he is here?" "What will you take for him?" "A Basket of apples and flowers." "All right."

And <sup>so</sup> he entered the room, a basket of red  
apples in his hand, decorated with pink  
carnations; with curly hair, ~~and~~  
smiling face <sup>the words of</sup> and Allahu Akbar  
on his lips ~~too~~ <sup>was</sup> running towards  
Abdul Baha. When the Beloved heard  
the low "young Wefuei" ~~teaching~~ <sup>was</sup> the  
Cause, he embraced and kissed him  
and said:— "It is most excellent to  
be a teacher in the Cause from  
childhood. When <sup>he</sup> I was at ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> age  
the age of this little boy <sup>he</sup> I was <sup>also</sup> teaching.  
While ~~was~~ <sup>he was still</sup> living <sup>in Persia</sup> ~~there~~ <sup>there</sup>  
was a believer whose mother was  
not a Bahai and he was very <sup>anxious</sup>  
to make him one, He was brought  
<sup>Abdul Baha</sup> to ~~me~~ and <sup>I</sup> spoke to him ~~at~~  
~~length~~ about the Cause. At  
last he said: "I am not <sup>convinced</sup>  
I am not yet satisfied." <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> ~~told~~  
him <sup>that</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> not hungry

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<sup>would</sup> he ~~would~~ not be <sup>long</sup> ~~hungry~~ for food; if he <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~  
 not thirsty, he <sup>would</sup> ~~would~~ not <sup>yearn</sup> ~~long~~ for water.  
<sup>only a</sup> ~~only a~~ seeing eye <sup>could</sup> ~~could~~ be convinced of the <sup>existence</sup> ~~existence~~  
 of the sun. <sup>only a</sup> ~~only a~~ hearing ear <sup>could</sup> ~~could~~ hear <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~  
 sweet melodies ~~and not the deaf~~. Therefore  
 first of all <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ must find the seeing  
 eyes, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ must become hungry and  
 thirsty, <sup>but he could</sup> ~~but he could~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~you~~ may go now and when  
<sup>he</sup> ~~you~~ get these <sup>articles he could</sup> ~~things~~ come back.  
 He went <sup>among</sup> ~~and~~ after some time he  
 returned. <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> ~~I~~ spoke with him again  
 and this time he became a good  
 Bahai. There were many children  
 today and the Master took them  
 one by one and made them sit  
 in front of him on the bed. He gave  
 to each candy and fruit and they <sup>sat</sup> ~~sat~~  
 quiet all the time. His first  
 address to a group of people was  
 about the four periodical seasons



of each religious movements. Now <sup>he said</sup> it is the spiritual springtime of the world and the spirit of God is soaring over the sea of existence.

8 ~~Afterward~~ he picked out from another group a man and addressed him thus: I love thee very much, I desire thy illumination with the light of God. Mayest thou discover the secrets of realities! Mayest thou obtain seeing eyes; so that thou mayest behold the Kingdom of God! Mayest thou receive hearing ears in order to hear the heavenly Call! Mayest thou be baptized with the Fire of the Law of God, with the Breaths of the Holy Spirit and with the water of Life!

8 To another group he spoke in detail about the <sup>two</sup> kinds of Happiness; material and spiritual, man through spiritual happiness alone

finds peace and contentment. All other material means ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> ~~only~~ a temporary satisfaction. To another group he spoke on the importance of spreading the message: "Today if you teach one person it is as though you have resurrected a dead soul into life. It is as though you have changed the black stone into diamond, it is as though you <sup>have</sup> transmuted metals into gold or stones into angels, or animal into man."

11 About ~~12 o'clock~~ <sup>noon</sup> Mr Eksteri was in the room alone with the Master. He said, for many years he has been the President of different societies and has tried to serve each according to his ability but now he has realized that all these denominations <sup>did</sup> not contain the whole truth <sup>found</sup> in the Bahai revelation he has found

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the complete truth. yes, the Master  
~~say~~ <sup>answer</sup> a thirsty man will run after  
every fountain, he may drink bitter  
and stagnant water but at least he  
will reach to the sweet spring. Good  
praise <sup>be</sup> to God that ~~them~~ <sup>he</sup> has attained.  
All these roads are narrow and  
will end either to precipices or  
wild ~~turns~~ but the highway of  
truth is clear and all the smaller  
roads converge <sup>into</sup> it. The Bahai  
Cause is the sweet spring of water  
which is never dried up. it is the  
Great Highway <sup>which lead man to</sup> the  
glorious palace of the King of Kings  
it is the limitless sea and all the  
lakes and rivers are limited. In  
other word, all the religions and  
societies find their principles  
not only unfolded in this Dispensa-  
tion but well-developed.

12 ~~The~~ The Editor of a monthly

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German Magazine which is published  
 in Switzerland, came to see the Beloved  
 and ~~he~~ <sup>they</sup> ~~said~~ he desired to write a  
 monthly article on the Bahai  
 revelation. The Master approved  
 of his plan and <sup>he</sup> will start ~~for~~  
 13 ~~the~~ next month. Many other  
 friends were presented to the Beloved,  
 some receiving Persian names for  
 their children, others asking for  
 the stone of the greatest name.  
 14 At ~~four~~ <sup>three</sup> o'clock the Beloved  
 with Doctor Fisher, Mrs and Miss  
 Schwarz and myself motored  
 to one of the loveliest palaces  
 built according to the plan  
 of El Hamrah in Spain. There  
<sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ many halls, reception  
 rooms, sleeping rooms,

<sup>and</sup> hot-houses ~~with~~. For two hours  
 the Master walked through the  
 buildings, ~~off~~ the furniture <sup>and</sup> ~~of~~  
 Oriental, <sup>and</sup> the paintings <sup>and</sup> Oriental  
 There ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> several graded buildings  
 and cupolas and picture galleries of  
 most beautiful and ideal place.  
~~I send you in a separate package~~  
~~a series of the photos of the places~~  
~~of the Park. It is called "the Royal~~  
~~palace of Wilhelma" It <sup>was</sup> built~~  
~~by one of the Kings of Wurtemberg~~  
~~90 yrs ago. He loved Arabian~~  
~~architecture so much that he~~ <sup>commissioned</sup>  
~~the architects to draw the plan~~  
~~of "Chambra" for his palace.~~  
~~He ~~has~~ spent at that time~~  
~~about 10 million Mostly~~ <sup>in building.</sup>  
~~over it but it is a dream of~~ <sup>beauty.</sup>  
~~As you walk around, it is as though~~  
~~you ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> walking <sup>reading</sup> <sup>the</sup> Arabian~~

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night story. The Master said: On one  
 hand this wonderful palace shows  
 the high civilization of the Saracens  
 in Spain and on the other hand it  
 makes one sad to contemplate that  
 all these marvellous traces of glories  
 of Arabian civilization are entirely <sup>forgotten</sup>  
 by the people of the Orient and  
 instead of advancing they <sup>have been</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>retrograding.</sup>  
 Returning to the hotel the Master thanked  
 most heartily <sup>at the Consul</sup> for giving us such a  
 good time in the afternoon. He  
 evidently enjoyed <sup>the outing</sup> very much. They  
 were invited to drink tea with  
 him. Both mother and daughter  
 as well as the Consul are very rare  
 Bahais and most sincere!  
 At eight o'clock <sup>the</sup> Consul with  
 Mr Herrigel came to take <sup>the Master</sup>  
 to Esperant meeting. Arriving

at the meeting the President of Esperanto  
 Society of Stuttgart took the Chair  
 and delivered quite a long and interesting  
 address in German. Afterward the  
 Master spoke in detail on the usefulness  
 of a universal language quite from  
 another standpoint <sup>than</sup> the two  
 ones in Edinburgh and Paris. Mr  
 Ekstein translated ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> English and  
 the audience listened most carefully.  
 Miss Pollock was in the automobile  
 with the Master. After the  
 meeting we were taken to Mr  
 and Mrs Ekstein for supper. Miss  
 Pollock was also invited. A large  
 table was decorated with lovely  
 flowers and many delicious  
 eatables, the two sons of Mr  
 Ekstein had come from <sup>another part of Germany</sup> ~~another~~  
 to be present. Mr Ekstein  
 showed the photograph

of his father to the Master. My father  
was a clergyman," he said. Back came  
the divine answer, "Thy father was  
the Minister of a church of clay,  
mayst thou become a minister  
of the Kingdom of God." Miss Pollock  
said: "I am teaching English in Göttingen."  
"Thou hast been a teacher of the  
earthly language, now is the time  
to become the teacher of the  
heavenly language. Spread the  
message wherever thou art. Teach  
your pupils both languages."  
"I will do my best. In order to <sup>make</sup>  
<sup>them</sup> study English I ~~am~~ <sup>will</sup> teach <sup>them</sup> the  
Bahai literature." "~~Well!~~ <sup>All right!</sup> This  
is very <sup>good</sup> ~~well~~" the Beloved said.  
"For seven years my sister ~~has~~



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Tried to make me a Bahai; now I am  
one. I know Abdu'l Baha as the  
manifestation of Reality." "The  
Bahais never give up till they succeed."  
17 Mr and Mrs Ekstein of course were  
most happy to have the Beloved of the  
world in their home and at the head  
of their table. After the dinner the  
Master looking at Mr Ekstein, Counsel  
Schwarz and Mr Herrigel said: you  
are a wonderful triumvirate, three  
fine <sup>spiritual</sup> champions. I am going to let  
you wrestle with each other to see  
which one is the victor." After  
talking with them for a few minutes the  
Beloved was taken to the hotel in the  
~~automobile~~. It was very late and we  
retired after a full and busy day.

Love to all  
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Dear Harriet, 1-

The Master had today the most beautiful sight of Germany passing before his glorious vision. We motored through the "Cherry-blossom country," a few miles outside of Stuttgart. Such a scene of white and pink ~~flowers~~ <sup>blossoms</sup> I had never seen in my life. The Consul at three o'clock brought his machine and we motored first to Esslingen, the scene of the children's party, then through a portion of the Black Forest and then suddenly we came upon the "Cherry-blossom country." For miles up the mountains and down the valleys, thousands of trees were adorned with the white garments of spring. If the meadows were not green and the weather was not halcyon and thousand of men

women and children were not out to  
 have a view of this indescribable  
 scene of beauty, one would have thought  
 all these trees ~~and~~ <sup>were</sup> covered with snow  
 and that we ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> in the grip of winter.  
 From very far off places people drive  
 to this village at this season to enjoy  
 this wonder of creation! The Master  
 was simply enraptured <sup>with</sup> the  
 loveliness and attraction of this  
 panorama of nature. First we drove  
 uphill, then down, <sup>engaging the</sup> ~~road~~ <sup>view</sup>  
 from every point. It was also  
 a balmy and delightful ~~day~~ <sup>today</sup>  
 and the <sup>the</sup> crowds of holiday ~~makers~~ <sup>makers</sup> were  
 either walking in the meadows or  
~~lying~~ <sup>stretching</sup> under the trees. It was one of  
 the rare experiences that one can  
 never forget. For me these days are  
 the days of Paradise filled with

happiness never ending!

2 <sup>Thus</sup> Being Sunday, before nine o'clock the believers started to come. There were so many that crowds were standing outside ready for the room to be emptied so that they may be able to come in. The Beloved was the incarnation of love and affection. There were many children and to these he was specially attentive. He gathered them around himself near the window and showered his love upon all without any distinction. The <sup>mothers</sup> were made very happy. For them this has been their supreme joy.

3 While he kissed and caressed the children he spoke: - What did <sup>the Esperantists</sup> say last night? ~~the~~

~~Especially~~. I delivered an address to them according to their conception of truth. They were the beginners therefore <sup>3</sup> ~~we~~ spoke to them with gentleness. <sup>The Bible says must</sup> "Speak always with the people from their <sup>own</sup> standpoint. If you explain the difficult problems of mathematics or geometry for the children they will not understand, it is above and beyond their comprehension. That is why his holiness Christ says: I have many things to say unto you but you cannot comprehend them now howbeit when the spirit of truth shall come he will lead you <sup>unto</sup> all truth. Therefore <sup>the friends</sup> ~~we~~ must always consider <sup>for</sup> ~~the~~

the mental capacity of an audience  
and speak to them from their  
standpoint so that they may not  
be shocked and run away and  
<sup>that they</sup> ~~degrees by degrees~~ they may  
attain to the reality. Can we  
give strong food to a suckling  
babe? If we do such a thing the  
life of the babe will be in danger.  
Its constitution cannot assimilate  
roast chicken - or beef-steak but  
only pure milk ~~will be called~~  
~~forth~~. Now you have reached  
to the age of maturity. you  
can comprehend the secrets  
of the Kingdom, but the  
majority of the people are  
yet as children. they must  
be fed with the milk

of gentleness. Therefore deal with <sup>6</sup> them ever gently so that they attain to the age of maturity; for this reason his holiness Christ said to his disciples: To you <sup>it</sup> is given to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom, <sup>And again he said</sup> do not cast the pearls before the swine; because the apostles were the people of reality and others were the followers of superficiality. <sup>4</sup> Then he spoke how the Jews expected the descent of Christ from heaven, while in reality there <sup>was</sup> no heaven. Praise be to God that your eyes are opened and you are witnessing the mysteries of God, your ears are unstopped and you are listening the divine Call, consequently with these people whose eyes and ears are shut

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you must be gentle and patient. These children shall reach to the age of maturity; these tender plants shall attain to the stage of fruition, these sleepy <sup>ones</sup> shall become awakened from the slumber of negligence. But then at that time their station will not be as great as now! Now is the accepted time. Those souls who became awakened during the life time of Christ, they were the chosen ones, they were the stars of the heavenly Truth, they were the lamps of guidance. How can we ever compare the station of the apostles and those who came later! Therefore your station ~~is~~ cannot be compared with those who will be awakened



later. you are the first fruits of the season ~~and it is~~ very much sought after but afterward the market will become surfeited with fruits.

You are the first budding flowers in the rose garden of knowledge. I am most pleased with the believers of Stuttgart. Truly I say, they are illumined, even their children are radiant.

Looking at an old man with long flowing beard he said: - "This old man is a real lion, nay rather he is greater than the lion, because the lion has only the brute force while he has the spiritual power. Speaking to Mr Ekstein he said: Last night we dined in your home and <sup>we</sup> were very happy there!"

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Mr Ekstein <sup>that his</sup>  
He said ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> home ~~was~~ now dedicated to the  
Cause. The Master said <sup>that</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>your</sup> home has  
been always dedicated. Then a young <sup>couple</sup>  
who are engaged came to see the Master.

Their names are Miss Bertha Bahmiller  
and Mr Boppf. The Beloved received them  
with great love and cordiality. They looked  
as sweet as one can expect very demure,  
and very <sup>Abdul Baha told them that they were</sup> ~~loving~~ most welcome.

<sup>He uses</sup> ~~are~~ very pleased with <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~. I pray that  
the benediction of God may descend  
upon <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~, the Breaths of the Holy  
Spirit may surround <sup>them</sup> ~~you~~ and may  
<sup>they</sup> ~~you~~ be submerged in the sea of  
the Mercy of God. If the heavenly blessing  
does not descend, no matter how  
much man <sup>may</sup> strive it will be  
fruitless. If the rays of the Sun

do not radiate, the trees will not yield  
fruits. If you find a lamp lighted, it  
will be ~~of~~ the result of the training  
of the Sun. The rays of the Sun of Reality  
are the Divine Confirmations and in turn  
these confirmations are like unto  
the showers of the Spring. If we  
see the torrential rivers flowing  
they are the result of the aggregation  
of the rain. Without the Confirmations  
of God nothing is possible of attain-  
ment. ~~I~~ I hope that the divine  
Confirmations may descend upon  
~~you~~ <sup>them</sup>. May ~~you~~ <sup>they</sup> find the highest  
state of happiness! May ~~you~~ <sup>they</sup>  
live together in the intense state  
of joy and beatitude! May ~~you~~ <sup>they</sup>  
advance day unto day in all the  
degrees of ideal perfection!

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May ~~your~~<sup>their</sup> thoughts gain a wider range of  
 vision. May ~~your~~<sup>their</sup> ideas develop!  
 May ~~your~~<sup>their</sup> information increase!  
 May ~~your~~<sup>their</sup> become like unto igneous  
 and the lights of divine Bestowments  
 may appear from ~~you~~<sup>them</sup> so that in  
 this world ~~you~~<sup>they</sup> may live together in  
 the utmost state of felicity and  
 obtain eternal life in the Divine  
 Kingdom - that ~~that they~~<sup>that they</sup> may become  
 beloved in both worlds. This <sup>will be</sup>  
 prayer in ~~your~~<sup>their</sup> behavior. God willing  
~~they~~<sup>they</sup> will be in the greatest state  
 of joy =

There was a girl who desired to enter  
 into the <sup>Monastery</sup> ~~Monastery~~ is a nun.  
 The Beloved said: There is no such  
 thing in <sup>the</sup> Bahai' Cause but we may  
 engage in the spread of the cause

and dedicate as much of her time to it as possible and spend her days in the service of the Kingdom and whenever opportunity comes up, she may marry. There <sup>was</sup> perfect freedom in this movement.

9 - Many more people <sup>entered the Master's room</sup> and the ~~Master~~ <sup>he</sup> continued to speak to this and to that group till well nigh one o'clock. When <sup>at last</sup> everybody left, as he <sup>was</sup> walked back and forth, he said:

The believers of Germany are very warm, very sincere, very attracted, very attracted. They shall be confirmed to teach throughout Europe.

<sup>Just then</sup> A large number of the believers from Eschingen came and the beloved ever kind and compassionate received them. He said:- They were welcome.

They must thank God and he must thank God that meeting like unto this is being held, for this meeting cannot be compared

with other meetings. This meeting is for  
 bringing together those souls which  
 are illumined. This meeting is through  
 the power of the Glad tidings of God.  
 This is the meeting of the people of the  
 Kingdom. This meeting is like unto  
 the Magnet and <sup>the</sup> iron. This meeting  
 is like unto the meeting of the  
 rain and the earth. This meeting  
 is like unto the meeting of the fire  
 and the oil. This meeting is like  
 unto the meeting of the breeze and  
 the trees. Therefore it contains many  
 important results. Now its fruits  
 are not seen. When the rain is  
 falling, the wise man will see  
 the transformation of the earth  
 into verdant meadows and flowers  
 at the ~~merguitant~~ ~~likewise~~ ~~our~~  
 meeting. At present it is not  
 known what forces are set  
 to work, ere long it will become

apparent. The results of this meeting are  
 the change of the hearts into sweet  
 and verdant flower-gardens; the  
 outflow of the fire of the Love of God;  
 the discovery of the Mysteries of the  
 Kingdom; the unfolding of the  
 Knowledge of God; the attainment  
 to eternal life; entrance into the  
 Mount of Transfiguration; the  
 effulgence of the rays of the Sun  
 of Reality; the acquirement of the  
 excellencies of the world of humanity  
 and the realization of everlasting  
 felicity. <sup>He</sup> I hoped that through this  
 system of Bahai education <sup>they</sup> <sup>you</sup>  
 may become the light-reflecting  
 lamps of the assemblage of  
 mankind

" To Mr Herrigel he laughingly remarked  
 that <sup>the Germans</sup> Bahais were  
 coming here in

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such numbers that the proprietors  
of ~~the hotel~~ may leave the premises  
and run away for his life,  
saying, 'I leave the hotel in the  
hand of Mr Herrigel and his  
friends'. No doubt everybody <sup>was</sup>  
wandering, everybody ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> wondering  
what ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> the business of all these  
people coming here every morning.

12 After our delightful excursion  
through the cherry blossom country,  
we ~~returned to the city~~ <sup>visited</sup> the  
house of the mother of the  
wife of <sup>the</sup> Consul. There all the  
friends had gathered to take  
photograph with the Master  
in the large park of Wangenbühl.

5. There were so many people  
that ~~they~~ <sup>we had to</sup> were divided into  
seven groups; one for men.



alone. ~~you will receive a complete~~  
~~set of these photos real soon.~~  
 Then Consul Scherz took some  
 small photos of the Master  
 under a cherry blossom tree  
 which I hope will turn out  
 to be good. After drinking  
 tea and thanking everyone,  
 especially the Mother of Mrs  
 Scherz and the Mother of <sup>the</sup> Consul  
 the Beloved drove to the  
 home of Mr and Mrs Friedrich  
 Schweizer in Karlstrasse 25  
 Zuffenhausen. <sup>They are</sup> ~~very~~ excellent  
 Babais. Mrs Schweizer was  
 simply beside herself with joy.  
 She is filled with the Love  
 of the Master. Consul Scherz  
 said later that ~~he was~~ <sup>he was</sup>  
 German ~~yet~~ <sup>yet he often</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~wondered~~  
~~often~~ at the ~~script~~ <sup>script</sup> enthusiasm  
 of these two souls.

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The Beloved drank a cup of tea and  
made a few remarks as follows:-  
Here ~~we have~~ <sup>he</sup> came to ~~your~~ <sup>their</sup> home! May  
God encircle it for ever with  
the lights of Truth. May it be blessed  
~~always~~ always. We have come here  
in the name of Baha Allah.  
Any house in which the name  
of Baha Allah is raised, the blessing  
of God will descend upon it; the  
divine light will shine upon it  
<sup>and</sup> the Breaths of the Holy Spirit will  
waft over it. Therefore, ~~I~~ <sup>he</sup> prays to  
God that special blessing  
may descend upon ~~the~~ <sup>their</sup> home.  
May it become a heavenly home!  
May the mention of Baha-  
Allah be made always in that  
home.

14 ~~The~~ We drove back to the hotel

and after a little rest, at half-  
 past eight we were again on our  
 way to Oheres Museum. This  
 was a public meeting arranged by  
 a committee of Bahai women in  
 the largest hall of the Museum.  
 It ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> a big, beautiful building.  
 The Master on entering was  
 greeted by the rise of the audience.  
 The big hall was filled to the  
 door. More than 800 people were  
 present and the Beloved gave  
 a stirring and eloquent address  
 for peace and Love. Mr Epstein  
 translated <sup>again my English</sup> and ~~here and there~~  
 whenever it he could not think  
 of the right word, voices were  
 heard <sup>again</sup> from the front <sup>all parts of the Hall</sup> seats and  
 coming to his assistance.  
 After the lecture the Master  
 walked around the audience  
 and shook hand with every one

This was the largest meeting ever held in Germany in the Bahai Cause and no doubt its results will be immense in the future. After this meeting the Beloved was driven to Miss Alma Knaablock and Miss Doring's apartment for supper at Neue Weinsteiger 23. This ~~was~~ Apartment is on the fourth floor and after such a strenuous day it was a little difficult to walk up to the fourth floor but in order to make them happy <sup>the Beloved</sup> ~~had~~ <sup>did</sup> it with pleasure. After a few moments rest, supper was served and the Counsel told the Masters about the constitutional laws of the country and many legends

and stories connected with different  
 16 castles. The story of the "Faithful  
 woman" appealed to the Master.  
 There was a castle which was  
 besieged by an enemy and his army.  
 After some months, at the point  
 of starvation the castle capitulated.  
 The general of the victorious army  
 issued a proclamation that all the  
 women may leave the castle with  
 their most precious possessions.

Within  
 each half an hour, the women filed  
 holding the hand of her  
 husband or sweetheart, or brother.

At first, the victor objected to  
 such a proceeding, but when  
 the humanity, sympathy and the  
 humorous situation of it struck him he  
 laughed heartily and let them go  
 free.

After the supper the Master  
 returned to the hotel. It was rather  
 very late and he went directly to  
 rooms to ~~rest~~ <sup>sleep</sup>. ~~Some~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~traced~~ <sup>our</sup> ~~about~~

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Bad Mergentheim, April 7th 1913

Dear Harriet! | -

Here we are in the most beautiful  
part of Germany! Mergentheim baths! I  
had never heard its name before and it is  
only through the heavenly blessing of the Beloved  
that we are enjoying such <sup>a</sup> wonderful  
time! It was about 10.15 this morning  
when in two of the finest automobiles  
of Consul Schwarz we left Marquardt  
Hotel for Mergentheim Baths, a distance  
of ~~30 to 40~~ <sup>130</sup> miles away from Stuttgart.  
This was arranged by the insistent  
invitation of Consul Schwarz who is  
not only the President of the Mergentheim  
baths but has the controlling share

in the company. In the first ~~automobile~~<sup>car</sup> the Beloved, Consul, his wife and daughter, Doctor Fisher and myself and in the second ~~auto~~, Mirza Mahmud, Sayad Usadollah and Sayad Ahmed Bagroff. We gave up our rooms in the hotel because we are returning to-morrow and leave at 7.54 pm for Budapest. We started from the hotel while it was pouring down but after half an hour driving, the air <sup>was</sup> cleared, and ~~there was no more rain~~. Till half past twelve we drove over rolling green hills, mountains, <sup>and</sup> valleys <sup>the</sup> etc, most ideal spots on the face of the earth. We passed by many villages and towns and here and there I saw women, harrowing the earth, sowing the seeds, driving cattle, ~~of sheep~~, cutting the grass, in brief doing all the work that the men generally do in America.

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It was very interesting to see this because  
it seemed to be such a common thing.  
The daughter of the Consul told me,  
yes, women in this part of Germany  
do most of the farming and the  
men are tailors, shopkeepers, etc.  
I thought, to myself I would like to  
know whether these women do  
~~know~~ <sup>hear</sup> anything about the rising of  
the New Woman, the lofty position  
that <sup>she</sup> they fill in the modern  
social world and the <sup>demands</sup> ~~right~~  
<sup>of</sup> ~~you~~ suffrage which is carried on  
like a holy war in England and with  
dignity and ~~woman's~~ diplomacy in



German farmerettes

America. Because they seemed so resigned <sup>to</sup> or rather satisfied with their lot. At half past twelve we arrived at Hall, a quaint old town <sup>and</sup> in the hotel Lamm and Post stopped for <sup>an</sup> hour and half to rest and have <sup>our</sup> lunch. ~~From that hotel I sent you and a few other friends a few postal cards. We had a very nice lunch and the Master rested.~~ At two o'clock we started again and it was ~~about~~ 4 o'clock that we arrived at the most luxurious hotel of Mor-<sup>3</sup>gentheim. On ~~our~~ <sup>the</sup> way the Master spoke to Consul about Bismark and how he was enabled to bring the Confederation of German principalities through the idea of the unity of language and unity of race.

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Consul Schwarz was astonished  
to hear such a clear and lively  
account from the mouth of the  
Master! The country was again most charming,  
the scenery very attractive and our eyes  
were delighted with such green garments  
of nature. The Beloved looked all the time  
at the verdant meadows and was <sup>very</sup>  
pleased. <sup>He said that</sup> God has sent <sup>him</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>Germany</sup> ~~me~~ <sup>your</sup> ~~country~~  
during the spring so that <sup>he</sup> may love  
every part of it. ~~he said to Consul,~~  
~~It was about four o'clock when~~  
~~the city of Mergentheim became~~  
visible on the horizon and after  
a few minutes we ~~passed~~ <sup>passed</sup> through

it and reached the hotel which is built on the ~~crest~~<sup>slope</sup> of a hill, overlooking a vast panorama of other hills and valleys, a most <sup>attractive</sup> enviable situation. The buildings of the Mineral baths are, in front. ~~When~~ Our rooms <sup>having been</sup> ~~were~~ assigned, the Master drank a cup of tea and retired. After awhile we walked around the ground, <sup>thru</sup> the hills and the Consul took some photos of the Master. He visited the baths and blessed the place. <sup>Abdul Baha said that</sup> This place ~~he said afterward~~ <sup>is</sup> under the protection of God. It will become a very important center. <sup>He</sup> ~~I have~~ <sup>prayed</sup> to Bahá'í Club to assist and <sup>confirm</sup> you, <sup>Conrad Schwarz</sup> ~~Then~~ <sup>an</sup> ~~woman~~ Bahá'í woman from Stuttgart had an interview with the Master. She had come especially here to see him, <sup>showing</sup> no matter where the Master goes he <sup>was</sup> followed ~~up~~ by those who desire

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Bad Mergentheim has <sup>been</sup> the  
advice and assistance. ~~Be~~ happy <sup>and</sup> the  
Beloved told her <sup>and</sup> "Be joyful! Trust in  
God! He is a faithful friend! He shall  
never leave <sup>her</sup> ~~thee~~." In the evening the  
Master heard the history of the  
development of the baths and how  
from 1905 to 1911 the <sup>list of</sup> foreign guests  
has increased from 700 to 3000 during  
the season. The baths is for internal  
maladies, Kidney, gall stone, constipation  
etc. The Mineral water is also  
bottled up and sold for these purposes.  
There are electric baths, Massage etc.  
At nine o'clock we had our supper  
and when <sup>the</sup> Consul <sup>related</sup> ~~told~~ a funny story.

and that opened the way for the Master to come back with ~~tell~~ <sup>talk</sup> about 6 or 8 funny, side-splitting stories, one after another. The party divided about 10.45, the Master also retiring first to take a bath and then sleep. It ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> arranged to leave <sup>Mergentheim</sup> ~~this place~~ tomorrow before noon - so that we may reach the city in time for ~~the~~ <sup>train</sup> for Budapest train.

↑ This morning before leaving Stuttgart the Master had a call from a prominent German clergyman who had read the book of "Some answered questions" in French and became greatly <sup>interested</sup> in the Cause. The Beloved spoke with him at length on the materialism of the present century and how dogmas and imitations of religions have divided the people. <sup>He said that he</sup> ~~hoped~~ <sup>the</sup> Beloved ~~said~~ <sup>as his last advice</sup> that <sup>the clergyman would</sup> ~~they~~ <sup>would</sup> ~~might~~ become converted to awaken those souls who are sleep

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and illumine with the light of spiri-  
tuality the German Empire!

Two little gems of heavenly thought  
were left behind by the Master in  
Stuttgart that are translated here  
for the benefit of all. The first  
was in the book of Mr and Mrs  
Friedrich Schuelizer of Zuffen-  
hausen, a town near Stuttgart. They  
are simply lovers of this Cause. They are  
like two shining lamps, two brilliant  
stars, their faces show the love  
they have in their hearts for ~~the~~  
~~Cause and~~ for the Master. They  
are most joyful. They radiate happiness

Here is the prayer written by the Beloved  
 in their book:— "O God! Endeavor this  
 maid - servant of Thine in Thy Kingdom,  
 Verily her heart is filled with Love  
 and ~~the~~ Happiness. Bless her family,  
 and encircle her husband with the  
 Glances of Thy Providence."

9. In the book of Miss Anna  
 Kostlin he wrote:— O Thou kind  
 Lord! Accept this pure and holy  
 girl in Thy new Kingdom, make  
 her beloved by all and glorify her  
 in their sight. Intoxicate her with  
 the overflowing cup of Thy Love, confer  
 upon her tumultuous joy and irresist-  
 ible attraction, ~~and~~ Grant her an  
 eloquent tongue and suffer her to  
 become an embodiment of wisdom  
 and divine understanding, so that  
 she may arise to diffuse the <sup>Sweet</sup>  
 Fragrances of the Rose-garden of Allah  
 Love to all <sup>Paradise</sup>

— Ahmad —

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April 8th 1913  
on train toward  
Budapest.

Dear Harriet!

1. With hearts full of love  
with memories enriched by the  
devoted services of the German  
friends, with minds illumined by the  
light of the hospitality they have shown  
toward us we have departed from  
Stuttgart tonight at 8 o'clock while  
more than one hundred Bahais were  
gathered ~~at~~ <sup>at</sup> the station to say God-  
speed to Our Beloved. What wonderful  
Bahais these people have made of them-  
selves! It seems they are the possessors  
of all the <sup>divine</sup> ~~great~~ attributes. It was  
a compliment when the  
Master said: The German <sup>Bahais</sup> ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup>  
angels. During <sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ 8 days' <sup>sojourn</sup> ~~stay~~  
in Stuttgart, we observed every mark  
of love from the Bahais and respect  
from the outsiders.



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This morning I ~~was~~ <sup>awoke</sup> ~~awake~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~at~~ <sup>in</sup> ~~4.30~~ <sup>Mergentheim</sup> and looking out of my window I ~~was~~ <sup>felt</sup> ~~what~~ <sup>the</sup> great calmness of nature which steals over one ~~at~~ <sup>in</sup> such quiet and far away places; then I prayed for all the believers in America that they may become confirmed in the good-pleasure of our Master.

I wrote a few letters and went out to see the Beloved, <sup>his room</sup> <sup>being</sup> in another wing of the building. I entered, he was also looking out of <sup>the</sup> window listening to the sweet melodies of the nightingales which are found in these enchanting woods and forests. They sing very charmingly and as the Persians are lovers of this bird, the Master remarked, they would give anything in the world to come here and enjoy this earthly paradise.

<sup>He</sup> (thanked) Baha W llah, he said, that <sup>He</sup> has established such a great bond of love and communication

between the people of the East and the West, otherwise what relation exists between Consul Schwarz and us! It is the power of Bismillah that has made possible this! You must appreciate the value of this Bounty so that day unto day it may become greater and more widely spread. Last night and yesterday ~~I~~ <sup>he</sup> was thinking all the time over <sup>certain</sup> news that ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> had received . . . . .

3/8 The weather in Morgenthau <sup>was</sup> cool and vitalizing and this morning's air was bracing. Consul Schwarz took us around to show ~~us~~ his mineral water factory. The water is bottled and dispatched ~~to~~ all over Germany for internal maladies. The <sup>physicians of the</sup> ~~Doctors~~ <sup>place</sup> ~~was~~ introduced to <sup>the</sup> Master. He told him: ~~you~~ <sup>He</sup> must feel very happy because every <sup>one</sup> comes here to seek health and ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> the ~~instrument~~ <sup>channel</sup> through whom they ~~received~~ <sup>received</sup> health. He ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> a ~~dispensed~~ <sup>dispensed</sup>

of health! <sup>He</sup> I pray to God that <sup>he</sup> you may  
 be always successful in <sup>his</sup> your mission  
 and that this place prosper and  
 develop! <sup>special</sup> After breakfast the  
 book in which noted <sup>guests</sup> ~~persons~~ and  
~~guests~~ write their names was  
 brought to the Master. It was opened  
 in 1911 by the Emperor of Germany  
 and his ~~royal~~ royal train who stayed  
 here for a few days. The following  
 short prayer <sup>by a different kind of an Emperor</sup> was written in it  
 "O Almighty! Abdul Baha  
 arrived in this hotel and observed  
 the utmost of consideration on  
 the part of everyone. For one <sup>night</sup>  
 he rested here. O God! make  
 this hotel blessed and successful  
 \$ ~~100~~. All maids and servants  
 were called and the Master gave  
 money to each one of ~~them~~. After  
 taking a photograph in front a

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the hotel, we started our drive of 130 miles back to Stuttgart. ~~In the latter I went 100 miles. It was a mistake.~~

SP This time we took <sup>a more picturesque</sup> ~~another~~ road and we saw <sup>yet</sup> ~~more picturesque~~, more charming, more beautiful, grand scenes of nature! Suddenly we observed that the other ~~car~~ <sup>car</sup> which was following us disappeared. We slowed down but no use. In order to wait for them ~~till~~ <sup>to</sup> catch ~~up~~, we stopped at the village of Weinsberg in a little hotel called "Casthof z. Franke v. Fr. Woforth". The master rested in room No. 10, drank a cup of milk, ~~called~~ <sup>visited</sup> for a few minutes at the home of Theobald Kerner, a writer of great fame in these parts but dead for the last 20 years. His home is a little museum containing his personal ~~belongings~~ <sup>belongings</sup>.

The Master walked through the rooms and was interested in every thing. Seeing ~~they~~ <sup>our Persian friends</sup> ~~have~~ <sup>had</sup> not caught <sup>up with</sup> us,

we telephoned to two villages through which we passed to learn whether they had any accident. No!

They ~~saw~~ <sup>had seen</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>car</sup> ~~and~~ passing by ~~safe~~.

Of course we concluded that they <sup>must</sup> have returned to the city by the <sup>road</sup> ~~way~~ we <sup>came</sup> ~~went~~ to Mergentheim.

Starting again we passed by Beilingen where an enormous factory for generating electrical powers is being installed by Count Schwarz and a number of Capitalist. The factory will distribute electricity to 105 towns and villages and will cost 7 million Pounds when finished. The Master came down and blessed the ground.

Hundreds of men were busy installing machinery <sup>and</sup> for digging

the foundation, etc. It was 2.30 pm when we reached at the house of <sup>the</sup> Consul and found the Persians already there. 2 hours and half ahead of us. The Master was very tired and after a little rest, lunch was served. Bageryff and myself went out ~~afterwards~~ to send away a few telegrams <sup>received from Budapest</sup> to Budapest. <sup>7</sup> According to telegrams ~~already~~ <sup>had</sup> there ~~has~~ been articles in Hungarian papers about the Beloueds arrival. Mr L. Stark <sup>is</sup> the man, a Hungarian by birth who ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> arranging the program. In one telegram he says: - "Everything ready. Lecture rooms. translations. Reception. newspapers. over one thousand invitations issued..." In another telegram he says: - "Thursday evening theosophical

Society; Friday evening <sup>public</sup> ~~common~~ meetings of different Societies. . . . . Preparing every thing. . . . . all the friends are very happy." In another telegram he says:—"Newspapers announcing arrival and lecture"

Mr Stark is a good Bahai and full of enthusiasm. It is mainly due to his tireless effort and work that the Master is going to Hungary. This again will show how one sincere man can draw the Master with the power of his love. I told the Beloved <sup>the sudden appearance of this man was</sup> it seems to me <sup>the most</sup> wonderful <sup>almost a miracle</sup> thing! Where this man Stark ~~has~~ come from? He said:—God had sent him. He <sup>was</sup> an angel in disguise. Wait ~~for~~ <sup>a few</sup> years, after ~~the coming down of~~ <sup>my</sup> trip to America and Europe many great personage

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shall arise to serve the Cause -

8 At 4.30 the Master came out of his room and met several of the friends who had come to see him. ~~He~~ told them that he was ~~a~~ most pleased with the behavior of Stuttgart. They ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> attracted and sincere. After ~~my~~ <sup>his</sup> departure ~~you~~ <sup>they</sup> must all arise to serve the Cause <sup>Bahai</sup> of the ~~Cause~~ with great firmness <sup>and</sup>.

Let nothing on earth disturb <sup>them</sup> you. To Mr Ekstein who wanted to go next year to Dresden, near Saxony to teach he said: - This will be very good. <sup>He</sup> I will ever expect to receive good news from <sup>him</sup> you.

~~That~~ Miss Ann Kostlin brought the photos of the Children's party in Esslingen. ~~They~~ <sup>They</sup> ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> very ~~beautiful~~ <sup>fine</sup>. A copy is being forwarded to you. If any of the friends desire



~~to have one it cost only 50 cents.~~  
~~and they can write to me w.~~

! ~~Received 35 Holderlinstrasse, Stuttgart.~~  
~~The other photos were also brought~~  
and ~~they all have turned out to be~~ ~~very~~ very good. The Master  
was most pleased with them.

Everything in Stuttgart, he said,  
was excellent and now ~~every~~ <sup>every</sup> these  
photos ~~was~~ ~~sure~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ <sup>are</sup> very  
good indeed. Miss Krackel  
and Miss Kostlin had a long  
interview. They asked several  
questions which were answered

9 to their satisfaction. At 7 o'clock  
we were all ready <sup>to leave</sup> ~~to take~~

<sup>and</sup> The ~~auto~~ <sup>auto</sup> ~~mobile~~ <sup>mobile</sup> of Causal <sup>was</sup>  
~~ready~~ <sup>was</sup> ~~ready~~ <sup>ready</sup> and in a few minutes  
we ~~were~~ <sup>arrived</sup> at the station; the

train leaving at 7.54. ~~with~~  
~~my father~~ ~~and~~ ~~my~~ ~~friends~~  
~~and~~ ~~arrived~~ ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~station~~  
each person ~~carrying~~ <sup>carrying</sup> a

bouquet of flowers and upon  
 all the people, <sup>unembarrassed they were</sup> kissing the Master's  
 hand. By half past seven <sup>more</sup>  
 than ~~the~~ ~~first~~ <sup>one hundred</sup> had gathered  
 the railroad officials and  
 the passengers wondering at  
 this strange spectacle! The  
 train being ready, ~~to~~ the Beloved  
 with the rest of <sup>us</sup> started to  
 get on the platform. The  
 largest bouquet of flowers  
 was ~~under the arm~~ <sup>brought by one</sup> of one.

10 of the friends. Miss Knabbe,  
 Miss Posthis, and Mrs  
 Schainco and a Bahai young  
 man requested the Master  
 to ~~accompany~~ <sup>accompany</sup> with us for a few  
~~several~~ stations! It  
 was a most ~~moving~~ <sup>moving</sup> scene  
 of departure! Many were  
 weeping, kissing fervently the

hem of his garment!

~~The Friends' car.~~ When the train pulled out of ~~the station~~ all the hands, handkerchiefs and hats were up in the air waving farewell, farewell till we meet again! The Master's Compartment was <sup>a rose-garden</sup> ~~full of flowers~~. The farewell scene of <sup>the</sup> Stuttgart friends, I shall never forget, because it was so genuine; so heartfelt, <sup>so spontaneous</sup> such a great reality, showing how these people <sup>of the North</sup> ~~conservative~~ <sup>were</sup> ~~set~~ <sup>set</sup> at law with the Law of the Love of God!

|| I think one of the most original ideas ever conceived was that of Esslingen Bahab. ~~Our~~ <sup>was going to</sup> train <sup>through them</sup> ~~passes~~ ~~by that station~~ but <sup>would</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup> stop. ~~Nevertheless~~ <sup>nevertheless</sup> all the friends a.

was in the secret and  
 there just the same. Miss Köstlin  
 knew all about it. ~~She~~ <sup>she</sup> was their  
 representative but she did not  
 tell us anything <sup>about it</sup> ~~to~~ tell one  
 station before ~~the~~ Eschwege.  
 Then she asked the Master to  
 come near the window for  
 a minute or two and as the  
 train rushed forward by the  
 platform, ever so many white  
 handkerchiefs <sup>and flowers like birds</sup> were waving <sup>in</sup>  
~~through~~ the air! At that very moment  
 the Master realizing the  
 situation <sup>and</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>radiant,</sup> <sup>surprised,</sup> <sup>happy</sup> <sup>face!</sup> <sup>turned</sup> <sup>his</sup> <sup>back</sup> <sup>to</sup> <sup>them!</sup>  
 only <sup>for</sup> <sup>one</sup> <sup>second,</sup> but its memory  
 will last with <sup>me</sup> ~~for~~ all  
 through my life! ~~I~~ <sup>I</sup> did  
 not see their faces but it  
 seemed each one of them <sup>was</sup>  
 an angel of light <sup>with wings that</sup> <sup>for the</sup> <sup>first</sup> <sup>time</sup>

One station after Eslingen our friends left us to return to their homes and ~~tell~~<sup>relate</sup> the wonderful story of Abdul Baha's ~~arrival~~<sup>surprise and love</sup> for now they could feel happy that they also surprised their Baha'is on his departure ~~the way~~<sup>the way</sup> ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> ~~surprise~~<sup>surprise</sup> ~~them~~<sup>them</sup> ~~on~~<sup>on</sup> ~~his~~<sup>his</sup> ~~arrival~~<sup>arrival</sup>! It was about 9.30 and the train

was going on rapidly when the Master called me to his compartment and for half an hour I spoke to him about the latest news of the Cause in America and the letters received.

After ~~he~~ being very tired, because of the extraordinary extra trip of the last two days, he desired <sup>to</sup> sleep and I retired. I slept too and at 2. am the Austrian custom officials awakened us to ask whether we had anything liable to duty. Having had ~~my sleep~~<sup>my sleep</sup> ~~and~~<sup>and</sup> ~~rest~~<sup>rest</sup> I thought I ~~would~~<sup>would</sup> ~~start~~<sup>start</sup> to write ~~you~~<sup>you</sup> ~~this~~<sup>this</sup> ~~letter~~<sup>letter</sup> now it is 4 am

Sayad Assadollah Mirza Mahyar  
 and Mr. Henry <sup>who accompanies the Beloved</sup> are sleep and  
 are writing. At 8.10 we will  
 reach Vienna and after one  
 hour will start for Budapest  
 I believe on our return the  
 Master may stay a day or  
 two in Vienna.

~~Love from all to all.~~

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P.S. I enclose one of the  
 white roses that the  
 Master had in his hands  
 Please excuse this writing.

With the movement of the  
 train I cannot write better

From April 1st to April 8th, 1913 Abdul Baha visited Germany and stayed in Stuttgart. He stopped at a hotel overlooking the plaza.

While Abdul Baha was one day looking out of his hotel window he observed a regiment of Saldies passing by in great array and he said:

"They are ready to fight for their fatherland. How barbarous it seems to send men, who do not even know each other, to the battlefield in order to shoot each other down.

"The Bahai Grand Army consists of the invisible angels of the Supreme Commander. Our swords are the words of Right. Our armament is the armament of heaven. We are fighting against the forces of darkness.

"O my Saldies! My beloved Saldies! Forward! Forward! Have no fear of defeat. Do not have packing habits. Our supreme Commander is Baha-O-Allah. From the heights of Glory He is directing this dramatic engagement. He commands us! Rush forward! Rush forward!

Show the strength of your arms. You shall scatter the forces of ignorance!  
"Your war confers life; their war brings death. Your war is the cause of the illumination of mankind; their war means the weakening and darkening of hearts. Your war means victory upon victory; their ~~war~~<sup>war</sup> is defeat upon defeat. Your war is the means of construction; their war is the origin of destruction."

"There are no dangers before you. Push forward! Push forward! Attack the enemy!"

"Your efforts shall be crowned with the diadem of eternal Peace and Brotherhood"

"His holiness the Christ was fighting even upon the Cross & His triumphant work continued through ages as cycles"





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Dear Harriet!

Now the horizon of Budapest is illuminated with the world-illuminating rays of the Sun of the Center of the Covenant. For the next few days this city is the field upon which the spiritual forces of the Beloved will play and interplay. The ground is prepared, the people ~~are~~ ready, the public is informed and the Master as a supreme General will direct his forces. Of all the places in the world Hungary is the land which needs these Teachings of Fraternity. It is a land torn up by strife and contention. Religious prejudices hold high positions and national hatred ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> rattling in the breasts. The Master comes as a spiritual physician, carrying in his hand

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the balm of good-will toward all men; as a divine peacemaker, ~~he~~ is holding aloft the olive-branch of Eternal Peace; as a Unifier, ~~he~~ is showing to all mankind the benefits of co-operation and reciprocity; as a heavenly musician, ~~he~~ is ravishing the hearts of men with his sublime strains and sweet <sup>melodies</sup> ~~notes~~; as the sun of reality, ~~he~~ is radiating his rays upon all the people of the world; as a lover of the human kind, ~~he~~ is teaching the religion of love; as an ideal gardener, ~~he~~ is scattering the seeds of amity and affection in the pure ground of the hearts. In Budapest the spread of the Bahai Teachings will have a lasting effect, in creating better feeling amongst various antagonistic sects. Moreover the introduction of the Cause to <sup>Hungary</sup> ~~this country~~ has fallen in good hands. It will have an extraordinary progress in ~~Hungary~~



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This morning we found ourselves in the train and in Austria, just to think that the Master is on the Austrian land thrills ~~me~~ <sup>me</sup> with joy! ~~and wonder!~~ <sup>Will</sup> Does wonder never cease! The Austrian government has mobilized ~~on the Turkish frontier~~ <sup>and</sup> four hundred <sup>and</sup> fifty thousand men ready to <sup>to invade Turkish dominion</sup> ~~at a moment's notice~~. <sup>at a moment's notice</sup> Abdul Baha is invading <sup>the Austrian dominion</sup> ~~this country~~ <sup>without a moment's notice</sup> as a ~~conqueror of Peace~~ <sup>conqueror of Peace</sup>. He has come to <sup>enlist and enroll</sup> ~~enlist and enroll~~ <sup>his army</sup> ~~his army~~ <sup>but soldiers that give life</sup> ~~but soldiers that give life~~! Under his universal flag all the nationalities are gathering <sup>singing</sup> ~~raising~~ the anthem of ~~peace~~ <sup>brotherhood</sup> ~~and brotherhood~~ <sup>and he has come</sup> ~~his Austro-Hungarian Compagnies~~ <sup>the song of Peace</sup>. They will ere long defeat and put to rout

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3 the Semous  
the ~~army~~ of war. The country of Austria  
is very beautiful, the mountains and  
meadows are <sup>very</sup> green, the calm rivers  
are flowing, the houses and cottages  
are all white. There are many large  
buildings which we were told ~~are~~ <sup>are also</sup>  
~~other than~~ <sup>other than</sup> Convents. At ten  
minutes <sup>after eight</sup> ~~we arrived~~ <sup>entered</sup> the station of  
Vienna. Here the brother of Ahmad  
Bageroff with his wife and three  
children welcomed the Beloved  
with happy faces and bouquets of  
flowers. In order to leave for Buda-  
pest, we had to go to another <sup>station</sup>  
on the other side of the city. We  
got two taxis and in great hurry  
~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> speeded along. I was pleased with  
the cleanliness of the streets <sup>of Vienna</sup>  
and the architectural beauty of its  
buildings. Having arrived at the



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other station, ~~the train was ready to~~  
~~carry us to Budapest.~~ <sup>It</sup> was 8.50 when  
~~the train~~ <sup>we</sup> pulled out of the station, but  
I made a mistake in not taking  
the train of 9.05; because the latter  
would have entered the station  
in which the friends were waiting  
to greet the Master while the one  
we took entered another station.  
I did not know Budapest had two  
stations. In Hungary the ~~country~~ <sup>country</sup> we  
passed through, was plain meadows  
and not mountainous, <sup>nor</sup> neither as  
cultivated as other <sup>parts</sup> ~~countries~~ of Europe  
we have seen <sup>so far</sup>. On the way Mr  
Herrigel ~~taught~~ <sup>taught</sup> many Hungarians  
spoke about the Cause with

and several of ~~them~~ were presented  
 to the Master and he spoke to them  
~~for the Cause and the Teachings.~~ The  
 train entered the station at 1.40 pm  
 and finding no one to greet the Master  
 but knowing the name of the hotel  
 in which rooms were engaged, we  
 hired two carriages and drove through  
 the principle streets of Budapest  
 till we reached ~~the~~ the Ritz Hotel  
~~which is~~ <sup>which is</sup> one of the most elegant ~~hotels~~  
~~we have seen throughout our travelling.~~  
 It is built on the bank of Danube,  
 a fine, broad river which empties  
 itself into the black sea. On the <sup>other</sup>  
 side of the river, on a high hill,  
 facing the hotel is ~~built~~ the  
 wonderful palace of ~~the~~ Emperor  
 Joseph of Austria-Hungary. The  
 room of the Master <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ No 47 on  
 the second floor overlooking



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the palace, the noble river and the country all around. I can say that it is one of the most beautiful views we have ever seen. The room <sup>was full</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>of light</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>through the window</sup> ~~was~~ <sup>easy</sup> ~~was~~ light for the ~~view~~ <sup>view</sup> ~~showed~~ <sup>showed</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~not~~ <sup>not</sup>. The Master pronounced the view as most beautiful and when in the evening the electric lights were lighted, it was sublime! It was a calm night, the crescent <sup>moon silencing</sup> ~~was shining~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~heaven~~ <sup>heaven</sup> ~~was clear~~ <sup>was clear</sup>, and the stars were radiant, the little cargo steamers were passing before the eyes. For a long time the Master stopped before the window and watched the scene! ~~for a long time~~. Then he turned to us and said: "It <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ a good <sup>night</sup> ~~seeing~~!"

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~~It~~ <sup>was</sup> only three months ~~that~~ <sup>ago</sup> this hotel <sup>was</sup> opened and so everything <sup>was</sup> new and ~~is~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~not~~ up to date. ~~Hardly~~ <sup>we</sup> ~~had~~ <sup>arrived</sup> at the hotel when words <sup>U. to -</sup> were sent up that <sup>and Mrs</sup> Mr L. Stark with friends have just returned from the other station and would be honored to be received by the Master. Beside Mr and Mrs L. Stark there were Sirdar Venbra-singh Sher-gil of Majitha, an <sup>Hunder</sup> ~~Indian~~ nobleman of Lahor well educated, Dr Kenos Ignacz, President of Oriental Commercial University, Mr Edward W. Moore, the manager of <sup>mining</sup> Machinery of America, Prof Kovacsne, Balogh Wilma, Dr Germanus Gyula, Alexander Simonyi Editor of Pesti Hirlap and several other prominent men and women of Budapest. After a few <sup>moments</sup> the Master received them. <sup>Prof</sup>





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Germans greeted the Master in the  
 names of different Humanitarian  
 Societies; Mr Stark gave me several  
 Hungarian newspapers which contained  
 notices of the Master's expected arrival  
 and they were first translated into  
 English and then into Persian. Then  
 the Beloved said: <sup>He was</sup> I am very grateful  
 to <sup>them</sup> your spiritual susceptibilities.  
 For <sup>them</sup> you <sup>he</sup> beg invisible Confirmations  
 I had the greatest longing to meet <sup>them</sup> you;  
 but there were many difficulties in  
 the way; praise be to God they are  
 removed and now <sup>he</sup> I <sup>found</sup> myself  
 in <sup>their</sup> your midst. <sup>that they were</sup> ~~that~~ they were exceedingly  
 Mr Stark said ~~that~~ they were exceedingly

grateful that ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> have accepted these hardships of travelling. There <sup>was</sup> no doubt that ~~you~~ <sup>he</sup> <sup>was</sup> ~~are~~ working for the public's weal and for the progress of humanity. Therefore ~~we~~ <sup>they</sup> thank ~~you~~ <sup>him</sup> for this self-sacrifice. This in itself <sup>is</sup> a great example to ~~us~~ <sup>them</sup> so that ~~we~~ <sup>they</sup> may know how to live and act.

The beloved said: - I <sup>119</sup> hoped that all ~~of~~ <sup>every one of them</sup> ~~us~~ may become assisted in the service of the world of humanity. Today there is no greater Cause than the oneness of the world of humanity and Universal Peace. ~~We~~ <sup>They</sup> must set the souls free from ancient religions, racial political and patriotic prejudices. <sup>As long as</sup> ~~these~~ these prejudices last ~~it~~ <sup>would be</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>impossible</sup> for the human world to find peace and security.



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Here in Hungary they

~~We~~ must emphatically proclaim the  
oneness of human race, the oneness of  
native land and the oneness of kind,  
that ~~they are~~ <sup>were</sup> all the progeny of one  
Adam, the sheep of one Shepherd,  
the trees of one Orchard. ~~He~~ <sup>He</sup> loves  
all his sheep. They <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ very dear  
and beloved in ~~his~~ <sup>His</sup> estimation  
while the real Shepherd is kind,  
why should the sheep fight  
amongst themselves? The Sun of  
God shines upon all, the rains of  
his Mercy pour upon all, the  
zephyr of his Favor wafts over  
all. He is the universal provider,  
the Great Educator, the heavenly

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teacher. While God is kind to us, why  
should we be unkind? God has  
created this humanity. It is his  
edifice. Is it just to destroy God's  
home? How short-sighted this is.  
We are not <sup>only</sup> satisfied with <sup>political</sup> murder,  
but ~~but~~ we glorify in it, vaunting  
that we have killed so many  
thousand people, <sup>that</sup> we have  
razed to the ground so many  
villages! It is exactly similar  
to the <sup>criminal</sup> glory ~~which~~ of a man, <sup>because</sup>  
~~he has~~ killed so many ~~sheep~~, <sup>because</sup>  
~~make over~~ the lambs, <sup>because</sup>  
~~he~~ has devoured 2000 sheep.  
God has created us that we  
may be loving and compas-  
ionate toward each other, <sup>and</sup>  
not like blood-thirsty animals  
suck the blood of our fellowmen.



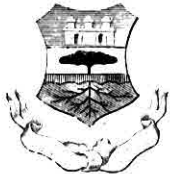
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The Beloved continued to talk and ~~all~~ those who were present were taking notes. It was again most interesting to see the words of life translated first into English and then <sup>my English</sup> into Hungarian by Mr Stark. The Hungarian language sounds strange, but they tell me, it is very poetic and flowery. It has however ~~it~~ most unusually long words, almost unpronounceable. ~~Should~~ A photographer from one of the papers requested to take the picture of the Master in front of the Hotel which he graciously consented. The first was taken with all the people around

the Master, the second without  
 the Persians, the third alone. ~~Had~~  
 Coming back from ~~the outside~~ we ~~took~~  
<sup>our</sup> ~~the~~ dinner, inviting Mr Moore to ~~eat~~  
 with us. ~~There~~ A Hungarian journalist  
 came and the discussion took a wide  
 range, the object and some of the  
 Bahai principles. His interview will  
 appear tomorrow morning in the  
 journal called Pesti Hirlap. Later  
 Mr Stark, and his wife, Mr Moore  
 and others came and the Beloved  
 talked with them on ~~many~~ subjects  
 which will take many more  
 pages to write but my eyes are  
 tired and I must retire to get  
 a few hours ~~of~~ sleep.

Mr Herrigel sends love and  
 Bahai greetings  
 Love to all Ahmad



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Dear Harriet!

It is past midnight and I have just returned from a Hungarian supper given to the Persian party of the Beloved after a most interesting meeting in the headquarter of the Theosophical Society of Hungary. They are an intelligent set of people, full of animation and zeal. Amongst them there are many young men and women who are working with main and force for the spread of universal brotherhood. They listened with deepest interest to the heavenly address of the Beloved. It was an exposition of divine and material civilizations; that although

material civilization, <sup>at present</sup> is at a standstill <sup>2</sup>  
~~at present~~ in the Orient, yet it was  
cradled and originated there and  
slowly marched toward the western  
climes. On the other hand the founders  
of divine civilization were always born  
in the East. ~~Then~~ he elucidated the  
benefits drawn from both kinds of  
civilizations and that in this age  
they must go hand in hand. ~~Then~~  
easily, without anyone noticing it,  
he took another topic, weaving  
it deviously into the ~~first~~ <sup>main</sup> subject. He  
said, that in man there are three  
realities, physical reality, intellectual  
reality and spiritual. The animals  
had only one reality and ~~one~~ <sup>was</sup> deprived  
of the other two. The physical man  
is co-partner with animal, in sharing  
in the physical reality. Because





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animals are materialistic, aggressive and blood-thirsty - so likewise those men who engage in killing their fellow-men are no less and no greater than animals. They are mere brutes, pure and simple. Never you must think for a moment that these men who have been fighting in the Balkans are intelligent beings. They are ferocious beasts. The second reality is Reason or intellect. The founders of this school are the philosophers. The third reality is spiritual and the founders have ever been the prophets of God who have <sup>appeared</sup> from ~~the~~ time immemorial in the Orient.

2 In introducing the Master Mr

Madler Robert, the President of Theosophical Society of Hungary said:— On behalf of all the brothers and sisters of the Theosophical Society in Hungary many of whom many are present I bid welcome to our Master Abdul Baha. I have no doubt that I express the feelings of those who are present that it is the greatest privilege of our lives and our supreme happiness to entertain in our midst one who is such a pure channel of the Spirit of God. Many of us have studied these Teachings and have come to admire its progressiveness and its lofty idealism. Last year Mr Stark kindly delivered before the members of our Society a delightful address on the Bahai Movement which appeared in

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the physical laws of nature have  
completely forgotten the spiritual  
laws of inner life and have overlooked  
idealism and Absolute Reality. We  
are doing now our utmost effort  
to gain the lost ground and for  
this very reason it is with the  
greatest pleasure that we welcome  
in our midst the noblest and  
the sublimest Representative of  
the spiritual life of the East  
and we hope that he will feed  
us tonight with the ideal sustenance  
which God so abundantly has  
showered upon him. Abdul Bala,  
I welcome you with all my  
heart and soul. "§ Before this  
introduction Mr Robert in Hungarian  
language spoke briefly of the  
history of the Cause and its  
marvellous progress in this century.



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3 When the Beloved finished speaking the President in thanking him said: "My dear Master. My tongue is unable to express our thanks for the eloquent and righteous words you have spoken to us tonight. It is true that I am expressing the feelings of all those who are present that we are deeply grateful to God for this rare privilege of your presence. When the heart is filled with feelings, the tongue is mute and dumb, because it cannot find adequate words to clothe his thoughts and longing. Therefore I only thank you in the name

of those who are present. The Master answered: - Our hearts like unto pure mirrors receive the impressions and these spiritual images are reflected from one mirror upon another <sup>without</sup> the medium of language. As spiritual susceptibilities have encircled us tonight and as the mirrors of the hearts are pure, therefore we can understand each other. No matter how eloquent and oratorical the outward tongue, it cannot adequately express the riches of the spirit. The eloquent tongue is the tongue of Consciousness. Praise be to God that that tongue is explaining the real feelings of the hearts and expresses our spiritual susceptibilities. Therefore



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I, too with the tongue of consciousness <sup>ness</sup> express my gratitude to you in being so patient and so good to listen to me tonight. I shall never forget this love on your part and I will ever remember you and will beg for all of you divine Confirmations. It was announced that all those who would like to see the Beloved may call on him in the mornings from nine to twelve. After shaking hands with all the present members of the Society ~~he~~ <sup>we</sup> departed for the hotel.

5. In the morning we were happy to see the Master in good

health and happy. He spoke to us about  
 Baha-Billah and while looking from  
 the window upon the broad river, he  
 said, how the Blessed Perfectionists loved  
 such places and how he would have  
 enjoyed these scenes, were he here.  
 Then Mr Herrigel came in and he  
 translated two German papers that  
 had quite long articles about the  
 Cause. The rest were in Hungarian. Here  
 are the names of some of the papers  
 which I am sending you in a separate  
 package; Theosophia; Magyar Hirlap;  
 Az Ujsag; Nap; Pesti Hirlap; Neues  
 Pester Journal; Pester Lloyd; Pesti Naplo;  
 Pesti Hirlap, Vilag, Pesti Tükör. <sup>Strange</sup>  
 names and papers to contain articles  
 on the Cause! You may find in  
 Newyork some Hungarian gentlemen  
 to translate them for you.



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6 Mr and Mrs Moore with his two boys of eleven and seven years called on the Beloved. The Master immediately loved Charles, the smaller boy and carried with him a long conversation about taking him to <sup>the</sup> Orient, giving him white donkeys and ponies and letting him <sup>play</sup> with the children on Mount Carmel. While he was sitting on his lap, the Master asked him to let his hands become limp and bring his head forward, when suddenly he took one of the hands and gently slapped his <sup>own</sup> face. The boy thought a clever trick was played upon him. Speaking to <sup>him</sup> ~~the~~ child about the



white small donkeys of Cairo, ~~the~~ told us the following story: There were two men who met each other in Cairo. A. said to B. that "I saw today in the market three donkeys." "Yes! how do they look?" B. asked. "The first was a white donkey which was valued for one hundred English pounds, the second was the one I wanted to buy ~~it~~ and the third was the owner who did not want to sell it." About eleven o'clock the Master took us for a walk and the little child, Charles, asked his mother <sup>permission to join us</sup> ~~to go with him~~. "All right" the mother answered "you can go and I will wait for you in the hotel till you return." Later he told his father: Oh! I love the Master very much! I wish so much I could travel with him



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and speak with him without any interpreter." "The child "Mr Moore told me in the evening after the Theosophical meeting" is filled with the Master. He speaks of him all the time."

Q Crossing one bridge over the other side we met our ~~friend~~ <sup>friend</sup> gentleman and the Master spoke to him about the expectation of the Theosophists in regard to the coming of the Universal Master. "The Manifestation of God," he said, is not taught in college, He does not need human knowledge. He is here to teach and not to <sup>be</sup> taught. He is to lead and not to be led. He is an educator and not an educated†

A man came to him and asked for his  
 autograph on a newspaper containing  
 an article on the Cause. "I will write  
 my signature in English for you," the  
 Master said. Without hesitation  
 the <sup>unknown</sup> man answered: "In whatever  
 language you write, it is the signature  
 of the Master, and of the lover of  
 mankind and I will treasure it  
 just the same." An Englishman  
 who had lived in Budapest for  
 five years being attracted by the  
 Master's appearance came to us  
 and spoke. I introduced him to the  
~~Master~~. He had a pleasant face  
 and the Beloved spoke with  
 him. "May I <sup>come</sup> one day and take  
 you around and show you  
 this wonderful palace overhanging  
 above our heads?" <sup>Abdul Baha said: "Yes"</sup>  
 "You are"



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always welcomed both you and your friends. But can you take us through the Eternal palace of God? That palace is heavenly, it's never destroyed and its foundation is firm. At first our Englishman could not understand what the Master meant but after repeating the same idea in different forms he got a glimpse of it. He said, he will bring his sister and his brother to see the Master tomorrow morning. ~~Then~~ The Beloved took a carriage to return to the hotel, because <sup>he</sup> had an engagement and the little ~~Charles~~ returned with

him. The Master had him in his lap, kissing and caressing him and saying sweet words to him. When we arrived Mrs Anna Lipernoustky of the International Peace Bureau of Bern, Prof Wädler Robert, Dr Geza. Vitar, Mr L. Stark were waiting for <sup>his</sup> ~~the~~ arrival of the Master. He took them with himself to his room, <sup>and</sup> after talking over the arrangement of the meeting tonight, the Hungarian history was discussed. <sup>Alfred Baba told them that he</sup> had many intimate friends ~~the Master said~~ amongst the Hungarians. They were ~~my~~ <sup>his</sup> intimate associates. When Russia, Germany and Austria combined together and crushed the Hungarian longing for independence, many generals and soldiers,



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~~sent~~ to Turkey and <sup>were</sup> received with great honor. The Turkish government gave to each <sup>one, an</sup> important military position and many of them were given ~~the~~ titles of Pashas. But ~~at~~ these Hungarian emigrants changed their names and choose for themselves Turkish names. ~~Then~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~mentioned~~ <sup>the</sup> names of several of those men who were well-known to our present friends and who knew <sup>him</sup> ~~the~~ ~~Master~~ most intimately. They were all delighted with the sympathy

and knowledge of the Master and  
 these and then an invisible link  
 of friendship was established!

The Master took <sup>had</sup> his ~~ch~~ <sup>church</sup>  
 in the hall all alone and ~~went out~~  
 In the afternoon  
 the <sup>Hungarian</sup> gentleman, Nandor de  
 Eigel Secretary of the Consul  
 General of Turkey, Abdul Latif  
 Effendi, the President of the  
 Islamic Association and  
 the Consul General of Turkey  
 who is at the same time  
 the Persian Consul came  
 and payed their homage and  
 respect to the Beloved and  
 each one <sup>stayed</sup> ~~had~~ a long time  
 with him.

12 One of the Hungarian papers  
 had a story that the Master's



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was valued at  
~~wealth~~ ~~has~~ in his possession fifteen million  
 dollars. When we told him this, he  
 had a good laugh over it. "all right,"  
 he said. "we ~~would~~ have then a  
 good credit? ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> may borrow  
 a million from the Hungarian  
 National bank?" "When the  
 waiter came to me with the  
 above story, asking me to verify  
 it. I said: - The whole world belongs  
 to <sup>Abdoul Baha</sup> ~~him~~. He is richer than all the  
 kings and emperors of the earth.  
 They are all beggars in ~~his~~  
 presence." He stared at me  
 with wonder and surprise in  
 his face. "Was that really so?"



"Sure  
~~do~~ I answered, "Then, ~~I would like~~  
chance to enter in his service?" he eagerly  
asked.

13 At five o'clock the Master  
with all of us following him  
walked ~~along~~ <sup>along</sup> France Joseph street in  
front of the river. It is the prome-  
nading boulevard of the whole  
city. Several people <sup>accosted</sup> ~~came~~ to him  
and talked. Especially there was an  
old man, <sup>with white beard</sup> with <sup>and</sup> features like the  
Master, except <sup>that</sup> his <sup>eyes</sup> were red. He was  
a Hungarian and because he had  
stayed 20 yrs in Constantinople  
and associated with the Persians, he  
could speak the language quite freely.  
Arriving in the hotel the Master rested  
for a ~~little~~ while and then Mr  
Stork and Mr Madler Robert came  
to take him to the Theosophical  
Society Love to all  
Ahmed



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*Handwritten:* Budapest

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April 11<sup>th</sup> 1913

Dear Harriet!

Although ~~many~~<sup>few</sup> had heard about the Bahai Cause in Budapest before the Beloved's Arrival, for the last three days the interest on the part of the public has been growing in size and dimension. The papers have written interesting articles and today I mailed to you a big package of German and Hungarian newspapers containing some long and short accounts. They are uniformly dignified in tone and many people have come to the hotel because they have read articles in the daily and are very much attracted to the Cause. The Beloved seeing this

~~Manifest~~ interest on the part of public  
 is very pleased and said that, the  
 future of the Cause in Hungary will  
 be very great and many people shall  
 enter the Kingdom of God. When  
 the seeds are scattered in a pure  
 and fertile ground they will  
 2 grow very quickly. Today I received  
 a letter from one of the City of  
 Hungary called Vác. The writer says:  
 "I have read in yesterday's daily papers  
 something about "Bahaismus" which  
 greatly interested me. In fact, I feel  
 that "Bahaismus" is the real, true  
 religion which fills the mind  
 with real, lofty ideals and  
 assists mankind to develop  
 its better self. I would, therefor  
 esteem it a favor if you should  
 kindly write me where I could



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obtain the 'Bahaismus' literature."

3 As a result of last night's meeting in the Theosophical Society at 20 Iranyi Utca many people came this morning to hear the Master and ask questions on various puzzling problems which today are occupying the minds of the public. A Hungarian who spoke French fluently asked about Love and God. <sup>The Master promptly told him that</sup> If ~~you~~ <sup>he</sup> deserves to love God <sup>let him</sup> love <sup>his</sup> fellowmen. In them ~~you~~ <sup>he</sup> can see the image and likeness of God. If ~~you~~ <sup>he</sup> <sup>was</sup> eager to serve God, <sup>let him</sup> serve mankind, let ~~him~~ <sup>him</sup> lose <sup>his</sup> self in the Self of God. When the aerial mariner

steers his airship skyward, little by little, the inharmoniousness and incongruity of the world of nature are lost and before his astonished <sup>Eyes</sup> ~~vision~~, he sees, unspread, the wonderful, harmonious panorama of God's creation. Likewise when the student of the Path of Reality has attained to the loftiest summit of divine Love, he will not look upon the ugliness and misery of mankind, he will not observe any differences, he will not see any racial and patriotic ~~differences~~ <sup>misfits</sup> but he will look upon humanity with the glorified vision of a seer and a prophet. Let us all strive that we may attain to this highest pinnacle of ideal and spiritual life.

4 ~~Then~~ Some of the newspapers



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5 \$ containing articles on the Cause were translated <sup>read</sup> to the Master and although he did not make any comment, <sup>5 \$</sup> was pleased with their contents.

Prof. Germanus and a friend of his who <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ going to the Orient came and the Master spoke to them on the Eastern customs and it was arranged that ~~the Master~~ <sup>he would</sup> ~~will~~ be taken to the Parliament building at 7 o'clock <sup>that evening</sup> ~~tonight~~ where he <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ going to address a public meeting in the house of the Representatives of the Hungarian nations.

6 Then a large delegation of the Theosophists belonging to the

White Lodge of the Star of the East  
were presented to the Beloved with  
~~large~~ bouquets of flowers in their  
hands. Their leader, a bright and  
intellectual woman asked the Master  
what ~~the~~ conditions for the coming  
of the Great Master. "We are taught"  
she said, "that soon the Saviour of  
the world shall come and once  
a week we gather together and  
contemplate on the coming of the  
Master. Our next meeting will  
be tomorrow at 6.30 pm and we  
will be greatly honored if you  
could come." The Master accepted  
graciously their invitation and  
they said :- \* Praise be to God that  
means were brought about that  
He may come to Budapest and associate  
with <sup>them</sup> you. I was very pleased  
with <sup>their</sup> ~~your~~ last night meeting



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meeting. It was a most ideal gathering. The spirituell susceptibilities had encircled the hearts. <sup>ND</sup> I hoped that day unto day these feelings and <sup>Communications</sup> may increase - so that the City of Budapest may become the center of the appearance of the principles of the oneness of the world of humanity and these lights may be spread from this place to all parts of Europe. Now as to the coming of the great Master, His appearance is dependent upon the realization of certain conditions. Investigate the reality and in whomsoever these



Conditions are fulfilled, know ye of a certainty that he is the Great Master.

Firstly: That great Master will be the Educator of the world of humanity.

Secondly: His Teachings must be universal and confer illumination upon humankind.

Thirdly: His Knowledge must be innate and spontaneous and not acquired.

Fourthly: He must answer the questions of all the sages, solve all the difficult problems of humanity and be able to withstand all the persecutions and sufferings heaped upon him.

Fifthly: He must be a joy-bringer and the Herald of the Kingdom of Happiness.

Sixthly: His Knowledge must be infinite and his wisdom all-comprehensive.



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Seventhly: The penetration of His Word and the potency of influence must be so great as to humble even his worst enemies.

Eighthly: Sorrows and tribulations must not vex him. His courage and conviction must be godlike. Day unto day he must become firmer and more zealous.

Ninthly: He must be the Establisher of Universal Civilization, the Unifier of religions, the standard-bearer of universal Peace and the embodiment of all the highest and noblest virtues of the world of humankind. Wherever you find these Conditions

realized in a human temple turn  
to him for guidance and illumination.

The listeners were touched <sup>extremely</sup>  
But if I had my way, I would have  
cried at the top of my voice, that  
that person, that Great Master they  
are so anxious about his coming  
<sup>was</sup>  
~~is~~ before their very eyes. The desire  
of their hearts hath come, why  
this needless expectation?

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Mr O. M. A. Frosell who  
met the Master the other day in  
the street came to see him with  
his brother. They are two very excellent  
young men and are much attracted to  
~~the Master~~. After welcoming  
them he said:— "It is very good that  
we made each other's acquaintance  
without any formal introduction, right  
in the streets. This was much



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letter. you have a very progressive city. It  
is very delightful, the inhabitants  
also are wide-awake. Praise be to  
God that in Budapest one feels the  
spiritual emotions; many people  
are investigating the fundamental  
realities of life; their desire is to  
reach at the core of everything. Hen-  
gary has given us many thinkers,  
many linguists, generals and  
dramatists. I hope they will become  
informed with the world of God  
be acquainted with the Mysteries of the  
Kingdom. May they become radiant  
illuminated and Merciful! In short,  
I <sup>he</sup> have grown to love Budapest

and its inhabitants, Stuttgart and  
 its people, just as their <sup>pre</sup> political  
 treaties between European nations,  
 may heavenly treaties bind them  
 eternally together. The heavenly treaties  
 are inviolable and cannot be dissolved  
 but political treaties may be broken  
 roughed ~~in~~ <sup>within</sup> a few hours. It <sup>was his</sup> ~~was~~  
 hope that these indissoluble treaties  
 may be created between all the  
 people. Now in European countries,  
 materialism is stalking abroad,  
 seemingly victorious; then the ideal  
 powers of spirituality will gain  
 the ascendancy! \*

Q He asked whether the Master had  
 seen any <sup>of the</sup> sights of the beautiful  
 Budapest. ~~He answered~~ <sup>that he had</sup> ~~come~~ here to  
 see men and not ~~the~~ piles of stones  
 and clay. These buildings you



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can find everywhere; for <sup>his</sup> ~~my~~ part I <sup>he was</sup> ~~am~~  
 searching for men. Buildings are many,  
men are few. There are ever so many  
 palaces in this world. There have been  
 great palaces built by the ancient  
 kings and to day not a stone has  
 been left to tell the sad story of  
 their ~~fall~~ <sup>de day</sup>. The present palaces will  
 go through the same process of <sup>destruction</sup> ~~destruction~~.  
 When you lay the foundation of a  
 wonderful palace, at that very moment  
 you must think that a day shall  
 come - it may be hundred years,  
 one thousand years - ten or 20 thousands  
 years - when not one stone of  
 your palace will be left.

But the divine Palace shall never be destroyed, its traces are eternal. <sup>He</sup> desired ~~you~~ <sup>them</sup> to see that palace.

That everlasting palace is the reality of man which reality is indestructible. Therefore ~~I~~ <sup>He was</sup> searching throughout the world to find men and women in whom the divine palace ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> completed. In the heart of every man and woman the construction of this heavenly palace ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> going on. Praiseworthy deeds and philanthropic actions ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> the materials with which the palace ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> built. Vices and <sup>and negligence of Gods laws</sup> ~~the degeneracy of morality~~ <sup>were</sup> are the axes with which the very foundation of this eternal palace laid by the hand of God ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> uprooted.



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X Amongst those who were present was  
a young man who had travelled a great  
~~part~~ throughout the world and spoke  
many languages. The following conversation  
was carried along between him and the  
Master to the delight and profit of all:-

A. B. Now that you have seen many  
parts of the world, I hope you will also  
make a voyage to the Country of Baha.

M. F. I have never heard the name of  
such a country in my life.

A. B. How strange! There are thousands  
of people who have been there and  
upon their return have given glowing  
accounts of their experiences.

M. F. Have they written any books?

A. B. I think they have. But they



could not find adequate words to describe their impressions.

M. F. Have you seen any of these travellers after their return from the city of Baha.

A. B. Yes.

M. F. What do they say?

A. B. They say, the country of Baha is the most beautiful and artistic city they have ever seen.

M. F. I would like to get some particulars about it. When could I inform myself? I may decide to go there if it is worth while.

A. B. They have reported that the country of Baha has the most equitable weather, perennial spring reigns throughout all the seasons; there is neither the heat of <sup>the</sup> summer nor the forlorn outlook of autumn or the frost of the winter. Its gardens



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are ever abloom, its fragrant flowers  
 are imperishable, its fountains are  
 at all time flowing, its birds are  
 always singing, its happiness is not  
 alloyed with sorrow, its sun is never  
 set, its stars are ever twinkling,  
 its day is not followed by any  
 night, its moon is eternally full.

M. F. Oh! How wonderful! I would  
 like to go there! It must be an  
 ideal country!

A. B. It is a very extraordinary  
 country. Its inhabitants are all  
 angels and they speak one  
 universal language.

M. F. Then everybody understands  
 each other? It is not like

Hungary where one must speak many languages? How can I reach them ~~quickly~~?

A. B. Come! Come! I will be thy guide. I will take thee through its broad avenues shaded by verdant, never-fading trees. I will unfold before thy vision, the most heavenly panorama, the like of which thou hast never seen. I will, little by little teach thee the secrets of the ever-changing hues of its flowers, the murmuring of its breezes and the divine notes of its music. I will take thee through its imperial palaces and will show to thee the most wonderful scenes.

M. F. When should I make myself <sup>ready</sup> to start with you.

A. B. Now <sup>believe</sup>

M. F. I ~~think~~ <sup>believe</sup> my brother would like to accompany us. May I go and fetch him?

A. B. All right.



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When these people left a delegation of more than 25 young men from the Oriental Commercial University headed by a very excellent orator entered the room. He had a nosegay of roses in his hand and while all the rest were standing behind him he delivered a very powerful address greeting "Our prophet from the Orient" in the warmest and sincerest terms and then offered the nosegay into his hands. The Master delivered in turn a strong speech on the closer relations between the East and the West and hoped they will do their share in this great service.

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~~The~~ The President of Touranian Society  
with a high military officer and  
several others ~~persons~~ were presented  
after hearing the Master speak on  
the two essential aspects of uni-  
versal Peace. Mr. Paikert Alajos  
requested ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Below to deliver an  
address on Monday at 6 pm before  
the members of Touranian Society  
in the Senate Chamber of Hungary.

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Many more people were presented and  
at last it was long after one  
o'clock before the Below could  
free himself to go to the Studio of  
Mr. Nadler Robert in the National  
School of Art, so that he may  
make a painting of him. Mr.  
Robert was with us and when  
we arrived he had everything  
ready and started to work.  
After one hour, we returned



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to ~~the~~ the Master ate his lunch  
 and retired to rest to be ready for  
 four o'clock to go out with our  
 Indian nobleman to call on Prof.  
 Vambery and Prof. Ignaz Goldziher.  
 14 We found Prof Vambery home. He  
 was waiting. He ~~was~~ is a famous  
 orientalist, is 82 yrs now, has  
 travelled throughout Persia, Turkey,  
 Russia etc for many years, he  
 written many authoritative  
 books on Eastern questions.  
 speaks Persian and Turkish like  
 natives and has been in Persia  
 for more than 14 yrs under  
 the guise of a Mohamadan  
 servant. For one month

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he was the guest of the chief of the  
Ulemas of Esphahan and nobody  
detected him that he was a European.  
He considered this day as the  
day of his life, because the <sup>great</sup> Beloved  
called out him. They talked together  
more than one hour on Persia,  
on America etc. He showed us the  
photograph that was taken of him  
when he was travelling as a  
Mohammedan Mullah. Prof Vamberger  
is very famous throughout Europe  
for his services and his works  
and his word has been always  
accepted on Eastern questions as  
15 authoritative. From there we  
drove to Prof Goldziher. Mr  
Stark and Prof Gervinus were  
waiting at the door to greet  
the Master. He was taken  
up stairs and introduced to



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Prof. Goldziher. He is an Arabic scholar of great erudition and his library of the Bahai literature <sup>was</sup> quite unique. Here we found several works of Baha-Ullah translated into Russian, especially the Kitab-Ul-Akdas; here I saw a copy of the Star of the West having the article on the departure of Mr Chase; many newspapers clippings, especially the one containing the Master's letter to Carnegie and then a letter from Mrs True giving a short account of the Mashkal Agha.



Prof Goldziher has delivered a series  
 of lectures on Islam and one of these  
 addresses is on the Bahai Movement.  
 The articles have been already published in a book.  
 The book is in German and, as he  
 told me, a Philadelphia lady is  
 now engaged in its translation into  
 English. The Master carried along  
 with him a most interesting  
 conversation in Arabic on the  
 early history of the Cause and he  
 was so happy to have the Beloved  
 in his home. From here we drove  
 to the old Parliament building.  
 At first the Master was taken  
 into one of the Committee rooms  
 and the Chairman of the meeting  
 was introduced. Doctor Giesewise  
 is a most prominent Catholic  
 priest and is the President of  
 the Peace Society of Hungary.  
 When the Master entered



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the Parliament there were more than 800 people present and everybody spontaneously arose from his ~~seat~~ <sup>his</sup> seat. After the introduction by the President, the Master delivered ~~his~~ <sup>a</sup> powerful address on international Peace, Esperanto, suffrage and the closer relation between the East and the West. When the Master spoke on suffrage the audience got wild with enthusiasm and applauded again and again. It was a remarkable demonstration considering the fact that the words of the Beloved had to be translated by two interpreters

and our Hungarian translator was <sup>not</sup> at all equal to the task. Mr Stark translated much better than the other night. When the Master finished his talk they ~~clapped~~ <sup>applauded</sup> loudly for a long time. They left their seats and crowded around the platform in front of him. Again the Beloved spoke a few appropriate words of thanks. ~~Entering~~ <sup>Entering</sup> the private room many prominent men and women came in to thank him for his encouraging words. ~~Then the~~ ~~Beloved~~ tired and fatigued from the excessive amount of talking <sup>we</sup> returned to the hotel, had ~~our~~ dinner and went to sleep.

~~I would have liked to include other points in this letter but it has already grown too long. Love to all  
Ahmad~~



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Translation of the Card.

Invitation.

Abdul Baha, Abbas Effendi, the leader of the most important modern ethical movement of the East will deliver a public address by the Invitation of several Hungarian Societies. On April 11th, Friday evening 7 O'clock at the Great Hall of the Old Parliament.

You and your friends are cordially invited.

No entrance fee.

The Persian address will be translated



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Dear Harriet!

"The lamp of God is in the utmost  
of luminosity in the city of Budapest.  
Large meetings are held and detailed  
addresses ~~are~~ delivered," This was the text  
of the telegram which was forwarded  
by the Beloved to many cities of the  
East and the West. I am sure all  
the believers will be delighted to receive  
this glad news of the spread of the  
Kingdom of Abha and the further  
spiritual triumph of Abdul Baha.  
His power and majesty, his simplicity  
and humility are witnessed by all men  
~~and admired~~ <sup>and admired</sup>. People are trying <sup>right</sup>  
~~and left~~ to emulate him in every  
(emulate?)

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station in life.

During the days of our passage from New York to England, the Master dictated a number of tablets for the American believers, they were copied in turn by Mirza Mahmud and given <sup>back to him</sup> ~~to Beloved~~ for correction. For the last four months they were left in ~~the~~ <sup>his hands</sup> Beloved's hands till just a day or two before leaving Paris he gave them to me for ~~translation~~ <sup>translation</sup>. While in Stuttgart I was so busy that I could not ~~translate~~ <sup>attend to them</sup> but ~~them~~. Today finding few people coming to see the Beloved I availed myself of the opportunity and sat behind my writing <sup>desk</sup> ~~table~~ and translated them all. Apropos of this delay, the Master said ~~that~~ <sup>he</sup> never wrote to the people just for the sake of writing. <sup>He</sup> had a definite, specific object in writing. <sup>His</sup> letters <sup>were</sup> the results of deep



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Cogitation and contemplation <sup>thought</sup> often over  
 one sentence in a letter <sup>he</sup> ~~thought~~ all  
 night; even it had <sup>at times, he thought</sup> happened that ~~it~~  
 in sleep. Once <sup>he</sup> wanted to write a  
 letter to a certain important person  
 and ~~he~~ thought over it over a year. Another  
 time <sup>he</sup> wrote a letter to a person and  
 kept it in <sup>his</sup> ~~my~~ hand-bag for 6 months.  
 The wisdom of these postponements  
 have always appeared later. ~~My~~ <sup>his</sup> letters  
<sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ the results of deep thought and  
 not the superficial expressions which  
 appeared today and disappeared tomorrow.

3 One of the interesting personalities  
 that came this afternoon to meet the  
 Master was a Jewish Rabbi. He had  
 heard last night ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> talk of ~~the~~  
~~Beland~~ and he came today to argue

with him that the equality of the ~~sexes~~ <sup>male</sup> and universal languages ~~are~~ not necessary and that Christ of whom he spoke ~~last night~~ with such reverence did not bring anything new into this world ~~and he~~ <sup>may rather he</sup> caused the dispersion of the Jews to the four corners of the earth. The Master listened to him with a twinkle of amusement in his eyes. Then he started to speak ~~with him~~ and step by step <sup>The Rabbi</sup> ~~he~~ was forced to accept the logic of ~~Christ~~ <sup>the</sup> Beloved and ~~at last~~ he left the room happy and satisfied. The wonder of the Master lies in the fact that no one leaves his presence with a <sup>a</sup> better sense of defeat, but ~~he leaves it~~ with a happy heart, happy, because he has been able to learn something he did not know or <sup>that</sup> he knew it only very dimly. ~~Afterwards~~

4 The President of Touranian Society





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came and another long discussion on the subject of international peace was carried on. "Your aim, of course is the realization of universal Peace, <sup>which I hope</sup> ~~but~~ <sup>with</sup> but with what power or <sup>with</sup> executive force will you be able to bring it about? I hope that <sup>the President</sup> ~~you~~ will find this propelling power so that <sup>he</sup> ~~you~~ may become assisted. In the matter of universal Peace, a great, <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ universal Power necessary, which we may name a "Universal Collective Center". In the past there have appeared several "Collective Centers". These Collective Centers "not being general in their <sup>various</sup> aspects have given only limited results. One of the "Collective Centers"

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has been and is yet considered the "spirit of nationalism." This "spirit" has brought together the various individual members of different tribes and communities into one "Collective Center" called "nation." For example the different petty principalities of Germany for a long time worked against each other's interests, jealously protecting their so-called "freedom." The "spirit of nationalism" which was meant to become a most powerful "Collective Center" was born through the genius of Bismark. Again the birth of this "spirit" was evidenced in America in the union of <sup>the</sup> states through the wisdom of Washington, Franklin and Jefferson. In like manner other nations have come into being at various periods of human history when the "spirit" of nationalism was born and the existence of the "Collective Center" felt essential.



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Another "Collective Center" is "patriotism",  
the watchword and the battle-cry  
of the present nations. A third  
"Collective Center" is politics. It is evident  
that the interest of one nation is <sup>in</sup> the  
loss to another and we can see that  
as long as these three "Collective  
Centers" are dominant in the affairs  
of the world, Universal Peace will  
not be realized. These "nations" look  
upon each other <sup>with the eyes of</sup> "difference"; they try  
to improve the conditions of their  
native countries at the expense  
of others and their interests  
clash and come within the range  
of conflict. Therefore all these

"Collective Centers" instead of helping  
 the cause of international Peace,  
 prevent its realization. Consequently  
 in this illumined Century, the  
 intellectual evoution of humanity  
 has advanced far enough as to  
 create a "Universal Collective  
 Center" around which all the  
 nations may revolve, thus  
 sacrificing their petty interests  
 for the progress of the whole.  
 Then the Beloved went on speaking  
 of Baha-Ulloh and the "Divine  
 Universal Collective Center" which  
 He has created and how all the  
 nations and religions will  
 ultimately come under its influence.  
 The listener was astonished at  
 the wonderful felicity of the  
 Beloved's ideas. "I am really  
 astonished" he said "to hear



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such <sup>a</sup> marvellous exposition of Uni-  
versal Peace from an Easterner and  
I am more than glad to know that  
such a universal Cause has  
appeared in the Orient."

5 The Beloved dined in the hotel and  
at four o'clock, after drinking  
tea, he called at the ~~General~~  
office of Consul General of  
Turkey. He <sup>was</sup> a polished gentleman  
and was last night in the  
meeting. He was most pleased  
because the Master referred  
to the Balkan situation in his  
6 speech. After two hours of  
conversation ~~Continual~~ ~~talk~~ Abdul Bahar  
the Master

by invitation attended the meeting  
of members of the Star of the East  
in the headquarter of Theosophical  
Society. There were a large number  
of bright-looking men and women  
very intelligent and full of animation.

The Master sat in a large chair and  
the meeting was opened by 5 minutes  
silence after which the President  
read the following prayer in  
Hungarian for the coming of  
the Universal Teacher.

Master of the Great White Lodge!  
Lord of the Religions of the world!  
Come down again to the earth that  
needs thee.  
And help the nations that  
are longing for Thy Presence.  
Speak the word of Peace that



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the people may cease from quarrelling  
 Speak the word of Brotherhood that  
 the warring classes and Castes  
 may know themselves as One.  
 Come in the ~~the~~ Night of Thy  
 Love

Come in the Splendor of Thy  
 Power

And save the world that is longing  
 for Thy Coming

Then the teacher alike of  
 angels and of men.

Then another five minutes of  
 silence and then the President  
 requested the Master to teach  
 us. We are all Thy pupils

and are now sitting at thy feet  
to learn the Mysteries of the Kingdom  
and of life. Then the Master <sup>stated that</sup>  
~~was much as they~~ <sup>you</sup> have heard already the name  
of Baha-Ullah <sup>he would</sup> like to relate  
to ~~you~~ <sup>them</sup> tonight the history of  
his life. <sup>was</sup> It is most wonderful  
to ~~hear~~ <sup>hear</sup> ~~the~~ ~~Master~~ speak about  
<sup>his great Father</sup> Baha-Ullah. He is the only Person  
who can speak about him with  
emotions and holy feelings.  
The address was translated into  
English and then by a very clever  
and cultivated lady into Hungarian.  
She did it very well and I  
<sup>was</sup> pleased. The audience listened  
with the rapt attention seldom  
witnessed anywhere. They were  
<sup>interested</sup> deeply, movingly. When  
he finished his ~~teaching~~ and





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heavenly address, he delivered a very beautiful invocation in their behalf. Now I give you a translation of prayer: -

O Thou Compassionate Lord! <sup>Illuminate</sup> these hearts with the light of the Most Great Guidance! Confer life upon these spirits through Thy divine Glad tidings! Enlighten these eyes by beholding the splendors of Thy Sun! Make these ears hearkeningly hearkening Thy Most Glorious Call! Suffer them to enter in the Kingdom of Thy Holiness! Resuscitate them through the Breaths of Thy Holy Spirit!

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Grant them eternal life! Bestow  
upon them heavenly perfections! O  
God! Sacrifice our lives for Thyself!  
Give us a new spirit! Clear  
our visions with Thy spiritual  
Power! Surround us with Thy  
eternal joy! Confirm us in  
the service of the world of humanity.  
Make ~~us~~ us the cause of good  
fellowship between the hearts.  
O God! Awaken us from  
the deep slumber of negligence!  
Suffer us to become mindful  
and aware, so that we may  
become informed with  
the Mysteries of the Holy  
Books and comprehend  
the allegories of the spiritual  
utterances. Verily Thou art the  
Powerful, Thou art the Giver! and Thou  
art the Kind.



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The President thanked the Master for his wonderful address and the heavenly benediction of his prayers. "This day will be remembered during all our lives, and we request the Master to remember us in his prayers."

After a few more words from the Beloved they all gathered around him, kissing his hands and expressing such deep love and respect that ~~one~~ <sup>could</sup> never express in words.

On his return to the hotel Sirdar and his wife called on him. Our Sirdar, the Indian gentleman has a very charming Hungarian wife who speaks

English fluently and is very talented.  
 They are living happily in Budapest.  
 The Sidor met her in India and  
 they were married. Both are  
 very much attracted to the  
 Cause and love the Master.

They invited  
 to have tea in their apartment  
 tomorrow afternoon so that  
 he may bless their two  
 months baby. "I want to  
 bring her up as a Bahai"  
 She said. "This is the only  
 religion in the world that  
 I would like her to believe  
 and practice"

Love to all  
 Always

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Dear Harriet!

As I looked out of the window this morning my eyes beheld a wonderful scene! It was snowing! But how? Already one foot of snow had covered the field and the air was filled with its fleecy white particles! The wind was blowing ~~very~~ violently, carrying the snow <sup>flakes</sup> rather and thither. (All day) (The snow fell) ~~uninterruptedly~~. At this time of the year the snow may not be considered as unusual in Hungary but I looked at it with much interest. This winter, <sup>In reality this year</sup> we did not experience the severity of ~~the~~ winter but for the last

Three days we have felt it in Budapest. Early in the morning the Beloved called us to himself and gave to each a cup of tea. Come here, he said, and look out of the window! How all nature, the trees, the mountains, the houses, the Danube, the streets, are wearing the white garment of the Angels! Snow is the sign of purity, just as this snow is white, so man's <sup>consciousness</sup> must be adorned with the mantle of purity. This is also a token of the Mercy of God to the people of ~~Budapest~~. The future of the Cause in this city will be as white as the <sup>garment of the</sup> snow <sup>with</sup> which Budapest is clothed by God.

2 Speaking about last night's meeting the Master said: If the speaker's intention <sup>be</sup> pure if his heart <sup>be</sup> transparent, no matter



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Through how many translators the words may go, the audience <sup>will be</sup> ~~is~~ touched. After Mohamad, many great orators appeared in the Islamic religion. One of these orators who wielded ~~together~~ <sup>a</sup> ~~such~~ tremendous power over his audience, swaying their emotions towards any direction <sup>he intended</sup>, was Hassan Khaegani. This orator had a son who had studied philosophy and sciences and considered himself secretly greater than his father. He marvelled at the simple words of his father, playing such wonderful effect upon ~~effect upon~~ the hearts of his hearers. Then he said to himself, if these people ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> so touched by the simple

preaching of ~~my~~<sup>his</sup> father, how greatly  
 will they be affected if <sup>he</sup> I preach to them.  
 Then he asked his father to give him  
 permission to go out to preach ~~and~~  
 in his stead. The father gladly  
~~permitted~~<sup>permitted</sup>. The son, then ~~going up~~<sup>ascending</sup> the  
 platform took as his text one of  
 the most difficult verses of the  
 Khoran and round it ~~collected~~<sup>he made</sup> many  
 subtle interpretations, philosophic  
 axioms etc. The audience was not  
 only <sup>not</sup> moved but ~~was~~<sup>to destruction</sup> bored at such  
 a dry sermon ~~that~~<sup>and</sup> ~~the people~~<sup>they</sup> instead  
 listening to him began to speak amongst  
 themselves. He was disgusted and  
 leaving the platform went home  
 angry with himself and the stupid  
~~people~~<sup>people</sup>. The father knew this but  
 did not say anything. ~~Tomorrow~~<sup>Next day</sup>  
 he took the hand of his son





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and went to the Mosque to preach. As soon as the people saw Hassan Khergani ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> coming to preach, a deep ~~kind~~ of silence fell upon the ~~audience~~. Hassan went up the pulpit and after looking tenderly into the eyes of his audience, he said: My friends! Last night something very important transpired in our quarter. We have a neighbour ~~in the form of~~ a very old <sup>and</sup> man. She is eighty yrs old, laden with age. She is a holy woman. She prays all night and ~~does charity~~ <sup>spends the people</sup> all day. She had a goat and her milk was the source of her livelihood. She had no other visible means of support.

Now, my dear friends, she is sorely  
 tried, because ~~her~~ <sup>the</sup> she-goat died  
 last night and she is left all alone  
 and helpless in this world. Then he  
 went on to picture her saintly life,  
 and her ~~good~~ unselfish deeds. The audience  
 was <sup>so</sup> moved by this <sup>simple</sup> story that not only  
 many wept but ~~many more~~ <sup>a crowd came forward</sup> came  
 out with offers of aid and assistance.

When Hassan left the Mosque with  
 his son, he turned to him and said:  
 Did you see how <sup>a simple story</sup> ~~a great story~~  
 stirred the audience to its depths? You  
 must purify your heart. This is the  
 most important thing, otherwise  
 all your learning and philosophy  
 will not assist you ~~at all~~ <sup>at all</sup>. Now  
 in Budapest the Confirmations  
 of God are with us, otherwise  
 how could a large audience



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like last night be moved and interested through two translators?  
 3 ~~Later in the morning~~ Although the snow was falling heavily, many people from the Esperanto Society and the Theosophical and Peace Societies called on the Master. Almost everyone ~~of them~~ had either a photograph of <sup>Delightful Baba</sup> the Master from "Bahau" <sup>on a card</sup> to be <sup>autographed</sup> ~~signed~~ <sup>by him</sup> on a card. I believe it is a fashion here to request important personages to sign their names on the back of <sup>ones</sup> ~~your~~ card. In speaking with the President of the Soc of the East he said: I was most pleased with

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the last night's meeting. I spoke to you  
on ~~the details~~ of the history of the  
life of Baha Ullah. Now in the beginning  
of the progress of the <sup>Bahai</sup> Cause in Europe,  
it is the hour of the early morn-  
ing. Ere long the sun shall rise and  
show itself in the zenith of its  
glory. During the life of Christ,  
people did not accept his Cause.  
They ridiculed him and his disciples.  
It was only after 300 yrs that  
Christianity was established in  
some parts of Europe but  
the Cause of Baha Ullah during  
the last 60 yrs ~~it~~ has covered  
the East and the West. While  
in America we travelled as far  
as Los Angeles and everywhere  
we found Bahais, even in the  
Island of Honolulu there is



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wherever  
 a Bahai Assembly. ~~Everywhere~~ You  
 go you find these souls working for  
 the progress of humanity and the  
 promotion of international Peace.  
 Now this light is extinguished in  
 Budapest; these seeds are scattered  
 in this field. We <sup>have</sup> brought this  
 torch ~~off fire~~ to Hungary to ignite  
 the hearts and transform them  
 into palaces of lights. We have  
 carried with us these seeds and  
 have already sown them. I hope  
 they will grow and develop. This  
 great tree was once without a  
 seed. <sup>6</sup>

5 To the members of the Star of  
 the East he said: - If the

Confirmation of Baha Ullah surround  
 your Society, it will develop very  
 quickly and you will be enabled to  
 render great services." ~~Then~~ <sup>Several</sup>  
 Turks, Arabs, and Persians, came  
 see ~~in the Master~~. Here in Budapest  
 we have only one Persian, a merchant  
 of ~~the~~ by the name of Alhas <sup>aga</sup>.  
 He has been here for several yrs  
 and speaks Hungarian quite well.  
 At half past two, the Master  
 accompanied ~~with~~ <sup>by</sup> myself, although  
 cold and snowing called on Mr  
 Nadler Robert in the College of Art  
 to give him another sitting for  
 the very wonderful painting he  
 is making of ~~the Master~~ <sup>Alidid Baha</sup>. As  
 he lives on the fourth floor  
 and the building has no <sup>elevator</sup>  
 it ~~is~~ very fatiguing to mount  
 the steps



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8 On the way he spoke of the strength of his youth:— you are young and strong. When I was at your age I never felt the cold. I loved the snow. I was strong enough to wrestle with a bear. Now with my fist I would have liked to go for him!

9 After spending more than one hour in the studio we took a carriage to call on our Indian Sarda and his wife at Szilagyi Dersator 4. On the way, in the carriage the Master spoke very tenderly about Baha-Allah:— For mine yrs he did not see a green

leaf. He loved nature; His sensibilities and powers of observation were miraculous! the tips of his fingers ~~were~~ were the most sensitive parts of his holy temple. The power of his <sup>seeing</sup> smell was most keen. If he walked along this avenue although his mind <sup>was</sup> occupied with other thoughts, he would on his arrival home relate most profitably every small detail of the troubling life. Often he would order us <sup>to go and</sup> to prepare tea five or six miles away <sup>from</sup> the city, because one could see there a patch of green or <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ pine. He would cut the cucumber into two pieces and smell only its odor and enjoy it as though he had eaten it. While dictating Tablets to his Secretary at a rapid ~~five~~ rate, he





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had papers in his hand writing on some entirely different topics and now and then carry an interesting conversation with those who were present and suddenly he would raise his head and point to us from the window a wonderful tall, noble tree in a garden fair way. One occupation ~~would~~ <sup>never</sup> not prevent him from attending to other things.

10 Our Indian Sardar had a beautiful apartment, part Oriental and Western. The Master and the rest of the guests were served tea and refreshments. He looked around the large rooms

and after blessing the little baby returned to the hotel.

In the evening an American and his wife from New York who are travelling through Europe with a few Hungarians called <sup>the</sup> Master, ~~and~~ spoke to them about the <sup>gross</sup> materialism of the French people and how the Americans are a noble nation of investigators of Reality. They enjoyed his talk very much; for the materialism of the agnostics was likened into the materialism of the cow, who does not know anything about <sup>God</sup> and is out of touch with His Kingdom. The materialists believe in what they see, so does the cow. The farmer sees the flower and believes in it, the latter sees the meadow and the cooling spring and believes in it.

Love & all  
A. H. M.



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Dear Harriet!

The snow-storm continues  
the furious wind is blowing <sup>at a terrific</sup> ~~at a terrific~~  
velocity. ~~at what rate per hour.~~ More than 6000  
telephone lines are affected, <sup>gardens</sup> ~~are~~ are  
uprooted and all the blooming trees  
are destroyed. Much damage <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ done  
and communication, ~~both~~ by telegraph  
and telephone is very difficult. ~~We~~ tried  
to get hold of several people over the  
phone; it was impossible, the wires  
are either ~~in many instances~~ cut off  
or disorganized. Availing ourselves  
of this opportunity ~~this~~ <sup>this</sup> morning,  
we wrapped ~~the~~ packages of Hungarian  
and German newspapers and the

20 Master attended to his mail. Notwith-  
 standing the weather several important  
 people came to see <sup>him</sup> ~~the Master~~ but  
 each one stayed ~~only~~ a few minutes and  
~~the~~ conversation was limited. Last night  
 when the Master was speaking to our  
 American friends on the unreliability  
 of the criterion of the sense, Mr Moore  
 with his two sons were present. On  
 his return home, Mr Moore <sup>he was</sup> ~~is~~  
 astonished to hear his eldest son - 11  
 yrs old - reciting <sup>the talk of Abdul Baha</sup> almost word for  
 word to her mother. An American  
 woman, ~~who is~~ just visiting Mr  
 Moore became so interested that  
 she says <sup>that she</sup> ~~she~~ must call on the Master  
 before he leaves Budapest. This  
 morning she came in, led by the  
 child into the Master's presence.  
 She said: Charles is always talking  
 about you, by day and by night!



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4 About <sup>noon</sup> ~~twelve o'clock~~ the weather was cleared and the Master hiring a carriage <sup>we</sup> drove ~~with Ahmed Sahab~~ to the home of the Turkish Consul General to bid him farewell. For a long time they spoke together ~~in Turkish~~ on the crucial situation of Asia. I have seldom heard the Master speaking with <sup>such</sup> fiery animation; his facial and hand-gestures were the most remarkable. Often when the Master is under the spell of <sup>his spirit</sup> ~~his spirit~~, every little while, he takes off his turban arranges his hair and puts it on again. This is done so unconsciously so gracefully that one is I.

charmed and delighted. He spoke all  
 the time in Turkish, his voice high  
 and sweet, his tone determined and  
 earnest, his face aflame with the  
 light of love and pity, his eyes  
 twinkling like two globes of fire, his  
 countenance now stern, now wreathed  
 with the sun-kissed smiles of the  
 Angels, his hands swiftly moving up  
 and down, now showing the palm,  
 again two or three fingers and at all  
 times portraying most graphically  
 his feelings and emotions! When he  
 is swayed ~~to and fro~~ by these super-  
 human inspirations ~~to~~ just sit  
 in a corner and oblivious of all  
 other things, watch him. One of  
 his remarks was the following:—  
 Today the Armies of Europe, well-  
 drilled, well-provisioned, phalanx-  
 like



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are ~~but~~ <sup>sent</sup> into the waves of the ocean -  
pounding against the shores of <sup>the</sup> ~~attacking~~ Asia. Asia in her present  
state cannot stand before these irresistible,  
victory-inspired armies. There is not only the army of war, <sup>to contend with</sup> there  
are other more influential, economic armies that ~~are~~ <sup>surrounding</sup> the Eastern  
countries. There is an army of commerce,  
an army of industry, an army of agriculture,  
an army of sciences and arts. All these well-disciplined  
hosts, supplied with the latest modern  
methods and instruments are bent upon  
great conquests in their respective fields. They are  
constantly gathering greater

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momentum of ~~power~~ to carry their  
final assault. Asia is pressed from all  
sides and no matter toward what  
horizon she <sup>most</sup> looks anxiously for  
a ray of hope - so that she may  
be delivered from this death, she cannot  
see but threatening clouds. The only  
deliverance for her in this day is  
the Cause of Baha - Ullah. Because  
it is Movement teaches the oneness  
of the world of humanity and  
universal Peace. The Asiatic  
nations must become united  
together, not against the West,  
not on the basis of antagonism  
and religious prejudice. They  
must become united on the  
principle of reality, forget all  
their dogmas and hold fast  
to one divine Reality. A Union





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of all the Asiatic countries on such a basis of friendship and Co-operation with all humanity will be <sup>welcomed</sup> by the Western nations. But an offensive and defensive union will fail to accomplish this purpose. The greatest means of such a union is the universal language. It is most certain and indubitable that the universal language will completely wipe away all the differences from amongst mankind. This is clear and does not need any proof. Then he spoke on the fundamental

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unity of ~~all~~ the divine religions and how in San - Francisco in a Jewish Synagogue, he established this fact. Then speaking about his prison day he said: - Abdul Haamid often used to say: 'What <sup>do</sup> I do with this man! I have imprisoned him in the ~~town~~ <sup>barrack</sup> of Acre, he attracts unto himself the people of America! It is most marvellous! How does he do it?'

5 From the Consul General's house we went to call <sup>once more</sup> on Professor Vambéry. Here again more than two hours they talked together in Persian and Turkish, Prof. <sup>Vambéry</sup> telling interesting reminiscences of his journey throughout Oriental Countries. He <sup>was</sup> much interested in the Cause and begged



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the Master to permit <sup>him</sup> to write a series of <sup>articles</sup> in European press. He is a man that all Europe listens to ~~him~~ and his opinions is sought after by ~~all~~ the statesmen and diplomatists.

6) Returning to the hotel it was 4.30 pm. Lunch was ordered to the Master's room and I had the great privilege to eat with him. After that he rested for awhile and at 6 o'clock Mr Paikert Alajos, the President of the Turanian Society came to take the ~~Master~~ <sup>him</sup> to the meeting which <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ arranged by this Society for <sup>him</sup> ~~the~~ Master to address its members and the public.

The meeting was held in the national museum, the former Senate of the Hungarian Parliament, in the very chamber where the Senators used to sit before the New Parliament was built a few years ago. It is ~~one of~~<sup>a</sup> the most magnificent marble building! Although the weather was inclement yet several hundreds were present. The President spoke very briefly, just expressing his deep pleasure and gratitude to the Master for accepting the invitation of the Fourman Society. Every body <sup>was</sup> ~~and~~ on his <sup>three</sup> feet when the Beloved entered the Senate Chamber and gave him a rousing reception. ~~The~~<sup>He</sup> Master first thanked the Society for having such <sup>a</sup> lofty



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objects as to bring together all the  
Toumanian nations. Then he gave a  
brief account of the ancient history  
of Tauran and its former civilization,  
then an account of the Bahai  
principles and closing his remarks  
with the life of <sup>the</sup> Garroted <sup>rel-</sup> Ajazadeh.  
The Society is going to translate the  
address into Turkish, French and  
Hungarian and publish it in its  
7 bi-monthly Review. After the  
meeting the Master was invited  
to the home of Abbas Aga,  
the <sup>only</sup> Persian ref-<sup>in Budapest</sup> dealer. All the  
Persians, Mr Herrigel and Mr

Moore were also invited. There were <sup>also</sup> several Turks and from 7.30 to eleven <sup>thirty</sup> the Master spoke to them in Turkish, always illustrating his points with original stories ~~likes specially by the Turks~~. at 10.30 dinner was served and it consisted of soup, Rice, Chicken etc. I was glad that even in Budapest there <sup>was</sup> ~~was~~ a Persian who invited the Beloved to his home and spread a very good table for his friends. He considered this feast as the greatest event of his life. He <sup>was</sup> a very good young man and the Master was very kind to him.

Love to all  
Ahmad



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Dear Harriet!

The falling of snow is ~~being~~  
continued and the wind is blowing. The  
air is filled with cold. It seems this  
is a general condition all over Europe.  
Reports are being received from Germany,  
Austria, France and England that  
in many parts of those Countries  
King snow is reigning supreme  
and expressions of ~~great~~ <sup>deep</sup> regret  
are being heard right and left  
of the great loss which shall be  
entailed upon the farming  
communities. ~~Alfred Baha~~ <sup>Alfred Baha</sup> ~~feels~~  
he assured <sup>me</sup> that God <sup>from</sup> in this great  
Treasury ~~money~~ shall compensate them

with the wealth of the Kingdom 2  
~~out of his infinite treasury,~~

2 Mr and Mrs Leopold Stark who have become the pure channel of introducing the Cause <sup>to</sup> Hungary are most interesting people. Mr Stark is a cultured, learned Hungarian, who speaks seven languages very well and his wife speaks six languages very fluently. She is charming, sympathetic, very attractive. Her face is lighted with tenderness and ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> eyes radiate spiritual rays. She is most talented and active. The very first time I looked into her face, I was attracted to her. Her smile is most pleasant and winning <sup>some</sup>. She has a ~~great deal~~ of soul-quality. As Mr Stark says: the success of these meetings chiefly belongs to ~~her~~ <sup>my wife</sup>, because when she is interested in a Cause





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she works untiringly and enthusiastically. I have done very little. I am a busy man. "And when you look into the face of Mrs Stark you are convinced that she is a very rare woman and has exceptional virtues." "We will do everything we can to spread these teachings in Hungary" she impulsively yet deliberately declared to the Master. "Oh I am so very happy to see the Master so pleased with our humble effort. Really I am myself astonished at the interest manifested all around. People before the coming of the Master were

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surprised at our daring to invite him  
to a country wherein no one has  
heard <sup>anything</sup> about the Bahai revelation.

I was afraid a little myself that  
perhaps the public and the press  
will be indifferent but, I said,  
I will do everything possible and  
leave the rest in the hands of the  
Master. Now I am so glad, so  
happy that the Cause is received  
in Budapest with such seriousness  
and dignity. We could not do  
this in a hundred yrs. "And  
~~that~~ <sup>here</sup> she is a noble, fine, heavenly  
woman, full of Bahai spirit,  
courage, hope, optimism and  
her eyes dancing with a happiness  
which is not of this world.  
I may write pages and pages, praising  
her qualities and beautiful



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spirit but if you could see <sup>her</sup> for <sup>one</sup> ~~hour~~ <sup>month</sup> you ~~could~~ realize that which is impossible to write!

3 Mr Stark lived 9 yrs ago in London for nine months. As he has been always a member of Theosophical Society he became a friend of Mr A. P. Cattanaek who was at the same time interested in the Theosophical Movement. This link of friendships once established between them, they keep in touch with each other through correspondence. About 2 or 3 yrs ago Mr Cattanaek heard about the Bahai Cause

and accepted it immediately. Soon afterwards, he sent a package of Bahai literature to his old friend Mr Stark in Hungary. Mr Stark having read these writings became greatly interested and studied Baha-Allah's Tablets & other books. When he heard last December that Abdul Baha was again in England he wrote without delay to Mr Cattanaek, whether he ~~can~~ could direct him to one with whom he may correspond about the possibility of Abdul Baha's trip to Hungary. Mr Cattanaek gives him my address and then he wrote to me at that time, inviting the Master on the part of various Societies and offering to pay all the expenses of the trip. The Master told



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me to write him that he had not  
accepted anything from any one  
for his lectures and travelling expenses,  
that he <sup>was</sup> trying to follow the  
injunction of Christ freely you  
have received freely you give;  
that although he could not promise  
at that time whether he could go  
to Hungary but it will be well  
for him to correspond further  
on the subject when we arrived  
5 in Paris, & while in Paris I  
received again Mr Stark's cautious  
letter and again the answer was  
postponed to Stuttgart. Upon  
our arrival in Stuttgart his  
letter and telegrams were

awaiting us and kept us busy till  
the Master yielded to his <sup>urgent</sup> invitation  
and told me to send him a wire  
that he <sup>was</sup> coming. This was in  
brief the account of the introduc-  
tion of the Cause <sup>to</sup> Hungary  
which I thought may be of  
interest to record herein.

6 This morning the Beloved was  
going to call on Mr and Mrs Stark  
but as the weather was extremely  
cold last night, he caught a slight  
cold and therefore he sent Mr  
Herrigel to them <sup>with the message</sup> ~~and~~ that  
he could not go today but will  
<sup>visit</sup> ~~visit~~ them later. Soon Mr and Mrs  
Stark and Mr Moore came  
and spoke about the future  
of the Cause in Hungary. The  
Master said: The Cause <sup>will</sup>  
<sup>be</sup> spread very much in this



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country. Blessed souls shall arise to serve the Bahai revelation, they will be the means of the happiness of your hearts. The hammer of the Cause shall be unfeinted over the cities of Hungary. For the present those amongst you who are interested in the Cause, gather together once a week, read the Tablets of Baha Wllah, speak on the Cause audibly, you find a thirsty soul, offer him the cup of this salubrious water. Rest ye assured that Baha Wllah shall confirm you and you shall be

assisted by God in this work.

7 Mr Stark asked the Master what books he ~~can~~ <sup>could</sup> translate into Hungarian so that he may ~~publish~~ <sup>publish</sup> and ~~spread~~ <sup>circulate</sup> them amongst the reading public. He said, - Translate the hidden words, the words of Paradise, Tajallyat Tarazet, <sup>the</sup> Bahai Prayer and other small pamphlets containing short historical accounts. You and your wife have rendered already a great service to the Cause of Baha'ullah. I will pray to God that you may always be surrounded with his benedictions. When I leave Budapest you correspond with me and let me hear your news.





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To Mrs Stark who came in the afternoon  
to inquire about the Master's health he  
said :- I love you and your husband  
very much. you are my daughter  
and he is my son. you are the  
first ~~one~~ <sup>apostles</sup> to introduce the Cause  
of Baha Ullah <sup>to</sup> Hungary and  
this honor shall be handed  
down to all your future  
posterity. The members of  
your family shall glorify in  
you. God shall confer on you  
always. Rest thou assured  
I will be always with <sup>you</sup> ~~thee~~  
and ~~thy~~ <sup>your</sup> husband. I will  
spare no effort and shall strive  
all the time to promote your

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these spiritual principles in Hungary  
and will do my utmost to serve  
the Cause" she answered

9 ~~Later on~~ Mr Paikert Alajos  
of the Touranian Society came  
to see the Master and brought  
two beautiful books of the views  
of Budapest. He spoke on the  
objects of ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> Society and left  
a pamphlet in French detailing  
its constitution. <sup>He said to Alfred Baker:</sup> "This Society is  
eternally blessed because it had  
the honor and distinction of  
receiving you. Your words of  
praise and encouragement will  
inspire all the future workers  
of this society." "I will pray  
to God," the Master answered  
"that the circle of the influence  
of your Society may increase  
daily and may render great  
services to the world of



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humanity.

10 ~~Let~~ Mr Herrigel presented the love and greeting of many German friends and appropriate messages were sent to each. Mr Herrigel asked how they should conduct the meetings in Stuttgart. He answered: Gather once a week in a public meeting. Before the meeting <sup>begins</sup> ~~opens~~, one must read a prayer, or ~~supplication~~ from ~~Baha-Allah~~. Afterward they may sing together an anthem or a song. This is optional. They may do it or not. According to their tastes. Then ~~some~~

one may give an address, on ~~some~~<sup>a</sup> Bahai subjects; then they may read Tablets or extracts from the writings of Baba Allah such as the hidden words, Farajat etc. or the news or letters received from other Bahai Centers. Then with another supplication they may close ~~the meeting~~<sup>the gathering</sup>. The object is: let the meeting be spiritual and productive of unity and harmony, so that <sup>when</sup> you leave ~~the meeting~~<sup>you</sup> feel much better than when you entered ~~it~~. Let the meetings be as formless as possible. Crystallizing of forms will kill the spirit. Let simplicity, <sup>progressiveness</sup> naturalness, beauty of ideas, love and fellowship emanate from your meetings. The mother of



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all the questions is to promote the Cause and spread the Teachings.

11 ~~After~~ Prof. Goldziher came and the Master talked with him at great length in Arabic, on the knowledge of divinity, the four ~~criteria~~ of knowledge, the transference of the single atom through all the Kingdoms of life. The talk was very long and the Professors listened with rapt attention and delight. A few

12 ~~Then~~ ~~two~~ <sup>Arabs and Turks</sup> had interviews and the Beloved spoke to them, although

he felt very tired.

By chance Mr. Stark dropped in and I gave him the addresses of the Bahai's of the various Eastern and American Bahai Centers so that he and his wife may keep in touch with the friends of other parts of the world. The Master then advised him to correspond with as many Bahai Centers as he can. At this time the Correspondent of "Az Est" came in to have an interview. The Beloved gave him the objects of the Bahai revelation in <sup>fifteen</sup> ~~its~~ principles and also an outline of the economic Bahai plan. The Correspondent was extremely interested and went away



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convinced that this <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ a wonderful  
spiritual movement. Mr Stark,  
translated for him into Hungarian  
the talk of the Master.  
13 Today I received a nice letter from  
Consul Schwarz of Stuttgart. It <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~  
full of love for the Master and I may  
let you have a glimpse at the sincerity  
of the man by ~~a~~ quoting here a portion  
of ~~his letter~~:— My wife and myself  
as well as my children were sad when  
the train left the station of Stuttgart.  
But we are so extremely happy having  
been together with the Master the  
last week and are <sup>still</sup> quite under  
the divine influence of His Presence.  
We speak of him and the wonderful  
influence he has made on us  
and the deep love we felt for

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him as well as the love he has for us,  
so we feel very happy. We would do  
so also without the signs of love  
he has given us by taking on him  
the troubles of the trip to Mergerheim  
and the blessings he has given to the  
paths will be of enormous influence  
on its future. I am quite deeply grateful  
to the Master for this great kindness  
and love. He is all to me, my  
wife and my children and my  
whole family. We can only try to  
give him back a little bit of the  
great love he has shown us by telling  
to all our friends of Him and  
the holy Mission he is fulfilling  
so that Stuttgart may become  
a firm and strong fortress for  
His Wishes and Teachings. We  
all live here in the thought and  
love of Him. My wife and





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my children and myself are at all time remembering the Master and the fulfillment of His High Mission.

We are his pupils and will work so that we may become as he wishes us to be and tell others in order that they may take a share of the happiness and blessing which are coming from him. Tell the Master that we love him and that we beg him for his blessings."

This is a letter written by a German of a very high standing in the Community; strong, practical, solid man, and it shows how

the Beloved affects even the <sup>20</sup>strangest  
mind with his divine love.

14 Mr Moore ~~has~~ brought his gramophone  
to the hotel and Mirza Mahmud  
chanted through it the beautiful  
prayer delivered at the Theosophical  
Society for their future Bahai Meetings.

I forgot rather a very important  
point in writing the story of the  
country of Baha. In the place <sup>where</sup>  
the Master says "Come, come and I will  
be thy guide" the following sentence  
is to be inserted: - "I have come from  
that country. I am a native of that  
land and will return to it. All  
the Bahais are the denizens of that  
country."

Mirza Mahmud, Sayad Assadallah,  
Mr Herrigel and Sayad Ahmad Bageroff  
join me in sending to all the Bahais  
loving greetings  
Ahmad



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Dear Harriet! !

The Convention days of Mas-  
hugol Akbar <sup>in America</sup> are approaching and I  
hope that they may become days pre-  
gnant with significance and imp-  
ortance for the future of the Cause  
~~in America~~. Such practical and  
spiritual Conventions of Bahais must  
become like power-houses of heav-  
enly Confirmations and divine Assistance.  
Each Convention must take into  
consideration the further promotion  
of the word of God, the diffusion  
of the Fragrances of God, the

promulgation of the Teachings of God,  
and the spread of the influence  
and penetration of the Bahai principles.

A Convention must be the greatest standing  
proof of Bahai unity and the symbol  
of Bahai harmony. <sup>Abdul Baha is far</sup> While ~~I am away~~

I will pray and supplicate at The Threshold  
of Baha and entreat in the Presence  
of ~~Abdul Baha~~ <sup>God</sup> ~~that~~ the results of this

Convention may be far-reaching  
and that all the friends may become  
encouraged and strengthened by <sup>reading</sup>

the report. May it impart a great  
joy to the heart of Abdul Baha!

May its spiritual effect permeate  
to all parts of the world! May it

render a great service to the  
Cause of international Peace!

May its stars ever shine! May  
its flowers ever diffuse ~~themselves~~ <sup>May</sup>



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sweet fragrances! May its holy influence  
be felt by all the people on the face  
of the earth! May its gentle breezes  
of love and affection ever waft!  
May its noble trees ~~and~~ yield luscious  
fruits! May its chrystalline water  
~~can~~ allay the thirst of the thirsty  
ones! May its divine table ~~ever~~  
satisfy the hunger of those who  
are spiritually hungry! May its  
pure, blue heaven never be darkened  
by the ~~only~~ clouds of ill-feeling  
and strangeness! May it unfurl  
the banner of Reconciliation and  
good-fellowship amongst ~~all~~ the  
nations! May the glorious

victories of its invincible Army be ever successive! May the invisible host of the Kingdom of Abha be its helper and assistant! May it be a brilliant light in the darkness of the world!

§ The eyes of all the Bahais throughout the world are turning to <sup>Amherst</sup> ~~Newport~~ and are anxiously expecting to hear the glorious news of the Convention. The prayers of ~~all~~ the believers ascend to heaven for its unqualified success in every way. Although physically the Beloved will not be in your midst yet I have no doubt through your ~~spiritual~~ <sup>by</sup> ~~and~~ union of thought and action, his spiritual presence will be felt. <sup>He</sup> I pray earnestly that the breaths of the Holy Spirit may encircle the Convention <sup>while</sup> ~~while~~ engaged in its deliberation!



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2 This morning the Beloved Looking  
 at the ~~falling~~ of the <sup>heavy</sup> snow ~~and~~ the  
 extreme ~~cold weather~~ of the ~~last few~~ <sup>it will collect</sup>  
 days, remarked that as the ~~snow~~  
 is ~~falling~~ at this extraordinary rate  
 on ~~the crest~~ of the mountains, <sup>with</sup>  
 a few days it ~~no doubt~~ will ~~be~~  
 melted ~~by~~ <sup>and</sup> the ~~rays~~ of the sun, ~~the~~  
<sup>there</sup> result will be the swelling of  
 streams and rivers and the possibility  
 of floods in some parts. One may  
 be able to stop this flood by human  
 agency <sup>and</sup> and if not, ~~after a while~~  
 the flood will subside ~~all~~  
 by itself; But no power <sup>the force of the</sup> on earth

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will be  
is able to stop the onrushing flood  
of the Cause of Baha-Ulloh. Its  
force is irresistable and its energy  
is unconquerable. It will sweep  
away from before its path all the  
thorns and thistles of hatred and  
animosity and planting <sup>the seeds of</sup> ~~the seeds of~~  
the flowers and hyacinths of affection.  
It brings in its ~~time~~ <sup>wealth</sup> life and not  
death; construction and not destruction,  
progress and not ruin!

3 Today the Master did not go out.  
In his ~~own~~ room he received the  
callers and with each he spoke  
in detail. One of the callers was  
an old, learned man who was <sup>extremely</sup>  
<sup>interested</sup> in Sociology. He told his ideas along  
these lines and the Beloved prayed  
that he may become confirmed to  
serve worthily the world of humanity.





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4 ~~The~~ Mr Parkert Alajos called bringing his photograph in Hungarian dress, for the Master. He has been for three yrs the Austro-Hungarian Chargé d'Affaires in Washington, from 1900 to 1903, and is simply charmed with the Teachings of ~~the Cause~~ and will do everything in his power to spread them in Budapest. He said: - "I feel sure that the Bahá'í principles will be readily accepted by the Hungarian people and I will do all I can to stimulate this interest." The Master answered: - "I feel also quite assured of this, because such noble souls are found here such as yourself."

5 ~~Letter~~ <sup>8</sup> Gardner and Mr Moore arrived and each had an interview. Mr Moore represents one of the largest mining machinery firms <sup>in</sup> the United States. When he told the Master about his work, immediately he was interested and made him <sup>explain</sup> some of ~~the~~ <sup>so</sup> intricate points. ~~Then~~ Mr and Mrs Stock came in with happy faces. They were very glad because the Hungarian and German papers of Budapest had very excellent reports of the Touranian meeting. I am sending you <sup>all</sup> these papers in a separate package. Although they are short yet they are <sup>written</sup> most sympathetically. They were so happy that I could not account for it, but realizing the cold indifference ~~that~~ they had experienced in the past and

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this warm and glowing reception given to the Master by all classes, I could feel <sup>how</sup> they felt ~~for~~ on this occasion. "Oh! we want to do everything for the Cause and the Master!" She warmly declared looking smilingly at her husband.

7 Later Prof Liperowsky, the great pacifist of Hungary called and presented one of his addresses, delivered before the international Law Congress. The Master spoke with him on peace and equality of seas.

And so it went on all day and part of the night, paper

of all class and ~~shade~~ <sup>race</sup> came to see  
 the Beloved of the world. We  
 were in his presence till late  
 at night. He was extremely tired  
 and his voice was a little hoarse.

For the last two days he has  
 not been out and cancelled  
 several engagements. What  
 is interesting ~~here~~ is to see so  
 many professors, scholars,  
 and thinkers coming to hear  
 the Master's word and ~~all~~  
 going away convinced  
 that here <sup>was</sup> a Person, the  
 like of whom ~~could not~~ <sup>could not</sup> be found  
~~anywhere~~ ~~on the face of the earth!~~

~~Please remember me to all  
 the friends of Sad Almas~~



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Dear Harriet!

Tomorrow afternoon Our Beloved will leave for Vienna and thus bring to a close our very wonderful experiences in the Capital of Hungary. Another chapter was added to the Western tour of the Master and a few more <sup>notes</sup> pages will bring it to a <sup>close</sup> ~~final~~ ~~stop~~. The curtain over the stage of Hungary was raised, the divine dramatist entered, instructing and teaching the ~~great~~ audience with his varied and unexampled arts and now his engagement coming to <sup>an end</sup> ~~close~~, the curtain is slowly <sup>being</sup> ~~falling~~ down. The <sup>spectators</sup> ~~people~~ will have

time to think over what they have heard and seen. Like the flashes of lightning, the importance of ~~my~~ <sup>the</sup> words and actions of the heavenly dramatist will be revealed to them as time rolls on <sup>And in God's appointed hour</sup> they shall rise to serve the Cause with heart and soul and duly appreciate the great Favours ~~that~~ <sup>with which</sup> ~~God~~ <sup>which</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>they were</sup> ~~educated~~ <sup>educated</sup> ~~thru~~ <sup>with</sup>. As soon as enough books and pamphlets are translated into <sup>the</sup> Hungarian language and the mass of the people <sup>become</sup> ~~are~~ informed with the <sup>Bahai</sup> teachings of ~~the Bahai Cause~~ ~~then~~ <sup>interest</sup> there will be a general appreciation <sup>in</sup> of what Our Beloved ~~has~~ <sup>did</sup> do during his stay in Budapest. He has scattered the seeds in the ground of the hearts and with proper irrigation, there will be a <sup>great</sup> ~~blooming~~ <sup>blooming</sup> forth of the flowers.



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Today the weather was spring-like. Now and then the sun shone forth from behind the clouds, melting mountains of snow which have been gathered in the streets and on the top of the hills. The Master felt much better and his voice quite clear, losing its yesterday's huskiness. After drinking tea in his presence, he related ~~some~~ certain interesting episodes of the life of Baha Ullah. It seems to me ~~no one~~ <sup>few will be</sup> capable to write a complete history of Baha Ullah ~~except~~ <sup>like</sup> Abdul Baha. ~~The~~ <sup>Its</sup> general outline is already ~~well~~ known to us but ~~it is~~ <sup>I</sup> these

fascinating, rich details ~~that need to~~ <sup>and reserved for humanity,</sup>  
 be written, and no one knows these <sup>like</sup>  
~~except~~ the Master. <sup>Now and, then</sup> ~~From time to~~  
~~time~~ <sup>he relates to</sup> the Beloved ~~tells~~ us one of these <sup>anecdotes</sup>  
~~stories~~ but he has not the time  
 to write them ~~down~~. Once I asked him  
 to dictate to me <sup>a few pages</sup> ~~one story~~ <sup>each day</sup> ~~every morning~~  
 but he did not yield <sup>to my</sup> ~~request~~  
 Who will write the life - drama of Baba ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~?  
 Who will enjoy this sublime, superhuman theme?

3 About 9 o'clock a carriage was  
 ordered and the Beloved followed by  
~~himself~~ <sup>me</sup> called on Mr and Mrs Stark  
 11. Nyul Utea 5. On the way I received  
 two or three slaps on my <sup>cheeks</sup> ~~face~~ and  
 became mentally richer by the  
 recital of two more stories of a  
 Baktashi' in Acca. Arriving at  
 Mr Stark's home he received the  
 Master with outstretched arms  
 and joyful heart. His little son





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was there to attract the attention of  
 the Master and receive <sup>his divine</sup> ~~such~~ caresses  
 and kisses. After a minutes Mrs Stark  
 came into the large reception room and  
 expressed her happiness that the Master  
<sup>at last</sup> ~~had~~ blessed her home. She brought in  
 her cook, her maid and the governess  
 of the children. That the Master may  
 bless them. He shook hand with  
 each and gave them a few words  
 of <sup>benediction</sup> ~~the~~ blessing! Then sitting on a  
 chair he addressed Mr and Mrs Stark:-  
 This is a blessed home and will be  
 a very important center in the future.  
 From this home, the lights of Guidance  
 have shone forth. From this  
 home, the Call of the Kingdom

of Akha has been raised. This is the <sup>6</sup>  
first home in Hungary in which  
the name of Baha-Allah <sup>was</sup> mentioned.  
May it become always a center of  
guidance! Many may Bahai  
meetings be held here! May the  
the Teachings of the Blessed Perfection  
be diffused to all parts of Hungary  
from this home! I have come  
and sown the seeds. Now you  
must arise and water them.  
This is your duty. Be ye confident  
that Baha-Allah shall assist  
you. He will inspire your hearts.  
You <sup>two</sup> are the first man and woman  
to upraise the banner of Bahai  
Cause in Hungary. your station  
is very great in the Kingdom of  
Akha! This is not known at  
present. In the future people



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will come from all parts to visit this home, because this is the first home from which the Glad-tiding of the appearance of the Kingdom of Akiba was issued. <sup>Years ago when</sup> ~~Once while~~ I was travelling toward Siberia, I saw a large number of people gathered in one place. I asked ~~some~~ one why these people have congregated there? " He said: It is <sup>is</sup> a matter of tradition that once <sup>upon</sup> ~~upon~~ a time, one of the apostles sat <sup>sat on</sup> ~~on~~ one of these rocks. Now these pilgrims come from all parts of the world and kiss all these rocks, perchance they may kiss the right one

Now praise be to God that you are  
 the objects of the Favor of Bala-  
 Allah. I got the photograph of  
 Mrs Stark and her children and  
 am mailing you in a separate  
 package. ~~From Mrs Stark home~~

4 Mr Stark took us to the palatial  
 residence of Mrs Loupernawsky  
 This home <sup>was</sup> built ~~ready~~ 200  
 yrs ago and at the end of the  
 reception room, there <sup>was</sup> a flower-  
 garden with a <sup>fountain</sup> ~~spring of water~~ in  
 which ~~many~~ red and golden fish  
<sup>dis</sup>port. Mrs Loupernawsky, her  
 daughter, her son-in-law and  
 her three grandchildren greeted the  
 Master. The three <sup>little girls</sup> ~~children~~ <sup>were</sup>  
~~god~~ from ~~the~~ ~~age~~ of ten to <sup>thirteen</sup> ~~12~~. They  
~~were~~ dressed in white and very  
 pretty. When they came in the



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room they looked like three angels.  
 They gathered around the Master <sup>and he spoke to his two hearers</sup> with  
 much love and affection. ~~He spoke~~  
~~to them in detail about~~ <sup>on</sup> the importance  
 of the spiritual of life and the  
 poverty of the physical life. In  
 order to illustrate this, he told  
~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> story <sup>about</sup> Alexander  
 the Great <sup>during his Eastern expedition</sup> ~~which was really~~  
 very wonderful. I will write  
 this story later on as it takes  
 too much time now. <sup>Of the time</sup> ~~before~~  
 he wanted to depart he <sup>said</sup> ~~told~~  
 to Madame Louperovskiy: - Endeavour  
~~always~~ that the light of God

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may ever shine from thy house. This  
5 is my advice to thee. <sup>\$</sup> From  
there we drove to the house of  
Prof. Galdziber. I have come  
to say farewell to thee, the Master  
when ~~at the house~~ he was greeted by  
the Prof. ~~There~~ A long discussion  
on the early history of the Bal,  
the prophecies given by the Bal,  
about the latter Manifestation,  
~~to~~ was carried on in eloquent  
Arabic. ~~Although~~ the Master  
was fatigued he spoke with  
earnestness and fire. ~~Then~~  
We went to the hotel, <sup>and</sup> ~~The Bal~~  
~~invited~~ Mr Stark <sup>was invited</sup> to eat  
with <sup>us</sup> ~~him~~.

6 After lunch he was asked  
to stay and have tea. When  
the Master arose from



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his nap ~~all~~<sup>we</sup> gathered in his room  
 and Mr. Stone asked <sup>him</sup> about the  
~~Society of the~~ East. The answer  
 was in detail, showing that the  
 present unrest of the people <sup>impel</sup> ~~wanted~~  
 them to expect the dawn of new  
 hope. ~~The~~ <sup>He also</sup> ~~Master~~ spoke  
 on three kinds of freedom,  
 freedom of thought, freedom  
 of speech and freedom of  
 action. ~~Reinforcement~~, was  
~~then discussed and ample~~  
~~exposition made by the~~  
 Master

In the evening Mr Moore came  
 and he invited us to dinner,  
 being the last night <sup>we are</sup> spending  
 in Budapest. We wrote  
 a postal card to Doctor  
 Moady <sup>in Teheran</sup> and all of us  
 signed it.

I <sup>have to</sup> ~~am~~ hurrying ~~writing~~  
~~this note~~ because I am  
 called to go and translate.  
 Many people have come  
 to see <sup>Abdul Bala</sup> ~~him~~ tonight to say  
 good bye!

Love to all  
 Ahmed



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April 18<sup>th</sup> 1913

Dear Harriet +

Now from Vienna +... the  
Breeze of God is blowing to all parts of the  
world. We left Budapest at 2 pm  
and ~~was~~ <sup>arrived</sup> in the station of Vienna at  
6.30. so altogether we were ~~14 hours and~~  
~~30 minutes on the~~ <sup>train</sup> ~~way~~. One of the  
A "Persians" was at the station and in two  
automobiles we were driven first to  
~~the~~ hotel Beatrix about 15 minutes  
distance. A room No 4 ~~7~~ was designated  
for the Master and rooms for us  
next to it. But the hotel was neither  
in <sup>a</sup> good locality nor what it ought  
to be, so the Master decided to move  
to another ~~hotel~~ tomorrow morning

Abdul Baha

As he was invited ~~and~~ to dinner we took ours in the hotel and with Mr Herrigel, in the rain I went out to find the right kind of ~~hotel~~ <sup>quarters</sup> so that in the morning we may not have to ~~look~~ <sup>look</sup> around. After looking over <sup>six</sup> hotels we ~~choose~~ <sup>select</sup> one and returned <sup>satisfied</sup> ~~perfectly glad~~, because we have accomplished <sup>our task</sup> ~~something~~. ~~Upon~~ our arrival in the Beatrix they ~~manager~~ <sup>manager</sup> told ~~announced~~ to us that the Persians had already left for the Grand Hotel. We took the car and came to Grand Hotel and found our friends well situated. <sup>The number of the Master's room is 271</sup> This hotel is the largest and the best in Vienna, it is something like Plaza in New York. I have had no time to go down stair and see the dining room ~~etc~~ <sup>etc</sup>

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they tell me the five o'clock <sup>of</sup> Grand Hotel is famous; ~~and~~ the royalty <sup>of</sup> and <sup>the</sup> society <sup>of</sup> <sup>folks</sup> of Vienna gather here. The trip from Budapest to Vienna was uneventful. As we were in the second class and the Master with Sayad Ahmad <sup>(Pasha)</sup> in the first class and as the trip was a short one ~~we~~ I did not call ~~at~~ on him. On the way ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> see the mountains covered with snow and here and there ~~the~~ green grass ~~could be seen from under the snow~~. It was a cloudy day but now and then the sun ~~could~~ shine for <sup>for</sup> a few <sup>minutes</sup> seconds. On our arrival in Vienna it ~~was~~ rained <sup>rain</sup> a good symbol of the ~~water~~ <sup>rain</sup> of the knowledge of the Kingdom!

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which will ~~be~~ poured upon the  
sail of the hearts.

3 In the morning after drinking tea  
with the Master as he was looking  
at the Great Palace of the Emperor of  
Austria-Hungary on the opposite  
side of Danube he said: - I would have  
liked to see this place. As they say it's  
built <sup>recently</sup> lately, I desired to see what  
innovations they have introduced  
but we did not find any. However  
it is not important. There  
is a verse in the Khoran in which  
it is said: - As you walk in the Desert,  
you may see a piece of crumbled  
wall here and a forsaken well there,  
both of which may have been  
in the past ages, centers of great  
cities and civilization.

4 ~~The~~ At eight o'clock, the Master  
through insistent entreaty of Mr Madler

at his Studio

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Robert called ~~on him~~ to give him the last sitting so that he may finish <sup>his painting</sup> of ~~the Master~~. His address is Nadler Robert

Andrassy - Ut 11. Budapest. He has certainly painted a wonderful portrait of the Beloved and it will be a great heritage and memorial to the city for future

time. Returning we found many people ~~are~~ waiting to see <sup>the</sup> Master. Our Indian Sirdar was taken into the

Presence. The Beloved exhorted him to work for the glory and honor of India, that although many of the Rajahs and Nawabs have been the cause of decline of their native land, may <sup>the</sup> be <sup>the</sup> means of her rise. He can do this through the Favor and Bounty of Baha Allah. As an example to this; The grandees and Ministers

of Persia have in the past and in the present degraded the prestige and influence of their country, while the Bahais through the assistance and aid of the Blessed Perfection are the cause of the glorification of Persia. Ere long thou shalt see that Persia has become very beloved in the Eyes of the whole world.

6 ~~Then~~ Dr Hagera Victor with his wife and daughter came in. Doctor Victor is a most spiritual, cultured Hungarian. He speaks English most fluently, likewise his daughter and wife. His daughter is the woman who translated the Master's address from English into Hungarian at the meeting of the Star of the East. She is <sup>a</sup> most intelligent, earnest, learned, lovely woman. The Master liked her

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translation and praised her for it. "you have brought to us light." She said today to the Beloved and in these few words she not only showed the mission of the Master but her spiritual perception and capacity. She is a writer of exceptional ability and she is going to write a series of articles on the Cause for the Hungarian Press so that the public may know the teachings of this movement. She desired to have the literature and books so that she may fully acquaint herself. The Master praised all the three very much and expressed the hope that they will do their best to spread these teachings.

7 ~~Then~~ Mr Moore requested the

Beloved to chant in his gramophone  
a prayer for the people of Budapest.  
The Master accepted it and Mr Moore  
brought his machine in his room.  
He chanted through the tube a  
wonderful prayer, leaving another  
eternal heritage in Budapest. The  
prayer was in Arabic and as he  
was chanting I was standing behind  
him writing it. It is as follows:—

"O God! O God! I supplicate toward  
Thee with a heart overflowing with Thy  
Love. I call on Thee, O Lord in the  
middle of nights: O God! Save  
me through Thy Grace and Bounty!  
Suffer me to speak Thy praises  
amongst Thy Creatures! O God!  
O God! These are Thy Servants  
who have turned their faces toward  
the direction of Thy Providence



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 They are attracted to Thy voice. They  
 believe in Thy Singleness! O Lord!  
 Make them the signs of Thy Mercy  
 amongst Thy children and the  
<sup>tokens</sup> signs of Thy Bestowal amongst  
 Thy servants! O Lord! O Lord!  
 Descend upon them Thy blessing.  
 Illumine their hearts by the lights  
 of Thy Knowledge. Dilate their  
 breasts by the Verses of Thy  
 Glory and Sanctity! Make them  
 brilliant lamps shining with  
 the light of Thy Love. Verily  
 Thou art the Merciful and  
 the Clement!

O Lord! O Lord! This is a  
 city in which are gathered the

wise ones from amongst Thy <sup>Servants</sup> ~~Servants~~  
 and the mighty ones of the  
 countries. Guide them always  
 in the Straight Path. Enlighten  
 their eyes by beholding Thy Manifest  
 Light. Suffer them to become  
 the servants of the oneness  
 of the world of humanity, un-  
 furling the banner of the Most  
 Great Guidance betwixt the  
 heaven and earth, serving with  
 all their might in the Cause of  
 Peace and Salvation and  
 wishing that humankind may  
 attain to the summit of  
 Everlasting Glory! Verily  
 Thou art the Clement! Verily  
 Thou art the Compassionate! Verily  
 and Verily Thou art the

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Powerful and the Glorious!

I ~~then~~ Mr Moore took a few photos of the Master in his room and of his bed. I have asked him to send me copies. Later on many people arrived, especially Mr Stark. I even anticipate receive good news from you he said to Mr Stark "I will write to you and hope the cause will advance greatly." At one o'clock ~~the~~ carriages were ready and the Master <sup>took</sup> ~~went~~ in Mr Stark's <sup>with him</sup> carriage. On the way to the station he spoke to him about the future

of the Cause in Budapest. At the <sup>2</sup> station Mrs Stark with a bouquet of ~~the~~ flowers greeted ~~the~~ Master. Our Sardan, Mr Nadler, Furaid Mrs Vicer, the Consul General of Turkey and more than 20 more friends were there to say farewell to the Beloved. He expressed his gratefulness to <sup>those</sup> ~~all the~~ present and ~~right~~ at 2 o'clock the train pulled out of the station. A photo was taken by Mr Moore as he looked out of the window of the train. Many hands and handkerchiefs were waving in the air, many eyes were wet with tears. After a minute the Chapter of Budapest was closed, the curtain fell down and we were travelling <sup>towards a</sup> new fields of labor. <sup>7</sup> Love to all  
Ahmad

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Dear Harriet!

Since our departure from Paris I have not received any news from America; neither have I received a letter from you. I suppose my mail is awaiting me in Paris. It may take us at least one week before we arrive there, so I have written to forward my mail in case there are any. I am ~~so~~ eager to receive the news and the Master too, because he asked me the other day in Budapest, whether I have received any letters from America. Travelling from one place to another has this disadvantage but I suppose our travel in Europe is coming to a close.

As the Master was invited last night to dinner by one of the "Persian" friends in Vienna, he slept there and came to the hotel early morning. As the present Turkish Ambassador <sup>is</sup> an old friend of the Master <sup>he</sup> he asked me to go and call ~~on him~~ and inform him of his presence in Vienna. Having heard that the Master is in Budapest he had written to the Consul General of that city to let him know when <sup>he</sup> the Master arrives in Vienna. The Turkish Embassy is at IV Prinz Eugenstrasse 34, five minutes walk from our hotel. When I called ~~at~~ the above address <sup>I was</sup> ~~they~~ informed that the Ambassador <sup>was asleep</sup> ~~was~~ so I left a card, <sup>with</sup> ~~writing~~ my <sup>message</sup> ~~object~~ on it, and ~~returned to the hotel.~~

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When I ~~arrived~~ <sup>returned</sup> at the hotel the Master told us of ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> meeting in which the present Ambassador with a few other Turkish officials ~~was~~ were present in <sup>Acca</sup>. When I entered the meeting <sup>conferred</sup> "the Beloved" ~~said~~ "I observed they <sup>were</sup> all looking askance at me. They just <sup>salaamed</sup> ~~conferred~~ ~~to me~~ and started to speak amongst themselves as though I was a stranger and intruder. Then one of them <sup>raising</sup> his head asked the governor of Acca about the theory of a writer in regard to Trinity just published in a book. The Governor not knowing what to <sup>say</sup> ~~answer~~ waved the question aside. I <sup>realized</sup> ~~saw~~ the questioner's aim was for me to answer ~~to me~~ and not the governor.

Then I spoke at length on the significance  
of Trinity; the Manifestation of  
God, the holy Spirit the Father, the  
Son ~~and the Holy Ghost~~ <sup>and the Holy Ghost</sup> ~~next day~~  
~~the~~ ~~next~~ ~~day~~ ~~before~~

sunrise I was awakened from my  
sleep that the present Ambassador  
and his friends ~~came~~ <sup>were</sup> down stair and  
desire to see me. . . . . He <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ one  
of the wisest men of Turkey. He had  
been twice the Grand Vizir and  
he had carried out all the missions  
entrusted to him successfully. He ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup>  
a diplomat of the first rank, learned  
and intelligent. In those days it was  
rumored that his political prom-  
ments were given serious attention  
by the Cabinets of European Powers.  
Once he was appointed as the  
Governor of yarmaw. Thinking  
that the inhabitants ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> very



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fanatical he wore a <sup>I. Körntnerring?</sup> big turban ~~and~~  
~~had~~ and ordered all his staff to do the  
 same so that he may be able to  
 assuage their anger against any  
 innovation.

3 After awhile Mr Cordes and the  
 Secretary of the Theosophical Society  
 with a few others came to welcome  
 the Master to Vienna. Mr Cordes  
 said, the first time <sup>he</sup> I heard about  
 the Bahai Cause and was <sup>immediately</sup>  
 attracted to it was two yrs ago in  
 Adyar India - the headquarters of the  
 Theosophists. <sup>He</sup> I heard a lecture given  
 by a Bahai traveller. This lecture  
 stood just <sup>in the same spot where</sup> ~~there~~ Mrs Besant ~~stood~~  
 every time she delivered <sup>an</sup> address <sup>there</sup>  
~~as~~ the result of this many people

became interested in the Bahai Movement. This instance again showed us how the wonderful Cause of Baha-Wallah <sup>was</sup> being permeated everywhere. There ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> some hidden, invisible forces that ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> constantly working to speed the Teachings of this Movement but ~~cannot~~ <sup>could</sup> be seen by the outward eyes.

¶ In welcoming them the Master said:— I have not come to Vienna <sup>see</sup> as many tourists do but I have come to see you. I am longing always to see perfect souls. Wherever I see noble men and women I am made happy, even if it is in prison. I hope that as a result of my trip to Vienna, the light of Guidance <sup>may</sup> shall shine, the eyes shall <sup>may</sup> receive a new sight, the hearts ~~will~~ be gladdened and the spirits rejoiced. For the realization of this object, I have

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Came to Vienna.

The question of nationality and language was touched. The Beloved said:— The Persians, the Austrians, the Germans, the French, the Italian and the English people belong to one common stock of Aryan race. Originally this sturdy race lived along the river of Ganges in India. This people grew rapidly in number and strength. Having become too numerous they migrated to the plateau of Iran—(Persia—) From the tableland of Iran, a second migration was set in motion toward Caucasus. After many ages of expansion, the third migration started westward. Then a stream of migration

at various periods flowed toward  
Europe, each one, inhabiting a portion  
of the land. Lack of intercourse and  
communication created differences  
of language and customs. Little  
by little they were more and more  
stranged from each other. Now my  
hope is this: just as originally these  
various nations belonged to one  
family; may they again return to  
their primal unity. Formerly they  
were one as regards to their physical  
life; may they become united in  
this age <sup>as regards to</sup> their spiritual life.

6 After this the Master went out  
to walk in the city Park <sup>not far away</sup> ~~which is~~  
~~near by~~. This is the Flower  
Day in Vienna, <sup>and</sup> all the young  
girls have little imitation flowers  
baskets of

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in their hands with <sup>I. Kärntnering 9.</sup> a small deposit  
boxes, ~~they~~ selling ~~these~~ <sup>small</sup> flowers for  
charity. As the Master was walking,  
many came to him and instead  
of dropping <sup>small coins</sup> ~~ten cents~~ in the box he  
would drop ~~for~~ <sup>one</sup> ~~Krona~~ or two ~~Kronas~~

There were literally <sup>of people</sup> thousands in the  
streets and Park and everybody stopped  
to look at the Master, wondering  
who <sup>was</sup> this strange man! I have  
seldom seen anywhere people  
standing still and looking <sup>continually</sup> at him.  
Thousands of eyes were upon him.  
This brought to my mind the  
story he told us about Baba ~~Allah~~  
that his person was so majestic  
and so glorious that as he walked  
in the streets <sup>of Bagdad</sup> all eyes were upon  
him turned to him

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When in the Park a little girl ran to him to sell the flowers. ~~The Master~~ He got hold of her and kissed her and filled her pocket with many Keranas. Her mother who was watching this ~~lovely~~ scene came to her and asked to kiss the hand of "Monsieur" <sup>because</sup> he was so lovely to you. Very <sup>gratefully</sup> she bowed and kissed the hands, the blessed hands.

& ~~One thing~~ that surprised me <sup>very</sup> much was to see young ~~and~~ girls working as brick and load-carriers on the buildings. Over their heads they carried <sup>heavy loads of</sup> bricks and mud. This <sup>explained</sup> was most astonishing and it <sup>related</sup> to my unaccustomed eyes the sad story of social indifference. To gain a livelihood by the fair ~~sex~~ sex must be extremely hard

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otherwise these <sup>I. Kärntnering</sup> young girls and old women would not have <sup>to become</sup> ~~pushed~~ ~~work~~ as had ~~carriers~~ and stone-carriers.

9 <sup>man</sup> The Master on his return about ~~12 o'clock~~ took with himself Sayad Ahmad <sup>Bayroff</sup> and called on the Turkish Ambassador. ~~There~~ He was kept for <sup>lunch</sup> ~~dinner~~ and it was about 3 o'clock <sup>that</sup> he returned extremely fatigued by speaking. At four ~~o'clock~~ Mr Alexander Engelhardt called on the Master and made a model clay of <sup>his</sup> ~~the~~ face of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> Beloved. This morning he met ~~the~~ Master down stair and being attracted by his extraordinary countenance, pleaded him to

to come and make a model. He lives<sup>12</sup>  
most of the time in this hotel  
and makes ~~models~~<sup>statuettes</sup> of important  
personages. For twenty minutes  
he worked and out of the soft  
clay he brought out the wonderful  
face of the Beloved. He ~~is going~~<sup>will</sup>  
~~to~~ have another sitting.

As the day was full of sunshine  
the Master with all the Persain  
took another walk through the  
public park. Again he was  
stopped by the girls and dropped  
many a Kromma in their  
boxes. I enclose one of the  
imitation flowers which were  
given to me by him.

10 Having returned he rested  
for a few minutes and



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then Mr Cordes came to take him to the home of Prof Stern, Kärntnergasse it where the Theosophists will be gathered to hear ~~the Beloved~~ <sup>the Beloved</sup> speak. ~~After a few minutes we were there.~~ <sup>It took us little time to be there</sup> Mrs Stern conducted the Master to a private room. At half past seven the meeting opened ~~and~~ <sup>he</sup> ~~The~~ Master came in and everyone got up from their seats. There were about one hundred people present. The Theosophical Society has just been formed in the month of October and is therefore quite ~~new~~ <sup>young</sup>. There were many young people in their midst and

They

him

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and therefore greeted the ~~Master~~  
with enthusiasm and warm  
feeling. The English address was  
translated into German by Mr  
Cordes. His theme was the dogmas  
which exist in the present day  
religions, the freedom of the  
Theosophists from such super-  
stitions and the presence of three  
realities in Man. After the  
meeting he shook hands with  
all the people and retired to the  
other room. Here many people  
were presented for private  
interviews and each person  
received new hope and new  
courage. They were all ~~very~~  
attracted to the Cause, ~~and they~~  
<sup>were</sup> are glad to receive the

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light from the <sup>I. Kärntnering</sup> source and not  
 from a second hand <sup>ma</sup> <sup>ma</sup> Here we met  
 a Persian girl who <sup>was</sup> studying in  
 Vienna. I was surprised to hear  
 her speak in Persian in the first  
 time but was glad to find one  
 "from my native land. After  
 the meeting the Master was  
 driven in a carriage to the  
 house of <sup>the</sup> "Persian" friend  
 to take his supper. We were  
 also invited. Many delicious  
 Persian dishes were served.  
 This hotel is so big that our  
 rooms were quite far from  
 the elevated, so we have  
 again moved to another

part <sup>on</sup> of the same floor. We 16  
have ~~now~~ an excellent suite  
of three connecting rooms Nos  
46, 47, 48. The Master is living  
in front room No 46 overlooking  
the broad avenue. We are pleased  
with our place now and I  
don't think there will be <sup>rather</sup>  
change.

Now that the Master <sup>was</sup>  
here, the Course will be spread  
along <sup>spiritual</sup> ~~correct~~ lines. There will  
be no mistake and a good  
foundation will be laid  
for the future.

Love to all

Almas

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My dear Harriet!

This morning I received a few letters from America but not yet anything from you. I have written answers to each one and have mailed altogether in a separate envelope to you so that you may forward to their destinations. I am giving you a whole lot of trouble. Don't I? The Master was pleased to hear good news from the believers. The greater the progress of the Cause and <sup>the promotion of</sup> the Teaching, the more his happiness. He is now invading new fields and new countries. He is teaching us how to introduce the Cause to a public

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who has not heard the name of <sup>2</sup>Baha Ullah. Uniformly every one who has had the privilege of presenting himself before the Master has left ~~the room~~ <sup>him</sup>, impressed with ~~his~~ spiritual personality and divine Teachings. His example of unselfishness and heavenly character has made thousands of people live better lives and inspired with holier purposes. His is the authority of the spirit, the simplicity of truth and the sublimity of ideals. He has filled the world with light and beauty, love and peace. The greatest honor for us is to follow his example, spread his words, upraise his standard, cry out in his name, diffuse the fragrances of his flowers and summon ~~all~~ the people to his principles.

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This morning the Beloved sent several telegrams to various cities of the Orient giving the news of his safe arrival in Vienna. After drinking tea he said to Mr Herzigel: - The City of Wien will become a center for the Cause of God; Only after my departure the friends must not remain inactive. They must work with greater zeal and enthusiasm. They must not say: Now that Abdul Baha is gone, let us take a rest first, and then work. There is no such a thing as rest in the Bahai Cause in its present stage. Ceaseless activity, continuous teaching must be our watchword. Every Bahai must become a trumpet

of the Cause. All the ears must  
become filled with its voice. What  
is the use of a voiceless trumpet?  
A Bahai must be <sup>like</sup> a sweet-fragrant  
rose, diffusing <sup>its</sup> ~~the~~ perfume all  
around. This period must be  
dedicated to the promotion of the  
principles of Baha Ullah! you  
must be exceedingly kind to the  
Theosophists. When you meet them,  
tell them that they are freed from  
blind dogmas, <sup>that</sup> they are investigating  
the Reality, that they are very near  
to the Bahai Cause. From time  
to time, the believers of Stuttgart  
must come to Wien and give  
addresses on the Revelation. Last  
night I observed spiritual motion  
and ecstasy in the Theosophical  
Society. They were very alive.



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 Mr Herrigel said that he has translated  
 Our Beloved's address in the Jewish  
 Synagogue of San-Francisco into German  
 and expects to read it <sup>at</sup> a public  
 meeting. The Master said:— See <sup>to it</sup>  
 that the ~~address~~ <sup>it</sup> is <sup>also</sup> published in a  
 German newspaper and ~~also~~ <sup>later</sup> in a  
 pamphlet. This address is very  
 useful for the Christians, because  
 some of the Ministers have  
 secretly spread the rumor that  
 the Bahais are the enemies of  
 Christ. Now they will see that in  
 the Jewish Synagogue, we have  
 established the veracity of Jesus  
 Christ ~~that we~~ <sup>we</sup> are the lovers of Christ.  
 If today, the ~~population~~ <sup>mult</sup> ~~take~~ <sup>took</sup> hold of  
 a thousand average ministers

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of the Gospel and ~~bringing~~ <sup>brought</sup> them into the  
public square ~~and~~ <sup>and</sup> address them: 'you  
must either deny Christ or you  
will be killed', I wonder how many  
of them will remain firm! When  
Napoleon wanted to marry again, he  
applied to the Pope for permission.  
The pope said 'it is impossible'. Then  
Napoleon put him in prison. Not  
being able to stand the ignominy  
of prison, he ~~gave~~ <sup>gave</sup> the permission.  
But, on the other hand, <sup>if</sup> they <sup>took</sup> us  
to the <sup>public</sup> square and with the  
sword of executioner ~~over our~~  
~~heads~~ command us to state that  
Christ was only the prophet of  
God, <sup>and then he first</sup> we will cry out: Verily,  
Christ was the word of God and  
the spirit of God, <sup>and we</sup> ~~we~~ will

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most joyfully give up our lives for Christ.

Afterward, Sapahdar Azam who <sup>also</sup> has ~~been~~ been travelling in these parts since his departure from Paris came to call on the Beloved. In the course of conversation with him the Master said:- After the ascent of Baba Izzat I was all alone. Enemies within and enemies without <sup>had</sup> attacked me and thousand difficulties surrounded me. But my confidence and trust was within, because during the days of this life, he explicitly promised me that he will assist me always. I heard this promise from his own lips, therefore

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I knew that under all circumstances  
I will be confirmed and all ~~the~~ <sup>my</sup> enemies  
will be defeated. Then he told him  
of ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> wonderful dream he had right  
after the departure of Baha Allah.  
Later in the morning being a ~~fine~~ <sup>fine</sup> sunny  
day he called me to ~~himself~~ to have  
a walk with him. It ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> Sunday  
and the people ~~were~~ <sup>were</sup> out going to their  
churches. The ~~Master~~ <sup>he</sup> walked toward  
a church, ~~was~~ <sup>is</sup> about three blocks  
from the hotel. Its outside looked  
like a palace and its dome ~~rose~~ <sup>rose</sup> up  
to ~~the~~ sky. The Beloved entered the  
church. All the eyes of the worshippers  
were upon him. The inside roof  
contained wonderful paintings, the columns  
were of marble, the decoration was  
magnificent and rich. It was a Catholic  
church, ~~therefore~~ <sup>and</sup> before the statue

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of every Saint in the different corners of the temple candles were lighted and many souls were kneeling. The Master walked around for ten minutes looking intently upon the Statue of the Crucified Christ and the Saints. Coming out he dropped several Kronnas in the box near the gate. "These people may have thought" he said musingly "that we are there for ridicule. God forbid! They do not know, how the pictures and statues of Christ affect me. It was better to come out, because I might have prevented them from their worship on account of my strange appearance."

6 Arriving at the hotel we found

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X we found many Theosophists waiting  
to see <sup>him</sup> the Master. He greeted them with  
heartfelt cordiality and spoke about  
the meeting last night: I was most  
pleased to present myself in your  
midst and speak with you, a  
meeting which believes in the spiritual  
power, a power which is super-  
natural and super-intellect. Therefore  
I hope that this Theosophical Society  
may be ~~helped~~ helped and its <sup>members</sup>  
gain victory over the pillars of  
the world of nature who are the  
materialists of this age. It is evident  
that today the material philosophers  
have overcome the religionists.  
The influence exerted by nature  
and its admirers is by far greater  
than the influence wielded by  
religion and its devotees. Because

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all the religions are submerged in the sea of dogmas and sacerdotal ritualism. Of course the followers of nature overcome the worshippers of superstitions. But those who are truly spiritual and ~~are~~ immersed in the sea of God's spiritual Graces, they overcome all things. Consequently I trust that the darkness of this city may be dispelled through the appearance of the lights of the spirit. Strive! make ye an effort! and work by day and by night so that a time may soon come when the Continent of Europe is illumined. At present it is very dark and one cannot walk

7 surely and steadfastly. "One <sup>12</sup> of those present said: "We hope to do this service through your assistance and the power of the Holy Spirit."

"It is very true," the Master said, "Because the limited human powers are unable to render such a great universal service, the power of the <sup>Holy</sup> Spirit causes the appearance of reality and as ~~the~~ reality is one, all of us will become one."

8 Some one asked that he had read in the literature of the Bahais that they believe Baha-Allah is the Father.

What do you mean by this?

<sup>The Master said:</sup>  
By Father we mean the Educator, just as the Father is tender to his children, likewise the instructor teaches them. The function of the Father and the Educator is the same. The father gives the material life, the Educator



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gives the mental <sup>1. Klärutnering?</sup> and the spiritual life. Therefore when we say Bahá'ulláh is the Father, we mean he is an Educator - a spiritual Educator - or in other word he is the Manifestation of divine attributes. Moreover as one of the perfect qualities of the Divinity is Fatherhood, therefore we give him the title of the Father, because the Manifestation of God is like unto a clear mirror in which is reflected the ray of the Sun of Reality and one of these rays is Fatherhood. Generally, there are three kinds of teachers. 1st. There is the teacher of the children in the Educational Institutions, from

Kindergarten school to the university.

They are all teachers in various degrees. Secondly. In philosophy a teacher means a person who has studied all the sciences and arts, has become well-established in all the branches of human endeavor and is unique and peerless in his age. According to oriental history,

there have <sup>been</sup> ~~come~~ in the past two <sup>such 'mas' tims'</sup> ~~teachers~~ in philosophy. The first one

is Aristotle who was well-versed in all the sciences and accomplishments of his time. <sup>The</sup> Second <sup>one</sup> teacher was

Farabi who announced <sup>himself</sup> that he <sup>was</sup> the second teacher. The King

ordered the organization of an Academy of learned men and Farabi was examined by the

master of every branch of knowledge. Not only he demonstrated

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that he knew as much as they know  
 but he established his superiority  
 over them. Even he was examined  
 in <sup>the art of</sup> music ~~and~~ ~~of~~ ~~his~~ ~~time~~ and he  
 displayed his marvellous versatility  
 and many-sidedness. ~~Then~~ The  
 Academy unanimously voted to give  
 him the most coveted title of  
 the <sup>master</sup> ~~teacher~~. Avicenna also in his time  
 claimed to be the Third Teacher.  
 Consequently ~~the~~ <sup>an</sup> Academy of the  
 Thinkers of the age was formed. At  
 the time of examination he showed  
 his almost miraculous knowledge  
 in every branch and easily established  
 his superiority over all the  
 rest. When the hour for the

musical examination come around, <sup>16</sup>  
 he was found that his knowledge  
 of music is only equal <sup>to and not</sup> ~~to~~ <sup>the</sup>  
~~superior to the musical art of his age.~~  
~~musician and not superior.~~ <sup>After</sup>  
 much consultation they did not  
 confer ~~it~~ upon him the title  
 of Teacher, <sup>"maestro"</sup> because in one of the  
 branches of arts he had an equal,  
 therefore they gave <sup>him</sup> the title of  
 Rais (Chief). Thirdly, according  
 to ~~the religious and~~ spiritual  
 terminology which is our way  
 of expression a "teacher" is the  
 Center of the divine lights, so we  
 say Christ was a Teacher of  
 men. By the word "Teacher" we  
 mean the perfect source of  
 universal virtues in the world  
 of humanity.

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Some one asked: "I have been told that the objects of the Bahai Movement and the Theosophical Society are one and the same. If so, why there should be two names, two distinct organizations, two modes of expression?"

The Master:- Well said. You have brought up a good point. According to our faith whosoever ~~investigates~~ <sup>discovers</sup> the reality, he is a Bahai <sup>although</sup> he may not know this himself.

We do not desire to add another name or word to the already many names. Our aim is to spread the knowledge of reality, <sup>and</sup> to diffuse the fragrance of the rose. Because there are two or many roses

of the same color and perfume, can we say that one <sup>of them</sup> is not necessary?

Let us have all the sweet roses we can get. We can never have enough roses. Can we? Besides this, the

Bahai Movement is not an organization.

It is the fresh Breeze of the Garden of God. You can never organize the Bahai Cause. It cannot be

located in one single place or centered in one individual. The Bahai Movement is the spirit of this age. It is everywhere. It has no geographical limits. It is the essence of all the highest ideals of this century. A person may ~~be~~ claim to be a Bahai or may be known as a Bahai for all his life and may not know at

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all what a Bahai means. Another person may never have heard the name ~~of the~~ Bahai and may at the same time practice all the attributes which are necessary to make one a Bahai. That is why his holiness Christ says, those who are not against us are with us, you must know the tree by its fruits. <sup>How to answer</sup> your question from another standpoint. Everyone knows that in a seed, there lie envelopped, the young plant, the root, the tree, the branches, the blossoms and the fruits. This <sup>simple</sup> knowledge is however not sufficient. There must needs be a

gardeners to plant the seed in a <sup>20</sup> pure  
ground, to water it, to take care of  
it till it reaches to the stages  
of fruition. There must needs be  
~~use~~ the power of the Holy  
Spirit to put into practice the  
divine principles. All that his  
holiness Baha Ullah has written  
are today practiced by the Bahais.  
More than 20,000 people have  
sacrificed their lives. One of the  
principles of Baha-Ullah is  
universal Peace amongst the  
religions. In the Orient, the  
religions were inimical towards  
each other; now through <sup>their</sup>  
power they are united. In  
the world of existence every  
undertaking is dependent



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upon the realization of three things. 1st Knowledge, 2d Decision, 3d Executive power. For example in building this hotel, First the plan was drawn. 2d The Company approved and decided upon the plan, 3d The Capitalists put their money together to build it. Again the Bahai Cause is an all-inclusive movement. the teachings of all the religions and Societies are found here. The Christians, the Jews, the Mohamadan, the Buddhists, the Zoroastrians, the Theosophists, the Freemasons, the Spiritualists

etc etc do found their highest aims  
 in this Cause, while this cannot  
 be applied to other religious sects  
 and societies. Even the Socialists  
 and philosophers find their theories  
 fully developed in this movement.  
~~Then~~ The Master spoke at length  
 about a famine in Persia where  
 the rich Bahais gave up willingly  
 all their possessions so that  
 the members of the Community  
 may be protected. ~~Then~~ <sup>§</sup> The  
 question of Manhood and  
 celibacy was touched, and the  
 Beloved dwelt upon this subject,  
 giving instances <sup>as to</sup> how an  
 unproductive life, such as  
 the ~~life~~ <sub>one</sub> led in most of the

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Monasteries and convents is not commendable; that we must be useful members of the human Society, <sup>that</sup> we must serve <sup>our fellowmen</sup> in a practical way our fellowmen.

He told them of the nunnery and <sup>Convent</sup> on Mount Carmel, of a big Monastery in Russia with more than 5000 monks. The lives of these people are spent in prayers and worship while God has created them to work for the betterment of humanity.

12 In the afternoon the Master called on Sapalder in Hotel Imperial but he was not there. His Secretary

entertained the Beloved. When you  
 return to Persia <sup>at least Bala</sup> the ~~Master~~ told  
 him "Give my greeting to the  
 mountains and rolling valleys, <sup>green</sup>  
 to the singing nightingales and  
 the cooling springs, to the  
 fragrant rose-gardens and  
 the fresh breeze of Persia.  
 I love them all. Remember  
 me to them."

§ Returning to the hotel and  
 drinking his tea he called on  
 the Persian Minister. The  
 subject of <sup>his</sup> discussion was  
 America and his trip through  
 that vast land.

§ Not resting for one moment,  
 on his return he told me

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to have some of the newspapers ready  
 such as Asiatic Quarterly Review, Christian  
 Commonwealth, Morning Mirror,  
 Pils Altan etc and we called on  
 the Turkish Ambassador. For  
 one hour the Beloved talked  
 on the principles of the Cause  
 and his Western trip for the  
 last 2 yrs and half and leaving  
 the newspapers with the  
 Ambassador he was taken  
 to the house of <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ "Persian"  
 friend for supper. It  
 was about <sup>midnight</sup> ~~12 o'clock~~ when  
 the Beloved returned to  
 the hotel to rest for a few

the dawn of

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~~X~~ hours before another busy day  
dawns.

~~I enclose the copy of our  
Beloved's address to the Esperanto  
Society of Paris. It is published  
in the International Psychic  
Gazette and if the friends  
desire to order some they  
may do it directly.~~

~~your sincere friend~~

~~Alfred~~

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April 21<sup>st</sup> 1913

Dear Harriet! - 1 -

At last ~~to-day~~ I received your two good letters of March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>. I <sup>also</sup> received ~~also~~ ~~many~~ other letters from the friends, ~~all~~ giving ~~the~~ news of the progress of the Cause ~~from different standpoints~~. The Master ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> more than pleased over the harmonious condition of the Cause in New York. He ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> glad that like unto <sup>the</sup> disciplined soldiers, they ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> engaged in the spread <sup>and promotion</sup> of the Teachings ~~and the promotion of the movement~~. If the believers could faintly realize how happy the Beloved <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ made when he heard they ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> united and active

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they would always work for  
unity and agreement. The friends  
are the waves of one sea, the stars  
of one heaven, the pearls of one  
ocean, the jewels of one mine,  
the fruits of one tree, the rays  
of one sun, the flowers of one  
garden and the rains of one  
cloud.

2 <sup>also</sup> Many packages of letters  
were received from the Oriental  
Assemblies, each bringing the  
good news of the progress of  
the Cause. The Master spent  
~~an~~ <sup>two</sup> hour ~~or two~~ in looking over  
his mail and ~~after~~ <sup>then</sup> going out  
for half an hour to call on  
a friend, he returned with the  
Persian Minister and three



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other Persians. ~~The Beloved~~ <sup>He</sup> was speaking to them about Persia's conditions and the non-interference of the <sup>Bahais</sup> friends in political matters <sup>when</sup> Mrs Marie Thaller was announced.

She <sup>was</sup> a very enthusiastic and happy woman and ~~is~~ tremendously attracted to the Cause; ~~she was~~ <sup>she</sup> bubbling over the results of the <sup>his</sup> talk of the Master. Since hearing him, she has been the happiest woman in the world. She could not sleep last night at all thinking of the <sup>his</sup> spiritual power of ~~the Beloved~~ and his nearness to her. She <sup>was</sup> really full of life. The Master

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showed her the photograph of Mrs  
Stork <sup>He told her</sup> & I like you to become as  
perfect as this woman. She is a  
flame of fire. She is very spiritual  
very pure and overflowing  
with <sup>aesthetic</sup> spiritual susceptibilities.  
They began for the benefit  
of the Persian Minister  
and a few other friends <sup>he gave</sup> a  
review of his address before  
the Open Forum <sup>in</sup> San Francisco  
and ~~did~~ put them in good humor  
when the story of the Cow  
and the materialists <sup>philosophers</sup>  
3 was recited ~~to~~ <sup>them</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>their</sup> ~~antoinette~~  
carried <sup>him</sup> the beloved and ~~all~~  
the friends to the Schönbrunn  
palace, the summer

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residence of Emperor. While  
the automobile was driving through  
the avenues and the streets of  
Vienna, I told the Master the  
news just received from America  
~~in your letter, Miss Krug and~~  
~~many others. The Master for~~  
<sup>he shake you</sup> the benefit of the other Persians  
~~spoke~~ about Mrs Krug <sup>and</sup> while  
he was talking about ~~her~~  
~~Krug~~ and her courage and  
firmness and enthusiasm  
he was laughing and in good  
humor. For more than one  
hour we walked through  
~~the wonderful part~~

of <sup>the</sup> Schönbrunn, passing by  
 the cages of the bears, and many  
 wild animals. The Master said:  
 If one of these bears got hold  
 of Mirza Abmo <sup>Schub</sup> in the mountains <sup>of Alaska</sup>,  
 what <sup>would</sup> he do with him? Will  
 he give the bear a <sup>Bahar</sup> ~~fat~~ hug?

One of the most novel sights  
 to be seen ~~in this park~~ was  
 the <sup>peculiar</sup> arrangement of the trees  
 like high walls, so that if  
<sup>one</sup> you stopped in the beginning  
 of the avenue, <sup>you would</sup> ~~see~~  
<sup>see</sup> ~~abuse~~ a high wall, straight  
 as an arrow, green and verdant.  
<sup>The Park was</sup> It ~~is~~ a very large ~~park~~ and  
 the flower beds ~~were~~  
 arranged most <sup>ti</sup> artistically. You  
 can <sup>easily</sup> imagine what will be

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the Park of an Emperor! ~~It was~~ <sup>Always</sup>  
 2 o'clock ~~when~~ we returned to the  
 hotel. The Master eating his  
 lunch, ~~and~~ resting for awhile. In  
 the afternoon we enjoyed a  
 quiet rest and ~~to~~ <sup>at five</sup> o'clock  
 three callers <sup>arrived</sup> ~~came~~ and visited  
~~the~~ Master & Frau Professor  
 Thern in whose home we had our  
 first meeting, ~~the other night~~  
 brought her book - so that the  
 Master may write something in  
 it and he wrote the following  
 prayer:-

O Thou Almighty, Make  
 this Theosophical Society

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a rose-garden and a meadow through  
the down-pour of the rain of Thy  
Providence; — so that they may  
become delivered from expectation,  
behold the rays of the Sun of  
Reality, become informed with  
the existence of the invisible  
world and attain to the Mystery  
of mysteries. Verily Thou  
art the Guide!

(Sif) Abdul Baha Abbas.

At seven o'clock Mr Eder,  
the President of Psychological  
Society and the Vice President  
of Theosophical Society came  
to take the Master to  
the Lodge in 1 Johannesgasse  
2 IV. at Mr Paul Luekeneder.

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As it <sup>was</sup> quite near ~~the hotel~~ the  
 Master <sup>we</sup> walked and the avenues  
 packed with moving, pushing  
 humanity, gazed wonderingly  
 at the Beloved. Many people  
 stopped and looked at him  
 long. Arriving at the place <sup>we</sup>  
 found it to be a newly built  
 apartment house and no  
 elevator. The Theosophical  
 Lodge being on the fourth  
 floor. With great difficulty  
 the Master ascended the  
 stairs. There were more  
 people present than the  
 other night, nearly two  
 hundred, all anxious to hear

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<sup>hour</sup>  
the ~~Master~~ speak. After a few  
minutes rest the ~~Master~~ <sup>he</sup> came  
out and sitting on ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> Chair  
designated for him, delivered  
a wonderful address on the  
~~spiritual~~ influence of the  
spirit and the transparency  
of the single indivisible  
atom throughout all the  
degrees of the various  
Kingdoms. The audience  
listened with ~~great~~ <sup>rapid</sup> attention  
and when he finished they  
were so attracted that they  
clamored for another  
lecture to be delivered  
on Wednesday night. The  
Beloved accepted their plea



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and brought the meeting to a close  
by delivering a beautiful prayer.

After the <sup>then</sup> meeting the ~~Master~~  
retired to another room and  
spoke with many <sup>of the</sup> friends  
individually. When he  
~~to~~ left the house he said  
to Mrs Luckeneder: I was  
most pleased with this meeting  
and very delighted with the  
meeting because it ~~is~~ <sup>was</sup> a rest  
for the heavenly birds. He  
took his supper tonight in the  
hotel. His voice is yet a little  
hoarse. In his address on the  
Spirit he said: - The Glory of  
the world of humanity is not

through the body. This is the honor<sup>of</sup>  
of the animal world; but the  
Glory of man comes through the  
Spirit. Spirit quickens  
and regenerates humankind and  
not the body. Spirit draws  
man near unto God and  
not the body. Spirit is the  
discoverer of the realities of  
phenomena and not the body.  
Spirit establishes love and  
Amity amongst the human  
race and not the body.  
Spirit will usher in the  
era of Peace and Salvation  
and not the body. Spirit  
attracts the hearts together  
and not the body. Spirit

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has drawn me to Vienna so that I may associate with you and not the body. I am an Easterner and you are from the West. It is the power of the Spirit that has gathered us together. It is the Spirit that gives wings to man so that he <sup>may</sup> soar in the immensity of God's <sup>kingdom</sup>. It is the Spirit ~~that~~ is the Collective Center of all the perfections. Take away the spirit from man and he is an animal!

I will end this letter with the Master's supplication.  
" O Thou Kind God! The members of this Society have

Turned their faces toward Thee,<sup>14</sup>  
They are begging to receive the light  
from Thy Most Great Guidance.  
They enjoy Spiritual susceptibility.  
O God! Quicken the Spirits! <sup>Extend</sup>  
the horizon of their thoughts.  
Bestow upon them the Power of  
the Kingdom! Confer upon them  
the Confirmations of the  
Holy-Spirit! O God! Endeavor  
these souls and give unto  
them merciful powers, so  
that they may illumine  
this Country with Thy Light!  
May they resuscitate the  
dead bodies! May they cause  
the disappearance of the

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darkness of nature through the  
rays of Thy Sun! O God!  
Assist these souls and  
deliver them from the  
darkness of nature. Clothe  
them with the heavenly  
body and surround them  
with spiritual forces.  
Verily Thou art the  
Generous and the mighty.

Love to all  
Abundant  
ours

P. S. Enclose you will find the  
address of Our Beloved in English  
and Esperanto which was delivered  
in Edinburgh. Please call up over  
the phone Mr Powell and tell  
him about it. He sent me a <sup>translation</sup>  
which he had made from Esperanto  
<sup>into</sup> English. He would like to know  
about this. He can I suppose  
order as many copies as he likes  
for the distribution amongst  
the friends. Likewise if the  
believers desire to order any  
they may do so by writing directly  
to the British Esperanto  
Association as the address  
is given above ~~the~~ address

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Dear Harriet!

One of the most precious souvenirs of our sojourn in Vienna is the delightful little bust made of the Master by Mr Alexander Engelhardt, the artist. Unconsciously, he has eternalized his name in the Bahai history. He is a young man, <sup>with</sup> a fine face, keen eyes, ample hair and altogether a very nice fellow. The clay model was finished in <sup>two</sup> sittings, each sitting taking from <sup>twenty to thirty</sup> ~~30~~ minutes to half an hour. He is a native of Dresden and his father is the Editor of an influential paper in that city. You may call him a travelling artist. He has made

busts of King Edward and other  
 famous men. From the clay model,  
 a few busts are being made ~~now~~ in  
 imitation bronze and <sup>they will be ready,</sup> in a week ~~will~~  
~~be ready~~. The price which he charges  
 will be a nominal one. I think  
 it will be ~~between~~ <sup>two</sup> or three dollars,  
~~probably~~ three dollars. I have ordered  
 two for myself - myself in the sense  
 of sending one to you and the other  
 to Washington - and if the friends  
 desire to have any, they can ~~all~~ put  
 their ~~first~~ order together and I will  
 see that they will get them in  
 time. I believe it is one of the  
 best heritages to posterity. How these  
<sup>matters</sup> things come <sup>up</sup> one after another quite  
 naturally and yet ~~all these events~~  
~~are~~ miraculous when you look upon  
 each ~~separately~~ <sup>incident</sup> from an isolated point of  
 view.



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This morning a reporter from "Die Zeit" called on the Beloved and asked many questions and received satisfying answers. As the Master has spoken in this City only to the Theosophists, the reporter asked whether he is the leader of this Society?

A. B. We are Bahais but on certain questions we find ourselves in agreement with the Theosophists.

Reporter. In which part of the world this Cause is more spread?

A. B. In Persia, although there are many of them in America.

Reporter. Is this a Mohamadan sect?

A. B. This movement is neither a sect nor an ~~Mohamadan~~ <sup>is called</sup> denomination. It is the religion of love and brotherhood toward all humanity.

R. I have read the principles of your<sup>4</sup> movement and find everything <sup>in</sup> it reasonable.

A. B. In these parts no one as yet is completely informed of the Bahai Cause. If a person learns all the teachings of Baha ~~Allah~~ he will acknowledge that they are the spirit of this age, the light of this century.

Rep. Are there Bahais all over the world?

A. B. Yes.

Rep. Where do you come from?

A. B. I come now from Budapest. I have been in America, where I have travelled through many large cities and spoke in many churches. After nearly 8 months, returning from California to N. Y. I sailed for Liverpool.

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Then London, Bristol <sup>I Kärntnerring,</sup> Edinburgh, Paris, Stuttgart, Mergentheim, Budapest and now in your delightful city.

Rep. you are wonderful to travel so much at this age!

A.B. The power of God assists me.

Rep. How long are you going to stay here?

A.B. I will leave for Paris in a day or two.

Rep. Do you find many people are interested in your Cause.

A.B. Now it is the beginning of this movement in Europe but it will be soon spread to all parts.

Rep. How long have you been travelling for the propagation of your principles?

A.B. It is now 2 years and half.

Rep. Will you tell me something about your teachings?

Then the Master told him how previous to the coming of Baha-Allah, darkness and ignorance prevailed amongst all the religions and nations of the East, how Baha-Allah like unto a glorious sun appeared and established certain teachings. Then he enumerated these principles, 1st Investigation of Reality. 2<sup>d</sup> the oneness of the world of humanity, 3<sup>d</sup> Religion must be the Cause of love and Amity, 4<sup>th</sup> Religion must be in accord with science and reason, 5<sup>th</sup> Universal Peace, 6<sup>th</sup> Economic plan, 7<sup>th</sup> Equality of man and woman etc etc. Then he gave him an exposition

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of natural and divine civilization. The reporter asked a question about the American people. The Master answered: - They are very progressive and well-established in modern civilization. They are the investigators of Reality and are thirsty for every salutiferous water. They have a vast and unlimited continent, capable of undreamed of development. They are ever pushing forward. One must move and push and be alert and active in America, otherwise it is not his place. The reporter smiled and said: "How well you understand them!" Then there was more talk about the exile and imprisonment of Baha Ullah, the limitation

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of material civilization. The reporter  
left the Presence of the Beloved  
impressed not only with the  
Teachings but with <sup>his</sup> wonderful  
personality of ~~the Master~~.

4 Later Many friends came to see  
the Master. They were all  
gathered around him. One woman  
asked "how should we gain eternal  
happiness?" Answer: - you must  
enter in the Kingdom of Abha.  
In the Kingdom of Abha, there  
is light upon light. The darkness  
of sorrow and pain is banished  
forever from that region. His  
Holiness Baba Hlalab today has  
opened the Doors of the Kingdom  
and people are receiving vision  
of that far-off palace

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of happiness. They are made <sup>I. Kärntnering?</sup> so happy that they sing and dance under the sword. Eternal happiness is all-inclusive. In it is embraced material happiness. This world is like unto ant-houses.

Have you ever observed how the ants are ever busy to gather provisions, sometimes carrying heavier loads than themselves? But once in a while some of these ants grow wings and soar away. I hope you will be like them!

¶ Then a few of the Persians called ~~on the Master~~. There are I think about 20 Persians in Vienna who have <sup>called</sup> ~~been~~ here for the last

few days to meet the Master, <sup>10</sup> ~~other~~  
through curiosity or interest.

5 At ~~twelve~~ <sup>noon</sup> ~~o'clock~~ the Master  
and all of us accompanying him  
went out to take a walk in the  
National park. After half an  
hour walk he rested in a cupola  
in front of the Lake to watch  
the ducks and geese and  
swans! They were very pretty  
and of many colors. He was  
enthusiastic in his praise  
of them. ~~Then~~ He went out  
of the Park with our brother  
Bageroff to dinner to the  
house of a "Persian friend".

6 As we were walking back  
~~to the hotel~~, a young man



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approached and inquired whether we are Persians. After some conversation it turned out that he <sup>was</sup> a Bahai from Tehriz, and he wanted to come to Paris to see the Master.

Mirza Ali Akbar had given him the address of Man. Dreyfus, so he was <sup>so</sup> glad when he heard that the Master <sup>was</sup> here. About five o'clock he came to the hotel and was presented to <sup>him</sup> ~~the Beloved of the world~~.

Incidentally I may state that <sup>Mirza was with Abdul Baha in America</sup> ~~our American~~ Mirza Ali Akbar has returned to Haiffa and is awaiting <sup>his</sup> the arrival of the

~~Beloved and <sup>the other</sup> Paris Nurja Ali~~  
Abbar has gone from Luzerne  
to London.

~~Another thing: Mrs Isabel  
Graver is a special friend of mine  
and during our journeying  
together in Europe she has  
seen a few of my letters and  
for her Bahai newspaper work  
she is very anxious to get  
copies of these letters. I have  
told her to write it to you.  
The Master has great confidence  
in her newspaper work and  
you will assist the Cause  
if you send to her copies  
of the Diary as you  
receive. She wants me~~

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to send these letters first to her  
then she would copy and forward  
them to you but I did not  
accepted it. However any  
assistance you give her in  
this matter will be greatly  
appreciated. We have arranged  
with some of the important  
weeklies and monthlies in  
England to give to them  
for publication weekly and  
monthly articles - a <sup>continuous</sup>  
publication propaganda -  
These Editors are glad to  
publish these articles if  
we have them ready. Now

Mrs Fraser could not write  
 articles without some foundation  
 and these letters seem to her  
 just the right kind of foundation.  
 Please help us in this matter.  
 It is impossible for me  
 to write to her all the news  
 as I have <sup>been</sup> writing them to you.  
 So the only way to do is as you  
 receive these letters you will  
 be good enough to have some  
 one typewrite them and send  
 one copy to her.

Please remember me to  
 all the friends of Leo

Almond

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Dear Harriet!

This is the photo of the Hotel in which our Beloved lives. Tomorrow morning at ten o'clock we will leave for Stuttgart and stay there probably for two nights and then for Paris. In half an hour Baroness Bertha v. Suttner the celebrated Austrian Peace advocate will call on the Beloved to talk with him. It will be a significant meeting

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Dear Harriet! |

This is the last day we are in Vienna and tomorrow <sup>morning</sup> at ten o'clock we will leave for Stuttgart <sup>from</sup> by the station Westbahnhof. Here during these few days the Cause <sup>was</sup> well spread, many people have become deeply interested and ere long Vienna will be one of the many Bahai Centers in the world. The pure seeds of the Word of God <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ being sown and God shall cause them to grow through the downpour of the rain of Mercy and the wafting of the gentle breezes. We are all very hopeful as to the future of the Cause

in Vienna

2 One of the most amusing reports which somehow has been given out innocently by someone was that Abdul Baha ~~reads~~ <sup>was a fortune-teller</sup> ~~over fortunes~~ and ~~predicts the events which will transpire in the future of one's life.~~ Therefore for the last few days most of those who came to have an interview with Abdul Baha inquired about their future. This morning two ladies arrived very early, each carrying in her hand a ~~small~~ bouquet of flowers and after the preliminary greeting, asked the Master what kind of progress will they make in the future? There are two kinds of progress;

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the Beloved said, 'Spiritual progress and material progress. Material progress is temporal and vanishing; for no matter how much man may advance his body, at last <sup>he</sup> shall become subject to death; but there is no limit to spiritual progress and its results are infinite and glorious. For you, therefore I desire this spiritual progress which is eternal!'

3 ~~Later on~~ Some one asked how can she better assist the world? The Master said: - Assistance is of two kinds: - Material assistance and spiritual assistance.

Material assistance is limited to one locality and place but spiritual assistance is measurable. However if a person is enabled to render assistance in both ways, then it is light upon light. But if he cannot render material assistance, he must not feel sad, because he is not responsible. You must not feel unhappy, because you are not rich. I strive <sup>then</sup> in order to assist the world spiritually. Consider how many souls have assisted the <sup>community</sup> with millions yet its result has not been widespread, but those souls who have arisen to guide the people spiritually, their



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results are unlimited. They <sup>you</sup> make ye an effort to gain this power. In what way will you gain this power? By entrance into the Kingdom of Baba Allah. <sup>Then</sup> ~~It~~ shall be surrounded with invisible Confirmations. <sup>There</sup> are many women in Persia who have no worldly possession whatever, but they render spiritual assistance to the people. You must likewise make an effort, so that you may guide and educate the souls <sup>spiritually</sup>. Do not attach your hearts to the worldly possessions. Attachment ~~is~~ alloys happiness.

There are some people who dream that if they had ~~ten~~ <sup>ten</sup> thousand dollars, they would be happy, but they do not know that those who have already 10,000 dollars are unhappy and ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> sad because they do not have \$100,000, and so on. If you want to be happy, attach your hearts to nothing. Be ye free, so that ye may be always joyful. Attach your hearts to spiritual principles. They are the divine virtues, heavenly perfections, the knowledge of God, the Love of God and the attractions of the Spirit.

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Someone asked: ~~about~~ the Bahai

Cause. The Master said:— The Cause of Baha-Ul-Lah is incomparable to any other cause, because it is the Collective Center of this age. This Cause regenerates the souls; Everyone receives a new baptism and attains to the station of the new birth. If he was a liar, he becomes truthful; Whereas formerly he was a coward, he becomes courageous. Whereas formerly he was morally soiled, he becomes pure; Whereas formerly he was ignorant, he becomes wise. He is transformed entirely into the angelic state. Any person undergoing this process of

purification, know ye of a <sup>certainly</sup> that he is a Bahai, otherwise he has only changed his ideas and is a Bahai in name. All the present communities do only change their <sup>names</sup> ~~ideas~~, but in the Bahai Cause, it is different. If a person was dark, he becomes illumined, ~~he becomes~~ characterized with the attributes of Holiness and Sanctity; he will be set aflame with the Fire of the Love of God; <sup>And</sup> he will become a New Creation. The Bahai Cause is the fountain of Job. Whosoever enters <sup>therein</sup> ~~it~~ will become freed from all the moral and spiritual diseases. I hope all the people

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will attain to this high station.

5 One of the Theosophists asked the Master to write in her book. On the page having the date of May 23d being his birthday he wrote the following:-

"O Thou Sun of Reality! Cast  
Thou a splendor from the Light  
of Reality upon the heart and  
conscious of this seeker of  
Reality."

6 Someone suggested, it will be very good if a meeting between Abdul Baha and a prominent Austrian <sup>Count</sup> ~~could be~~ <sup>could</sup> be brought about. The Master said:-  
The thirsty one must run

after the water; the fountain will not run after those who are thirsty.

1 Another visitor asked: "What is the greatest duty of man in this world?" The Master said: "To enter in the Kingdom of God is the greatest and most important duty."

2 One inquired: "How can the heart be consoled?" The Master said: "The greatest consolation for the heart is the Love of God. This is the balm for every wound, and the remedy for every ailment. This world is full of pain and afflictions. Therefore the foundation upon which <sup>the</sup> eternal consolation of the human heart is based."

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is the Love of God. Every day  
bring in its train new difficulties,  
and ordeals. The world is very  
dark and the only light which  
is capable to penetrate through  
this darkness is the Light of  
the Love of God and entrance <sup>into</sup>  
the Kingdom of Baha - Ullah.  
This is the Cause of happiness!  
This is the means of consolation!  
The Glory of man is through the  
Love of God, entrance <sup>into</sup>  
this Kingdom and being <sup>imbued</sup>  
with His divine Characteristics.  
9. All morning a stream of  
callers received the encouragement  
and inspiration of the

Master, As one of the ladies said:-  
 "I don't know why I came here  
 but I feel so happy to be near  
 the Master. Since I have  
 seen him, I like to fly with  
 happiness. With a look, a  
 few words and a smile, he has  
 entirely transformed my life. I  
 feel in my heart the springing  
 up of new hopes, new inspirations,  
 the stirring up of new ideals."

In the afternoon several  
 Persians came and the Master  
 spoke about the wonderful  
 blessings which will descend  
 in the future upon Persia and  
 how that country will become  
 very beloved, because the  
 Peace-maker of the world



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has been born there.

Arrangements were made that  
Baroness Beilka Von Suttner,  
the great austrian pacifist may  
call on the Master at 3.30 pm.  
Before her arrival, the Beloved  
sent<sup>to</sup> her a large bouquet of roses,  
lilies and lily of the valley. She  
has written many books on  
Universal Peace, one of her  
most famous <sup>works</sup> ~~books~~ is "Lay down  
the arms".

As she entered the room she  
expressed sorrow over the events  
of the past few months, <sup>of hopeless men</sup> a note  
of pessimism and dependency  
on her tongue. The Master  
came back with hope. "Ah," he

the day of Hope hath dawned.

After every sorrow there is joy, after every night there is the glorious day. God willing through your efforts,

we will succeed. I have heard much of your name and your unselfish service to the Cause of Peace. I testify that you are a lover of humanity.

Baroness B. von Suttner: "I am very grateful for your words of encouragement and inspiration. I have done very little and with less result."

A. B. You have sown the seeds and God shall cause them to grow.

B. S. I hope so.



downpour of rain is only a few  
 drops. In the early dawn, the sun  
 rises slowly, giving us here and there  
 a few feeble rays but it is sure  
 that before long it will be stationed  
 in the meridian of its glory. Truly  
 I say, the spirit of this age is  
 universal Peace. In ~~each~~ <sup>every</sup>  
 age <sup>a</sup> of great, impelling idea has  
 been born and developed. There  
 has been an age of scholasticism,  
~~and another~~, another age belonging  
 to the development of philosophy  
 and natural sciences. The  
 last age was the age of freedom  
 and the march of democracy  
 throughout many lands. But  
 this 20th Century is the Century  
 of the promotion of international

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Peace, the proclamation of the  
oneness of the world of humanity,  
the brotherhood of man, the  
union of religions, the solidarity  
of various nations and the  
universalization of all the great  
ideals, common to the children  
of man. All the people are the  
sheep and God is the real  
Shepherd of this flock and  
is kind to all. The earth is one  
sphere. These geographical  
boundaries are made by <sup>man</sup> ~~us~~,  
calling one piece of land Austria,  
another Germany, a third French,  
a fourth England and so forth.  
The dogs in Oriental cities instinc-  
tively divide the various quarters

amongst themselves and if by chance  
 one ~~of the dogs~~ crosses the boundary  
 of another, he will be attacked.  
 But these boundary lines are  
 all imaginary. They have no real  
 existence.

B. S. I had never heard this before.  
 But I suppose those dogs are  
 not aggressive. They are satisfied  
 with their own domain and do  
 not carry fire and sword in  
 their neighbor's home.

A. B. You are right! Aggression  
 is the attribute of man and the  
 ferocious beasts but the  
 domestic animals never  
 fight.

Much more could I write  
 on the interesting conversation  
 of the Master and the Baroness

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but space forbids. Towards the  
 end the ~~Master~~ <sup>he</sup> visited her alone  
 to the Orient because the Babais  
 who are the servants of Peace  
 will be glad to see and hear her.  
 She thanked the Master for  
 the lovely flowers. "They were not  
 flowers," he said "They were  
 the expressions of my esteem  
 and admiration for your noble  
 services to the Cause of humanity."

She left the Presence of  
 the Master much impressed  
 and I am sure this interview will  
 be of incalculable benefit to the  
 Cause in Austria.

11 Then the Master dictated  
 two Tablets for Mr and Mrs

Stark and Mr Moore of Budapest.

I was standing near the window writing and ~~the~~ <sup>he</sup> Master was walking back and forth. As he dictated he became so excited that several times he ~~came very near to me~~ <sup>approached where I stood</sup>, shouting the words into my ears and his eyes were ablaze with the fire of shining enthusiasm. I could feel through the very fibre of my being his wonderful spirit and energy. Suddenly he ~~came to me~~ <sup>wheeled around</sup> again and before finishing the sentence, he slapped my face so powerfully that not only I was dazed but its reverberating noise brought other Persians who were in their adjoining rooms.



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The Master laughing heartily asked them: "Did you hear it? Did you hear it? I was giving Murja Ahmed just a lone-pot or rather his daily wages." and again he broke forth into laugh and continued dictating. ~~While he was dictating Mr. Moore's Tablet I got my wage, so if for no other thing you ought to receive a copy of this remarkable document.~~

12. ~~Later~~ <sup>In the middle of all this</sup> the bell was rung and Mrs. Stark rushed in. ~~What!~~ Mrs. Stark here in Wien? She was bubbling over with life and spiritual power! The Master was so pleased to see her, <sup>He told her</sup> "I have just dictated a Tablet to you and your

husband. I have a special attachment  
to you and Mr Stork and will always  
pray for you! She said she <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ now  
on her way to a summer resort for  
a rest of <sup>ten</sup> ~~10~~ days. Already 25  
people in Budapest have expressed  
their belief in Baha Ullah and on  
her return they will have their  
first meeting and start to translate  
the Words into Hungarian language.  
"Every body speaks about the Cause"  
she said, "~~in Budapest~~" with the  
greatest reverence ~~and respect~~.  
They respect us more than ever  
before because we are Bahais.  
We will do everything to spread  
the Cause". She brought ~~to us~~  
~~with her~~ copies of a Hungarian

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Magazine containing the picture of the Master ~~alone~~ and also a group picture taken in Budapest. Yesterday I mailed it to you with the Asiatic Quarterly Review and other papers containing articles about the Cause.

13 Then at five thirty the Master called on the Persian Ambassador with Ahmad Bageroff and it was about 7.30 when he came to the Theosophical Society directly from the Embassy. We were all there waiting for him, meanwhile Mr Herrigel was speaking in German about the Cause to the assembled

audience. On his arrival he said: -  
 I am so <sup>(very)</sup> fatigued. I have been talking  
 for two hours and now I must  
 talk again. Let me rest at least  
 for a minute or two.

After awhile the Master  
 entered the large hall. At his entrance  
 everyone arose and as he spoke a  
 great silence of attention  
 fell over the audience. He  
 spoke <sup>of</sup> how all the Manifestations  
 of God have ever come from  
 the East, gave a resume of  
 the principles and the life of  
 Baha-Ullah and finally ended  
 his address by delivering a  
 wonderful prayer in Persian.  
 The prayer was not translated.  
 The people referring to Allah

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the voice of the Master without  
 interruption, thus ~~appeals his~~  
 spiritual intonation. I will bring this  
 letter to a close with a translation  
 of the same:-

O Thou King of Existence! O  
 Thou Kind Beloved! The members  
 of this meeting are the lovers of Thy  
 Face. They seek after Thee and they  
 long to converse with Thee. They  
 are the investigators of Reality and  
~~they are~~ the users of Thy Countenance!  
 They are thirsty for Thy salubrious  
 Stream and they have turned  
 their attention toward Thee.  
 O Thou Kind Beloved!

Illuminate the world of humanity! En-  
 lighten the hearts with the Effulgence  
 of Thy Love! Perfume the nostrils with  
 Thy Sweet Fragrance. Confer upon  
 us a new Bestowal! Give unto us  
 a strong power! 'Open the eyes!  
 Make the ears hearing! O God!  
 Thirsty are we, Thy Grace is the  
 cooling Spring! Nameless and Shelterless  
 are we, Thy Court is the asylum for  
~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> poor ones. Indigent are we,  
 give unto us the Treasury of Thy  
 Kingdoms. Prisoners are we  
 free us from ought else save  
 Thee. Nameless and traceless  
 are we, accept us at Thy divine  
 Threshold! O God! Do not look upon  
 our desert. Have mercy upon us! Be <sup>compassionate</sup> to us!  
 Grant us Thy Favor And guide us to  
 the right Path. Verily Thou art the  
 Powerful and the Mighty."

I have written this in the year 1880

April 24<sup>th</sup> 1913 9 am

Dear Harriet!

In an hour we are leaving Vienna for Stuttgart to stay there again for 2 or 3 days.

People here much attracted to the Cause

Love to all

Send

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Dear Harriet! | -

We were up early this morning to pack up our baggage. All yesterday I had a bad headache and so when last night we arrived from the Theosophical Society I felt almost dead. and after writing half an hour I found myself later on sleep over the desk. Yesterday so many people came to see the Beloved showing the great interest on the part of the people. This morning Mr Edder, Mrs Thiller, Mr and Mrs Luchner and others came to say good-bye to <sup>him</sup> the ~~Master~~. Mrs Luchner brought a bouquet of

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roses with lily of the valley. "I could  
not bring anything sweeter and more  
fragrant than these flowers for they  
relate to you the story of our love  
and attachment to your cause  
more than our poor words can  
express." The Master told them  
Praise be to God that means  
<sup>were</sup> brought about for me to come  
to Vienna. I shall never forget  
these days spent with you <sup>with</sup>  
joy and fragrance. I found  
souls here who are awakened  
and intelligent and who love  
to serve the world of  
humanity. I hope also that  
you will not forget me,  
I will ever remember you



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I will ever pray for you and beg divine  
guidance for you. you must now  
arise to teach this Cause. First  
teach yourselves and then teach  
others.

At nine o'clock and fifteen  
minutes we left the hotel, in  
~~two automobiles~~, Mr Harrigel  
and Ahmad Bageroff going ahead  
of us to buy tickets. The Master  
as usual gave a great deal of  
money to the maids, servants  
messenger boys and a host  
of other servants. The Manager  
came personally and thanked  
the Master.

Ahmad Bageroff will

return from Vienna to Persia. Thus  
we are losing a fine travelling  
companion. The Master vested him  
a beautiful Tablet with his own  
hands.

3 From ten o'clock in the morning  
to 2.10 minutes after midnight  
we travelled. The train stopped <sup>for</sup> one  
hour in each city ~~in the way~~. We  
passed ~~through~~ <sup>between</sup> many mountains  
capped with snow. The Master  
devoted much of his time to  
the reading of <sup>letters</sup> ~~his correspondence~~  
received in Vienna which  
he could not read while there  
Mr Herrigel talked with two  
ladies going to Munich  
the cause and brought <sup>about</sup>

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them to the Master. <sup>I. Kärntherringg. 9.</sup> He spoke to each a few minutes giving them the glad-tidings of this glorious Day and exhorting <sup>them</sup> to investigate more about this great Cause. At one o'clock, we had our lunch and at three the Master was served with his tea.

4. It was about just 2 hours after midnight when our train made a short stop in Esslingen and lo and behold, there were four Bahais waiting to greet the Master. They had their tickets secured and <sup>accompanied</sup> ~~therefore~~ were with us ~~all the way~~ to Stuttgart.
- 5 In the station there

were more than <sup>twelve</sup> ~~12~~ Bahais amongst  
them Consul Scherer, Mrs Herrigel,  
Bertha Bahmüller Miss Stähler,  
Miss Anna Köstlin, Marie,  
Schweizer, Miss Thurer, Mr  
Thausman etc. Just think of it!  
Two o'clock am. to come to the  
station! They were all supremely  
happy to greet again the Master  
in Stuttgart. He shook hands  
with each and immediately was  
taken to the Hotel Marguardt. He  
has the room 141 second floor  
and we have the same number  
of rooms as before. He may  
stay <sup>two</sup> 2 nights here. Tomorrow <sup>night</sup>  
he will speak in a public hall.  
The newspapers have announced the  
meeting, so I suppose there will  
be a whole lot of people. ~~Count~~  
Admas

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STUTT GART

April 25th 1913

Dear Harriet!

We are again back <sup>in</sup> to Stuttgart and are feeling the warmth and the affection of the friends of God. Their heavenly sincerity, their divine love for the Cause, their burning devotion to the Master, their unflinching faith in the revelation of Baha-Allah, their <sup>spiritual</sup> perceptions of the realities of this Movement, their supreme desire to serve, their affection and amity amongst themselves will melt the stony heart of any person who comes in touch with them, looks into their happy, shining faces and speaks with them on the spiritual verities of life. The believers in Stuttgart are really Bahais. They live and act in accord with the Teachings and principles of the Blessed Perfection and they try to help others and spread the message to the extent of their knowledge and ability. They know that this is the seed-sowing time and like unto good farmers, they have <sup>availed</sup> themselves of this unparalleled opportunity. Every one knows his duty. Every soldier to his post. With their disciplined ranks they are attacking the fortifications of the myrmiddons of darkness and ignorance and step by step they are gaining the ground. Desperately they shall fight till their struggle is crowned with success and they

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have planted their flag of "Ya Baha El Abha" on that  
you hill of Light, putting to rout and defeat  
the army of darkness.

2 Today the Master did not feel well. The trace of  
the cold, <sup>taken</sup> in Budapest is <sup>still</sup> with him yet. He could  
not sleep last night, coughing most of the time.  
We feel so wretched whenever he feels sick, <sup>because</sup>  
we cannot see him suffer and often he would  
not tell us his real pain till it is all over. It is  
a strange coincidence that when we arrived last  
night in the hotel about 2.15 am and our rooms  
were assigned, I did not feel sleepy at all and  
having changed my clothes, I sat behind the  
desk and wrote till the sun dawned from  
the Eastern horizon. I find always the late  
hours after midnight and the early wee hours of  
the morning better suited for my scribbling.  
It is most interesting to watch the gloomy darkness  
of the night transformed slowly into the bright  
light of the day. It is so much like the changes  
going on through the inner man. A sudden  
light breaking through <sup>the</sup> darkness, changing every-  
thing and clothing the essences of humanity  
with the white garment of sanctity and  
iridescent intelligence. Often have I witnessed  
this invisible transformation of heart affected  
so naturally and simply by the mighty power  
of the Master!

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This morning New York Herald of European edition contained an item of news which cheered the heart of the Master. It was as regards a speech given by Mr. W. J. Bryan, the Secretary of State at a farewell dinner to Mr James Bryce. His idea of a reduction of the American Navy and a policy of gradual disarmament is a hopeful sign of the spread of the desire for universal peace. I am pleased, he said, to hear the voice of Mr Bryan raised from time to time in favor of peace. While travelling in America I often mentioned the fact that as the American nation is a noble nation and as the American government is fair and just I hope the Banner of international <sup>peace</sup> will be unfurled here. Now I am very happy to see these hopeful signs coming from that wonderful country.

Speaking about the great expenses of this Western trip he said:— "The believers of Persia made the greatest self-sacrifice and this trip was made possible. They made large and small contributions and as this was for the sake of the promotion of the Word of God we in turn did not observe the dictates of economy. In every matter first of all I consider the glory of the"

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Cause of God. All these expenses which are being made are for the promulgation of the Bahai principles in the world. We do not charge anything for them. Freely we have received freely we give. For two years and half we have been travelling and we hope to finish this tour with joy and fragrance and the great glorification of the Cause of God. My affairs are very strange and ~~very~~ few can understand my motives. For example for the last 2 years and half I have not sent one dollar to my own family to ~~buy~~ <sup>buy</sup> clothes with, neither have I bought for them one yard of cloth but I bought ~~just~~ this ~~past~~ winter more than one hundred overcoats for the poor of Acca. One who may hear these things may not believe in them but nevertheless they are true.

5 ~~From~~ Mr Herrigel and Doctor Fisher came and translated an article which had appeared yesterday in a local paper. It was a very good one and I enclose a copy of the paper in a separate package with others.

6 Mrs Consul Schwarz with her daughters and her sons came to pay a visit to the Master. <sup>He said</sup> you are the members of my own family. God bears testimony



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that there is no distinction. I love you very <sup>much</sup> you are my own daughter and your children are my grandchildren. While we were away we often remembered you and were grateful for your services to the Cause. The little young man <sup>was</sup> a pet of the Master and <sup>loved</sup> loved very much by him. He was surrounded today with his affection and tenderness.

7 To another group who entered in his Presence with fragrant roses in their hands:— I have come back again to Stuttgart. This shows that Stuttgart has a great deal of capability and <sup>the people</sup> are worthy of entrance in the Kingdom of Alha. God willing the Cause of God will advance greatly in Stuttgart and its promotion will be extraordinary, many <sup>people</sup> shall accept the revelation and all will be made happy.

8 Consul Schwarz invited the Master to eat in his home after the meeting but he excused himself because he did not feel well. He felt as though he could <sup>not</sup> go tonight to the meeting, he wanted us to go, Mirza Mahmood to chant a prayer, myself <sup>to</sup> speak and Mr Herrigel to read the translation

of the Master's address in the Jewish Synagogue <sup>6</sup>  
in San Francisco. We were all very disappointed,  
especially this meeting has been announced  
in the papers and many strangers would  
naturally come and not hearing the Master  
would go away unsatisfied.

9 Miss Alma Knoblock and a few of the  
friends were introduced into ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> presence of  
~~the Master~~ <sup>to</sup>. They were greeted most heartily.  
The love of Baha Allah, "the Master said," is  
the essence of happiness. Any heart which  
will become the depository of this love  
is always happy. There have been many people  
sad and despondent but as soon as the  
sun of the love of Baha Allah shone in  
their hearts they became happy. Therefore  
you must be very happy because you  
are living in the day of the Blessed <sup>Reflection</sup>.  
All the prophets longed for this day.  
They yearned for one moment of this  
time. Appreciate the value of this age.  
The more you appreciate the glories of  
these days, the greater will be your  
blessings.

10 A friend asked how can we ever keep

this before our minds all the time? Often we desire to do it but in the hurry and rush of time we will forget it. <sup>the same</sup> A Real Bahai who acts and lives in accord with the teachings of Baha Allah will never forget. The Beloved said.

" Some one expressed the disappointment that the people will experience <sup>tonight</sup> in not finding the Master in the meeting. He said:- "My spirit will be there, you must speak with great confidence and set the hearts on fire. You must turn your face to the Kingdom of Abha. Rely upon the Confirmation of God. Sincerity is the keynote of eloquence. Look at me. I have not entered any school. I have not studied the sciences of the world but my trust is in Baha Allah. Whenever I want to enter any meeting I say "O Baha Allah! Confirm me."

" To another one he said:- "When I was in Paris I caught a cold, in Budapest I caught another, in Vienna it accompanied me and while there, I walked up twice 120 steps to the fourth floor to speak to the Theosophical Society, and last night

on the train I felt the chills. Now it is impossible for me to go to the meeting tonight. <sup>you express</sup> my apology and deep sorrow in not being able to come.

For lunch he ate a bowl of clear broth and was in bed all afternoon. just the same, many people came and he spoke to them and encouraged them to go on teaching the Cause and spreading the message.

13 While he was <sup>lying</sup> in bed he told me two stories, both showing <sup>his pluck, resourcefulness</sup> courage and supreme confidence and divine knowledge ~~of the future~~ in his youth. The first story runs as follows:

During the first year of our arrival, Bagdad one day Mirza Javad asked me to go out with him to an outlying district. At this time, Arabian robbers frequented the roads and no one dared to go out of the town. In the morning we two started to walk to that district. Having spent part of the day <sup>there</sup> toward the evening we started to return. However, before leaving Bagdad, Mirza Javad took ~~with himself~~ <sup>carried on</sup> for precaution's sake, an old rifle he had for many years. As we were walking back toward the city we spied in the far off horizon several horsemen coming towards us

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Seeing ~~us~~ <sup>we were</sup> all about they galloped toward our left and right and back so that we may not ~~fly~~ <sup>run</sup> away and in front of us three men appeared with rifles in their hands. Mirza Javad ~~looked around~~ <sup>was</sup> and was much agitated. He got hold of his rifle but to his further <sup>confusion</sup> he realized that he had ~~with~~ <sup>in</sup> himself neither powder nor cartridges so his rifle was more useless than a piece of stick. Then I told him take your rifle in your hand, keeping it in a position as though ~~you~~ <sup>he was</sup> going to aim at them. Don't heed them at all. Don't look at them. Walk straight. Laugh <sup>and</sup> speak with me. The three men ahead of us cried out "down with your rifle!" Mirza Javad did not give any attention to them. They were <sup>amazed</sup> at our audacity! "Down with your arm!" they cried all at once. No result. They were <sup>amazed</sup> and paced back a few steps. In this way we walked and laughed and talked till we reached the gate of the city, and all the time our "friends" going backward. When the horsemen saw the futility of their pursuit, they spied another pedestrian on the road and galloped toward him. This man <sup>seeing</sup>

us coming with rifle in hand hastened toward us and cried for protection from the robbers.

Meanwhile the gate was opened and our friends realizing the helplessness of their case hid back into the darkness. We did not have any things on ourselves but the other man had some money and was grateful to us because we saved him. Addressing Mirza Javad he said: "I am glad you did not kill them. The way you took your rifle in your hands I thought every moment you will shoot at them." Here

the Master had a hearty laugh and added, "And all this time our rifle was empty."

~~This story illustrates the courage of the Master in the arena of deed and his resourcefulness at the time of danger, even in his youth.~~

14 The other story illustrates his wonderful versatility during conversation: "I was only fifteen. One day in the Mosque of Bagdad I was surrounded by a number of Mohamadan Clergy. They were asking many questions about jurisprudence, law, logic etc. Although I had never read their books, yet I was giving them answers

which satisfied and at the same time caused them great astonishment. While I was speaking to them on theological doctrines, suddenly I saw the governor entered the circle of the listeners. Immediately I felt that the governor being a philosophic man abhorred such dry theological discussions so without any preliminary remark I quoted a verse from the Koran in which it is said: - "Therefore Moses cried out, O Lord! let me behold Thy Face" and the Lord answered: - 'Look and thou shalt see me'. (Now according to the orthodox school of theology the "face of God" cannot be seen, because they argue; God is spirit and formless and how can a formless spirit be endowed with face?) Then I said: - We all believe that the prophets of God never speak vainly and their words are the words of truth. Therefore if it was impossible to see the face of God Moses would not have asked it, neither would he have received such a favorable reply from

the part of God. The Mohamadan Clergymen were all the time ~~were~~ wondering why I changed the topic of my conversation but seeing the governor in their midst all gglaw with attention they understood. Then I desired to mollify them so that they may not think I am a heretic, <sup>in</sup> teaching them the incarnation of God in the flesh, therefore, I continued my talk:- 'Verily when Moses drunk the wine of the Love of God and heard the voice of the Lord and was submerged in the sea of abstraction - he forgot the world and all therein and saw himself in the "Abode of Paradise" and as the "Abode of Paradise" is the station of divine transfiguration, and visitation, therefore he cried out:- 'O Lord! Let me behold Thy Face!'

The governor was so interested that he invited me that night to his house to speak to his friends. The clergymen were angry and thought this was an oratorical trickery and cleverness, but it was the confirmation and inspiration of God.



15 About 8 o'clock Mr Herrigel came and as the  
Berger Museum where the meeting will be  
held is near we walked to it. As I entered  
the large hall and saw the expectant, <sup>happy</sup> crowd I felt in my heart the pangs of pain.  
There were more than 1500 people present  
and people were coming in, filling the galleries.  
Consul Schwarz, Mirza Mahmud and myself  
had a hasty consultation and thought <sup>it</sup> our  
duty to notify the Master about the unusual  
aspect of this meeting. It was evidently  
the largest gathering ever brought together  
to hear the Bahai Cause in Germany. With  
Consul Schwarz I rushed out of the hall,  
called an automobile and were in the room  
of the Master <sup>in</sup> after three minutes.  
He had just taken some simple Persian  
medicine and was sitting in the chair.  
I told him of the greatness of the meeting  
and <sup>the</sup> Consul pleaded ~~him~~ to come just for  
a few minutes. ~~The Master~~ <sup>He</sup> thought

for a minute or two and for the sake of the  
 Council decided to go, although he did not feel  
 well at all. We were of course overjoyed. When  
 we entered the hall, the audience was listening  
 to a very good address by Mr Herrigel on the life  
 and ideals of the Master and when they ~~properly~~  
 heard that he had come, their enthusiasm  
 knew no bound. They arose from their seats  
 and gave <sup>him</sup> a wonderful reception to ~~the Babes~~.  
 It was a waving, moving sea of humanity, all  
 eager to hear the words of the Master. Many  
 of them had come from the surrounding  
 towns. The Master ascended the platform  
 and sat on a chair and without any intro-  
 duction started to speak. His address on this  
 unique occasion <sup>was</sup> a matchless beauty which  
 will be set on the crown of Stuttgart.  
 His voice, his love, his sympathy won all  
 the hearts. When he finished, his short  
 speech many eyes were weeping. We had  
 a good translator, the Prof. of English language  
 in the University of this city. He translated  
 with ready diction and much feeling. When  
 the Master came down from the platform

many strangers gathered around him, trying to shake  
and kiss his hands. A lady was so affected by  
the words of the ~~Beland~~ that she ran to him  
weeping. She got hold of his arm, and walked  
by his side till he reached ~~to~~ the automobile.  
All along the steps and the hall two columns  
of men and women were formed and we  
passed ~~from~~ their midst, all looking at the  
Master with reverence and respect. I was  
walking behind him carrying in my arm the  
love-offering of many people - roses and  
carnations, lilacs and lily of the valleys. When  
we reached the <sup>car</sup> ~~automobile~~ hundreds of people  
those who could not enter the hall had  
gathered. All the hats were raised and  
the handkerchiefs were waving when they  
saw the Master coming down from the  
stairs. The <sup>car</sup> ~~automobile~~ carried away the  
King of Kings amidst the rejoicing and  
happiness of all these devout people!

The Master said in the car: ~~It was a remarkable meeting and its effect in the Bahai world will be far-reaching.~~ ~~the Master said in the automobile.~~ Counsel Schwarz was of course the highest man in the world because at last the Cause was publicly proclaimed before the people of Stuttgart. ~~He said:~~ "You have won the hearts of our people with love and the removal of this spiritual victory shall ~~last~~ <sup>remain</sup> throughout all ages." He said to the Master. The Beloved was also pleased, because his presence gave so much joy to so many people! It was indeed a great ideal triumph!

I enclose the copies of the Tablets to Mr and Mrs Stark and to Mr Moore. Likewise <sup>one</sup> of the roses I carried from the meeting last night to the hotel. It will bring to the friends the fragrance of the Love of the Stuttgart Bahais more than word can express. Miss Palleck <sup>is here</sup> yet ~~has~~ and I was glad to see her. <sup>Last night</sup> She brought three people to the meeting last night and she <sup>was</sup> all enraptured with the Love of the Love of God! Mr Herrigel sends you real Bahai love. Greeting to all  
Always

The car will be sent with the manuscript package

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To Mr and Mrs Starte

Upon them be Baha-o-llah El Abha.

He is God!

Budapest.

O ye two revered souls!

Since the day of my departure from Budapest I have been always remembering you and have begged from His holiness Baha Allah protection and providence for you, so that divine spirituality and the Bestowels of the Kingdom of Abha may surround you and the most holy Power may so reveal itself in your hearts that from all your limbs the cry of "ya Baha El Abha" may be raised and be heard by all the people. With one hand may you upraise the heavenly Banner and with the other hand, may you hold the overflowing cup with the Wine of the Love of God, offering it to all and exhilarating everyone with its spiritual nectar. Open ye the eloquent tongues and utter ye fluent speeches. Sing ye such a melody that while I am in the East

I may hear its clear echo and all the Bahais may become  
rejoiced and happy.

Convey to all the friends the wonderful Abha greeting  
Upon ye be Baha El Abha!  
(Sig) Abdul Baha Abbas!

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To his honor Mr E. W. Moore.

Upon him be Baha-O-llah El Abha!

His God! Budapest.

O thou servant of Baha-O-llah and the beloved of Abdul Baha!

Thy letter was received and its contents imparted the utmost happiness. Praise be to God that my journey to Budapest was productive of certain definite results, for the people were attracted to the Kingdom of Abha and kindled with the Fire of the Love of God. During the Dispensation of Christ notwithstanding the power of the Holy Spirit only eleven souls were attracted but during the nine days stay in Budapest blessed souls entered the Kingdom of Abha. Now consider how marvellous is the potency of the Kingdom of Abha that as soon as the call was raised, the souls were attracted and set aglow with the Fire of the Love of God. If at the present time such results are becoming manifest, reflect what will transpire in the future! Eleven souls become believers and assured during the days of Christ. Now behold the results! Millions of voices are joined with the chimes calling out 'O Christ! O Christ!'

After a short while thou shalt hear that the cry of "ye Baha El Abha" is being raised from all the continents of the world.

Convey to all the friends the wonderful Abha greeting and give them the Glad-tidings of the Divine Favours!

Give my special greeting to thy respected wife and show the utmost of love on my behalf to thy beloved sons.

Upon thee be Baha El Abha!

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Hello Harriet! The public meeting last night in Burger Museum was assuredly the largest Bahai meeting ever held in Germany. There were present at least 1500 persons, the most representative element of Stuttgart and the talk of the Master enthrilled their hearts with the fire of the Love of God. He talked on universal Peace and universal Love. Many eyes were weeping. When he wanted to leave around his automobile hundreds of men and women were gathered, giving him a most enthusiastic farewell. It was a wonderful night and its influence on the future will be very great. almost

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Dear Harriet!

This was Saturday and all day I was in spirit with the New York friends, the luncheon at our dear sister Mrs Krug, the Executive Business meeting and the general reception. I hope all the noble efforts of the believers are crowned with success and the result of the Convention will be a general spread of the Cause and the closer relationships of the different assemblies. When the friends of the different cities come together, the spirit of mutual friendship and love is increased and the hearts are tied together with the golden thread of spiritual affection. I hope to receive the good reports of the Convention days for they are marked days in the Bahai ~~history~~ <sup>calendar</sup>. How strange and mystical! that last year at this time the Master was in America and this year, he is in Germany! This may in itself be a symbol of the future ideal friendships of these two countries!

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 One of the ~~morning~~ newspapers contained quite a long article on last night's meeting and it was translated to the Master. He felt much better this morning and right early the people commenced to come. To the first group of friends he said:— What did the people say last night? Were they not dissatisfied? Did they not exclaim what this Persiau has to do with us? Why has he come to Germany? What do we want to do with these pacific principles? Let peace be for the weaker nations but war is for the mighty! Germany is a warlike, demonstrative nation! This morning looking down from the window I saw a regiment of soldiers ~~are~~ passing by in fine shape. They were ready to fight for the fatherland. How barbarous and foolish it is to send men—who knew not each other at all—to the battlefield and order them to shoot down each other and cut <sup>one another's</sup> ~~each other's~~ <sup>throats!</sup> ~~throats!~~ <sup>But</sup> <sup>copy friends</sup> let us talk about our own war. Our Grand Army consists of the invisible angels of the Supreme

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Concourse; our swords are the swords of light, our armaments are the invincible armaments of heaven. We are fighting against the forces of darkness. Oh! my soldiers! my beloved soldiers, forward! forward! Have no fear of defeat! Have no failing hearts! Our Supreme Commander is Baha-Ullah! From the height of his glory he is directing this dramatic engagement. He commands us. Rush onward, rush forward! Show the strength of your arms. ye shall scatter the powers of ignorance! Your war confers life, ~~the~~ ~~war~~ <sup>their</sup> brings death. your war is the cause of the illumination of humankind, ~~their war~~ is the means of the darkness of the hearts. your war is victory upon victory, ~~their war~~ is defeat upon defeat. your war is the source of construction, ~~their war~~ is the origin of destruction. There are no dangers before you. Push forward! Fire! Fire! Attack the enemy! your efforts

shall be crowned with the diadem of eternal Peace and brotherhood! See ye not the crown of victory shining from the Kingdom of Akha? His Holiness the Christ was fighting even upon the Cross and his triumphs have continued throughout all centuries and cycles!

4 To a Bahai farmer who had come from one of the towns of Switzerland to see the Master he said :- Two yrs ago I was in Tonow. I was staying in a hotel. I found the hotel people who consisted mostly of Tourists bent upon the pursuit of pleasure but walking in the streets and looking in the faces of the inhabitants, I observed intelligence, industry, capability and seriousness. They are very good people and are ready to receive the glad-tidings of the Kingdom. If the fragrances of this holy Cause waft by that country, blessed souls shall arise to serve the world of humanity.

5 To another group of the Bahais he

said:— you must be very happy because you are of those souls whom God has chosen for the sake of his love and has guided you to his Kingdom. He has crowned your heads with the diadem of everlasting glory. you must be most thankful to God for this great Favor. It is not known for the present what wonderful Bounty is this! It will become known in the future. The station of those souls who believed in Christ in his own day was not appreciated. They were ridiculed and scorned.

6 Some one asked the Master whether he is happy. <sup>He said:—</sup> I am happy whenever I meet you. The greatest pleasure of my life is to meet people like you. Whenever I look upon each one of you, I believe you as one of my nearest relatives. Now I have again returned to see you

Another group entered his Presence. They expressed happiness over the result

of last night<sup>13</sup> meeting and how the people<sup>6</sup> were attracted to the Cause and to him. He said:- "Although I could not walk one step last night and it was quite dangerous to go out I said 'I will go'. The utmost is that I will become a sacrifice to the friends of God. My greatest longing is also to sacrifice myself in the path of the believers. There is nothing sweeter and more wonderful than this. But praise be to God, we went, we spoke, we met the people, we returned and nothing happened. God has protected us. So, when I said last night, that to go to the meeting <sup>was</sup> equal to throw myself into the sea, I meant the sea of love. When God interferes with our plans we are helpless. First I came to Stuttgart to stay only two days. I stayed 8 days. Now, again I desired to leave today but sickness preventing me to do so I am going to stay longer. There must needs be a wisdom in this.

This comes from the sincerity of the friends of Stuttgart. Undoubtedly my longer stay will have important results. The first result will be the creation of love in the hearts of the believers. The second result will be the progress of the cause in Germany. The third result will be the penetration of the word of God.

§ To a caller he said:— I am glad to see you. The meeting of the friends is the food of the spirit. To a friend who had seen a vision he said:— This vision is an indication of thy advancement in the Love of God.

¶ About 12<sup>noon</sup> ~~o'clock~~ many of the believers came. The Master received them with love and said:— "I will pray in your behalf and entreat divine Confirmation for each one of you so that you may so advance in spiritual life as to attract to the Cause every soul who comes in contact with you, just as you have attracted me."

your love has attracted me to this city. I hope  
that day unto day your love may increase. I  
am most pleased and happy with you. May  
you become more entangled with the  
Fire of the Love of God, so that through  
the Light of the Kingdom you may  
illumine all these regions. I love you  
very much. Should you realize  
how much I love you, you will soon  
with happiness in the atmosphere of God,  
Cousul Schwarz <sup>whether he would like to consult</sup> asked the Master  
a doctor. He said: - "God is my physician, He  
will treat me."

~~In the afternoon he called me and asked  
whether the copies of these <sup>daily communications were</sup> ~~letters~~ circulated  
amongst all the Bahai Assemblies of America.  
He said: - Copies must be forwarded to all  
the Assemblies. As I have no time to write  
to them, they must not be forgotten. I  
was surprised that the Master expressed  
himself in this fashion, because I had  
never spoken to him about these ~~letters~~  
except what the friends wrote. ~~And~~~~



directly. I did not even read to him those parts of your letters and others containing the satisfaction of the believers. I told him I am sending these letters to Miss Harriet Magee. He said:- "The reading of their contents must not be restricted only by a few friends in New York. Copies must be forwarded to all the assemblies as soon as they are received."

Now if you cannot do this work Mr Jos. Harnen of Washington will be glad to assist you. I mentioned his name to the Master in this connection and he approved of it. You may divide the country in two or three or four sections and each person may send the reports to a number of the assemblies so as not to repeat or duplicate the work.

10 Miss Pollock had a pleasant interview with the Master. He joked with her about his <sup>second</sup> trip to America: "If I want to go to America, I will take ~~only~~ you with me and leave Ahmad here. We do not need any interpreter. We will travel in

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an airship and fly right to Washington and alight at the door of Mrs Allen's house. How do you like this? She was of course very happy but she wanted to have the interpreter in the airship also, in order to make the aerial navigation more pleasant. Then the ~~Master~~<sup>he</sup> asked <sup>him</sup> whether last night the people were happy or frowning, and he frowned <sup>so</sup> that made us all laugh heartily.

|| Doctor Haber, a celebrated physician of Morgentheim who has declared publicly to be a Bahai called on the Beloved and invited him to go for a month to Morgentheim and take the mineral baths everyday. The Master said: - you take the baths in my place and I will get well. The Doctor thought he could not represent the Master to that extent, <sup>but</sup> ~~The Master~~ in order to make him and the rest laugh <sup>he</sup> told the following story: - One of the kings of Persia once got sick. This

King was very proud and despotic. All the people at the Court feared him and cowered before him. ~~The King~~ <sup>One day he</sup> sent for the Court physician to treat him. When the physician arrived and prescribed a large dose of quinine the King in his wrath cried out: "Who should take this medicine? The physician fearing the anger of the King said: "I am the one to take the quinine." "All right," the King said and he ordered his chamberlain to bring the largest dose of quinine and made his physician to take it. By <sup>mere</sup> chance, the health of the King was improved ~~by the next day~~ and after awhile he got well. From that time on whenever he became sick he sent for his physician and made him take <sup>a dose</sup> quinine. Then the Master applying the moral of the story, said to Doctor

that you take the mineral baths and I will get well, even if I am not there!

Mr and Mrs Herrigel, Miss Knoblock, Consul Schwarz, his wife and daughter and many others came in the afternoon and each one had interesting interviews with the ~~Master~~ <sup>Master</sup> going out of his presence inspired and refreshed. To Mr Herrigel he said:—

The future of the Cause in Germany is very bright. Likewise Budapest and Vienna will become Bahai Centers. One ~~could~~ <sup>could</sup> never have believed that such holy and pure souls will be found in those cities. The Cause of God will be spread in all these countries. The progress of the Cause is like unto the coming of the spring and its early signs. Suddenly one sees here a tree is putting forth leaves, <sup>there</sup> another bush being adorned with roses, the nightingalls are singing and the meadows are green!

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~~Life~~ <sup>more</sup> Often letters ~~are~~ received from  
 unknown places, giving the news that ~~has~~  
 some souls are found who are attracted  
 to the Kingdom of Abba. These are the signs  
 of the spiritual springtime. Thou shalt  
 become assisted in the service of the  
 Cause so that the morality of the people  
 may be improved; the souls may become  
 regenerated and the hearts cleansed from  
 the impurity of vices and defects. This  
 matter of the regeneration of the moral  
 life of man is quite important. <sup>which this is realized one</sup> ~~can~~  
 finds himself in a wonderful spiritual  
 atmosphere which is impossible to  
 describe; he finds himself a ruler <sup>over</sup>  
 all things, he is the Controller and  
 the Master of his own destiny, he  
 gains strength and illumination,  
 he becomes like unto the ray of  
 the Sun.

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About five o'clock Mirza Mahmud and myself were in our room when the Master sent Sayad Assadallah after us to have tea with him. He offered a cup with his own hand to me and said:— Mirza Ahmed! drink this cup of tea and "see" how delicious it is. This is the nectar of life! Drink it and thank God that in Stuttgart Abdul Baha is serving thee tea. We must thank

14 God for all his hauntings. Let me tell you a story which has come just now to my mind. <sup>Abdul Baha said.</sup> When I was in Bagdad, one day I was walking through the poor quarter of the city. I saw an old ~~poor~~ Arab standing in front of store. He had neither hat nor shoes and wore only a long tattered coat over his naked body. He had no shirt ~~on~~ himself. Between his coat and his skin, he had a loaf of coarse black bread.

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His appearance attracted my attention and I stopped in a corner to watch him what he is going to do. As I stood there I saw him putting his hand in his breast, taking out a piece of bread, looking at it with the utmost satisfaction and smile, raising his head toward the sky, saying 'O God I thank Thee for this Thy Favor' and then eating it. He continued to do the same thing for every piece of bread he did put in his mouth with the utmost simplicity and trust. This thanksgiving of him attracted me very much and I went to him and invited him to dinner. Having given him the address, I returned home and ordered the preparation of Pilaw and Chicken. When he came and the table was spread before him he looked at the various dishes with wonder in his eyes: - Come, sit down and eat

This dinner is prepared for thee," I said.  
 "Really," he said, "this is the food of Paradise but it lacks one thing." "What is it?"  
 "Sour milk." "All right. you shall get that too" and I sent some one to get it for him. When everything was ready, I told him: "Now start eating but with the same thankfulness you ate your bread yesterday." I did not need to say that, he would have done it anyway, but we enjoyed seeing him so thankful.

He continued telling us other stories illustrating the thanksgiving of man to his Maker for all the Blessings which He showers upon him.

15 Reading to him an item of news about the capture of <sup>Sentari by</sup> Montenegrans, he said:  
 When Baha Ullah was imprisoned in the Barrack of Aca, he could see the disintegration of Ottoman Empire under the despotic and fanatical



rule of the Sultans, for he said: the only thing that will stop the tide of misfortune is the proclamation of complete equality and the enjoyment of the freedom of rights by all the Ottoman subjects, Mahomedans, and Christians, Jews and Armenians etc

16 Speaking about the progress of the Cause he said: - Many blessed and holy souls have appeared in this Cause who have been the essence of essences. That is why the Cause is so wonderfully spread all over the world. These holy souls were the means of upraising <sup>Bahay</sup> the standard ~~of the Cause~~. <sup>one</sup> The Islands of Java, Sumatra and ~~another one~~ <sup>one</sup> which are situated in the Indian ocean in the equator contain ~~about~~ <sup>and many of them</sup> 20 millions of inhabitants. ~~These people were~~ converted from idolatry into Mahomedan religion by one single person.

of that Mahamadan missionary 19.

just think of his attraction, and of accom-  
plishing such a mighty task! When he  
finished his work he left the Islands for  
an unknown destination and after  
that no one heard anything about him!  
Even his name is not known. How it is  
evident that <sup>that</sup> one single <sup>soul</sup> person was  
greater than a million of the  
present day Ulemas. ~~For~~ he worked for  
God and not for fame or name or  
wealth. ~~It is said~~ <sup>There is</sup> in the proverbs that  
often happens <sup>"</sup> one man is equal  
to one thousand; <sup>"</sup> one man may be  
the cause of the illumination of one  
city, filling <sup>it</sup> that city with his <sup>services</sup>  
and impersonal <sup>humanity</sup> ~~personality~~. For  
example the city of \_\_\_\_\_ in Persia  
was formerly very active and alive  
in the Cause, but today it is as though  
entirely extinct. This is ~~because~~  
because at that time there was

<sup>and</sup> a real, genuine, enthusiastic Bahai and he kept all the friends in a state of enrapturement and activity. When he passed away from this life, the fire was extinguished and there was no one in his place to keep the wheels rolling!

17 Speaking about the journey of Baha Allah from Bagdad to Constantinople <sup>the</sup> ~~Master~~ <sup>he</sup> said: - "There were 60 Stages from Bagdad to Samson and the trip was made under the most difficult circumstances. It was a time of famine and scarcity of food. We had beside, more than 70 people in the party and nearly 30 horses and other animals. These horses had to be fed and as it was most difficult for others to get straw, grass, barley for the animals and food for the men, I appointed myself at the head of commissariat department. As soon as we <sup>reached</sup> ~~reached~~

the end of ~~one~~ <sup>one</sup> stage, I would go all alone <sup>and</sup> in the village, amongst the wild tribes of Kurds and Aghs and with the greatest amount of persuasion, I would make them sell me the necessary provisions for horses and men. I always first thought about the ~~feed~~ <sup>feed</sup> for the animals. Once they were provided for I would think of the men. With gold in hand, often I was refused provision. They would tell me roughly: 'We do not have straw nor barley!' I would answer: 'Are we not your guests passing through your country and has not the prophet said <sup>even though he be</sup> ~~ye~~ <sup>an</sup> 'Be ye kind to your guests ~~if he be an~~ infidel.' They would then frown and say: 'We will not sell you anything.' I answer: 'All right, <sup>them</sup> Give to me ~~the~~ <sup>them</sup> gratis.'

Often from afternoon till midnight

I was going from one village to another, trying to find food and provision and on my return, I was so tired that I could not stand on my feet. Then I had to supervise the division of the ~~provision~~<sup>provision</sup> for the animals so that no one may take more than his share. By this time I was so ~~tired~~<sup>tired</sup> that I would go to sleep without ~~eat~~<sup>eat</sup> eating anything. The Blessed Perfection travelled in "Kajavi" but we had a horse for him and sometimes, he would ride ~~with~~. From Bagdad to the first stage he was on horseback and while in Acaa, we had a wonderful white donkey which belonged to him. The name of the donkey was "Barg-lightning". When we arrived at "Kharput" whose present name is "Mamouratab-Aziz," I was at

a less how to get food and provision, when I saw a gentleman coming toward me and behind him there were many laborers carrying loads on their shoulders. He said, "Ezzet Pasha" has offered these presents for Bahattallah and humbly prays him to accept them. The presents consisted of barley, straw, forage, rice, sugar, bread, tea, butter etc. a large quantity of each. For the first time after many many nights and days of want I felt relieved. I asked one of the laborers to look over the delivery of these goods, thanked the gentleman and went straight to sleep. I slept all that afternoon all <sup>that</sup> night and all the next morning till noon. We stayed 8 days in "Kazant" and I did hardly anything else but sleeping because we had every thing <sup>supplied</sup> ready.

~~I can write much more but~~  
~~enough for today Love to all~~  
 Always

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Dear Harriet! |

The love of the German believers for the Master is the most remarkable thing I have ever witnessed anywhere. The love is shown toward him even by their children. Their sturdiest and strongest men have the greatest respect and veneration for him. As they enter his room, it is as though they are in the presence of a Superior Being. Everyone kisses his hands <sup>and</sup> keeps silent, ever eager to listen to his words of wisdom and knowledge. The kissing of his hands is the most natural and spontaneous thing you have ever witnessed. No one has told them to do this and the Master discourages them but it springs from their hearts. It is the most interesting sight to see children of a very few years running to him with love and then kissing his hand. His love for the children is a a source of never-

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failing joy to all those who come to see him <sup>which</sup>  
Immediately ~~they are~~ <sup>then</sup> put in touch with his  
all-prevailing spirit of kindness and tenderness.  
For the last month or two the great prophecy  
of Isaiah often comes to my mind: - For unto  
us a child is born, unto us a Son is given,  
and the government shall be upon his  
shoulder, and his name shall be called  
Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The  
Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. <sup>3</sup>  
I do not claim that the Master is the fulfilment  
of this prophecy but I can say thus much  
safely that all these qualities are found  
in him to perfection. Any one who is  
endowed with the spiritual perception  
and stays one morning in his  
Presence and sees with his own  
eyes all that occurs, he becomes  
convinced of this statement. One  
does not need to go out to see the world,  
the world comes to him with all its  
puzzling problems. All types of men  
and women sit at his feet and in



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his heavenly environment all their seemingly insurmountable barriers are wiped away and they become as one. He carries them away into the empyrean realm of brotherhood and while living there, these people who were total strangers to each other - lo and behold they have become brothers! What made this sudden transformation possible? The Universal Consciousness of the Master. With the magic wand of spirit, he unfolds before our vision, the glories of human solidarity but often the light being too dazzling we turn away from it, preferring our dim ray of patriotism. He teaches his audience, he amuses them, he instructs them, he inspires their hearts with noble ideals, he fires their spirit with enthusiasm for greater faith, he counsels them, he guides them through the rocky path

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of life, he gives them sound advice, regarding their affairs, he confers upon them happiness, he improves their minds, he exalts their thoughts. In deed and word, he is the Great Example of divine Humanity. We must plan our imperfect lives after his Perfect example, the lesser must revolve around the Greater, the part must follow the Whole, the drop must emulate the ocean. The infinite possibilities of progress are before us, the trumpet has sounded the Great Call, the mighty rivers of knowledge are flowing, the Breeze of the holy spirit is wafted, the doors of the rose-garden of Abba are open, the heavenly banquet is spread, the divine Beloved has unveiled his face and the day of ~~the~~ <sup>our</sup> spiritual brotherhood is close at hand. Now what our effort and our endeavours might accomplish remain to be seen!

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This morning before the friends started to come, he told us something about the life of Bismark. He was the most wonderful genius in statesmanship. He was a wise, strenuous and most intelligent diplomatist. First he conceived the plan of the confederation of the scattered German principalities into one great Empire and then for long many years he worked persistently for its realization till <sup>at last</sup> his labors were crowned with success. To accomplish such a great task of union was superhuman. Now all this German development and its modern culture owe its origin to the Confederation. Notwithstanding all these services, all that is left of him is a name in history and statues erected in his memory here and there. But if he had served one thousandth

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port, the Cause of God, eternally, he would  
have shone forth from the horizon of  
everlasting Glory.

3 Then the believers started to come. Mr  
and Mrs Häfner brought their son who is  
a favourite of Our Beloved. Having not enough  
seats, many of the friends were standing  
all around the room. The Master took the  
little boy in his arms, kissed him, played  
with his locks and while he was nestled  
in his lap he spoke:— The love of the  
Children is pure, therefore you can see it  
in their faces. All of us must have  
love, especially this love, because  
it is the Love of God. Our hearts  
must be like the hearts of the  
Children which are without ~~any~~ deceit  
or dust. The susceptibilities of the  
Children rule over their wills.  
If the Children do not love some

one they do not approach him. Of double-  
dealing, they know nothing. They are not hypoc-  
ritical. Their outward and inward are  
~~the same~~ <sup>the same</sup>. The Children must be well educated.  
These children are like unto the tender  
plants. If the plant is trained straight  
by the skillful gardener it will become  
straight and if it is trained crookedly,  
it will become crooked. From babyhood,  
the Love of God must be deposited in  
their hearts. They will, then, be well  
educated, they will become illumined,  
they will be imbued with praiseworthy  
qualities. I love the Children very  
much, because they are ~~meant~~  
the Kingdom of God. I hope that all  
these children may attain to the  
stage of fruition because they  
are Bahai Children. !

Then he got up from his chair and divided the many bouquets of flowers amongst the friends. Reaching Mr Rauff he stroked his face and gave him more flowers than the rest. "Because thou art my 'baby', therefore thy share is larger," he said and from that time Mr Rauff is proudly, although I suppose ~~50~~ <sup>50</sup> years is nicknamed "Abdul Baha's baby." "Although in age thou art old, yet in spirit thou art young," the Master remarked with one tap on his shoulder and everybody was laughing with the humor of the King of Kings.

§ ~~Then~~ Another group of the friends were admitted into his presence: - He said: - Affairs so shaped themselves that I may stay longer in this city

In this there lies <sup>an</sup> consummate wisdom. It will become evident in the future. There is no doubt that the believers of Stuttgart have ability and capability. Although I got the ~~contract~~ <sup>cold</sup>, yet you are the ones to be profited by it. Your sincerity in the cause has caused these delays in my departure. When I leave this city I ever anticipate to receive good news from you. I hope to get the glad-tidings that you are unknudled with the Sins of the Law of God, day unto day ye are advancing along ideal paths. Whenever the heat of the Sun is diffused and the rain pours down, then the trees shall grow and develop. Likewise may you grow and develop through the divine Bestowment and

exercise toward each other the utmost of affection and love.

To another group he gave a long talk about the Crown of Everlasting Glory which Baha-Ullah has prepared for all his friends, how this station is not appreciated today just as they did appreciate Christ and his Teachings. I give you the glad-tiding, he said towards the end, that ye are accepted at the Threshold of God and the doors of the Kingdom of Abha are open before your faces. Ere long ye shall obliterate the traces of this promise. I shall never forget Shittfort, for in this city I <sup>inhale</sup> ~~smell~~ the fragrances of spirituality.

There was a man in the audience who had very long moustaches



He <sup>was</sup> the father of Mrs Herrigel. The  
 Master looking at his moustaches said  
 jokingly: - You are like a lion. People may  
 become afraid of you. Lions are of two  
 kind. The lion of the jungle and the  
 lion of God. The former takes life,  
 the latter confers life. Now Thou art  
 the lion of God. Both lions are <sup>courageous</sup>.  
 The courage of one comes from the  
 brute force, the courage of the other  
 from heart. He is not afraid of  
 any danger, in the field of self-sacrifice  
 he is ready to give up his life. This  
 is real heroism. <sup>the lion of God from courage</sup>  
 father said was ~~the lion of God from courage~~  
 now a Bahai and <sup>she could</sup> testify  
 that these teachings have entirely  
 transformed ~~him~~.

The Master said:— And so it must be, otherwise a person is not a Bahai. It will be only the change of a name and not the identity. There ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> many ~~Bahais~~ <sup>people</sup> in the East who have been formerly wicked, vicious, tyrannical, and dark, <sup>but having become Bahais,</sup> now they ~~have become~~ <sup>are</sup> strong, sanctified, just, and luminous through the acceptance of the Bahai religion.

Later a Bahai father and mother with their three little radiant boys came in. The Beloved called them to himself and gave them fruits and candy. <sup>He said:</sup> "How I love these children! How pure and innocent they are! They are the embodiments of light. Look at their blue eyes, how beautiful they are! How lovely their <sup>looks!</sup> hearts ~~are!~~ Oh! How I love them!"

9 Till 12 o'clock the room was filled and emptied, group after group. Consul Schwanitz and his daughter were waiting for one hour to take the Master for a ride in their automobile. They had ~~another auto for the rest of the party.~~ At last we were free and ready to start out when <sup>another group</sup> ~~a number~~ of people arrived and for a few minutes the Master entertained them. Many of the friends brought their German Bidden words and <sup>Andru Baha's</sup> photos for <sup>him</sup> ~~the Master~~ to sign ~~his name~~. Miss Olly Schwanitz, the daughter of Consul had her book brought for the Beloved to write something and he wrote the following beautiful prayer:—  
"O Thou Beauty of Alaha! Make

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Then this maid-servant of Thy Threshold  
a radiant lamp so that like unto a  
star she may shine with the light  
of Thy Love."

" We had more than one hour drive  
through the royal park called the "Solitude".  
There were mangold trees, lovely lakes, and  
innumerable deers. On our return <sup>the</sup> Consul  
was showing the Master the palace belonging  
to a Baron. This is the best private residence  
in Stuttgart" he said. "No" the Master  
answered <sup>immediately</sup>. "The best <sup>private</sup> residence in Stutt-  
gart is yours, because we have been  
there and have raised the mention of  
God."

12) Again <sup>Consul Schwegler</sup> expatiating on the antiquity of a  
noble family the Master answered:  
"The noble family will be the one  
which you will find, because  
you are a believer in Baha-Allah"

The Consul also showed us the Bismarck Tower high on a hill, having a commanding view over all the city. On the 21st of June, every year, during the night, a great fire is lighted on this tower in commemoration of the Confederation of German Empire.

On the way the Master called at the office of Doctor Fisher, stayed there for a few minutes and as we were all invited for lunch to Consul's house we were taken to 3 Alexanderstrasse.

Here the Master rested for a while before lunch and then told the Fran Consul the lovely story of "Thorn-seller" of Bagdad who invited him to his ~~house~~ <sup>house</sup> 20 miles outside of the city. The dinner consisted of baked dough and dates but the delicious taste of it remained <sup>has yet</sup>

in his palate, because he had tasted  
 it with love. At four o'clock many  
 prominent men and women of royal  
 Court of the King of Wurttemberg were  
 invited to meet the Master. Happily  
 they all understood English and the  
 address of the Master could be made  
 more interesting to them. Many of them  
 were Counts and Countesses, Barons <sup>and</sup>  
 Baronesses and of the cabinet of the  
 King. It was a very significant meeting  
 and the result of it will be far-reaching  
 for the Cause in Germany. Consul and  
 his wife were very glad because they  
 were enabled to bring about such a  
 brilliant gathering. They were <sup>without exception</sup> ~~all~~  
<sup>most</sup> attracted <sup>to</sup> the Master's address.  
 While the Beloved was speaking <sup>the</sup>  
 young son came to him and sat in  
 his lap. Some photos were

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Taken ~~in~~ <sup>in</sup> that natural <sup>yielding</sup> position. At five o'clock ~~with~~ the Beloved <sup>invited</sup> moved to Frauenhub, Kaulzleistr 24 to deliver an address before the Bahais at their 19 days Feast. Four rooms were thrown open to each other and all of them <sup>in</sup> many tables were arranged over which cakes, flowers, fruits etc were served. As this feast was <sup>decided</sup> upon only yesterday, ~~therefore~~ all the Bahais did not know ~~anything~~ about it, notwithstanding ~~that~~ there were more than 150 <sup>present</sup> ~~friends~~. The Master gave an eloquent address which imparted happiness to the hearts of all those who were ~~present~~. Amongst those who were <sup>invited</sup> ~~present~~

there were many important men  
 and women in the social life of Stuttgart.  
 16 After this meeting the Beloved came  
 to the hotel. In the evening Counsel  
 Schuery came and begged <sup>them</sup> ~~the friends~~  
 to decide upon a date so that they could  
 have another public <sup>gathering</sup> ~~meeting~~. It is time  
 the meeting to be held in a larger hall.  
~~The doctor~~ <sup>He</sup>, however, could not accept this  
 kind invitation because he expected  
 to leave ~~soon~~ for Paris. Beside he  
 must rest for two ~~more~~ days before  
~~he starts~~ <sup>leaving the city</sup>. Consequently he hoped they  
 will excuse him. We have had already  
 many heavenly meetings, the seeds have  
 been sown, now the friends must  
 arise to water them.

Baba's greeting to all the friends  
 Always



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~~Dear Harriet,~~ 1

I think Stuttgart will keep the Master ~~of~~ <sup>there</sup> ~~for~~ <sup>for</sup> ~~five~~ <sup>for</sup> days longer, perhaps till the end of this month. As he has received many caligrams from Haifa that pilgrims from all parts of the Orient have arrived <sup>and</sup> are waiting <sup>his return</sup> ~~for him~~, he is trying to make all the possible haste to ~~return~~ <sup>cross the Western journey to a close</sup> ~~unless something unexpected may turn up~~, Paris will not keep him long. When we left America no one ever dreamed that his European <sup>tour</sup> ~~journey~~ will run into so many months, but the unexpected happened and many parts of Europe <sup>were</sup> ~~are~~ illuminated with this light and many people ~~are~~ awakened to the importance of these Teachings. Consciously or unconsciously, by word or by deed, ~~by praise and blame~~ <sup>by praise and blame</sup> they testify that this Cause is the spirit of the age, the light of the age and the hope of the age.

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This morning quite naturally <sup>the</sup> ~~Master~~ talked to us, three servants of his, for nearly one hour. There was no one else in the room. When he talks only to a few people, his charm and attraction as a divine conversationalist becomes more manifest and evident. His knowledge and varied human experiences, as he goes on talking keep one hanging to every word which drops from his blessed tongue. One is never tired to listen to him. His most heavenly talks are always <sup>seasoned</sup> with ~~some~~ <sup>a</sup> touching human story or ~~a~~ sweet demonstration of love towards the children or ~~some~~ humorous remarks about some one in the audience or the stroking of the beard of a friend or <sup>gently</sup> ~~slapping~~ <sup>out</sup> the chest of another. Thus the people are immediately put in touch with his divine spirit of love and affection. They feel the beauty of his humanity and divinity at the same time.

Opening his remarks as he sat on the Chair, he said: - If we could appreciate more the beauties of this age, <sup>and</sup> the marvels of this century we would be more thankful to God than ever. For example, let us take this room. <sup>By</sup> <sup>just</sup> the great King of Persia could not enjoy the luxuries of a room like this. Solomon with all his glories, <sup>did not</sup> <sup>have</sup> a mirror like <sup>this!</sup> (and he <sup>pushed</sup> ~~took~~ me jokingly before the mirror and said: look in it!) Solomon had not an automobile, but only a wooden <sup>chariot</sup> ~~carriage~~, a little gilded <sup>straw</sup>. The audience chamber of Alexander the great was not lighted with electricity. Now most everybody enjoys the possession of an automobile or his room is lighted with electricity. Haroun-E-Rashid who reled over many countries of the East had not a clock like this <sup>one</sup> in his room. The first clock was made during his reign

and it was such a novelty that he ordered  
 another one to be made ~~of~~ and sent  
 as a great gift to Charlemagne the Great. When  
 it was presented to him all the people were  
 astonished that it worked automatically. The  
 priests of the Court stood before it wonder-  
 struck and could not explain to themselves  
 the secret power which made it work.  
 Finally after much reflection and consultation  
 they decided that the Arab machinist had  
 imprisoned the devil within the clock  
 and it ~~was~~ the devil that ~~made~~ <sup>made</sup> it work.  
 Then they unloosed the various instruments  
 of the clock and found nothing in it  
 neither could they put them together!

5 In those days one could not find a  
 piece of paper to write on, but if some  
 one could get a page of ~~sketch paper~~ <sup>paper or skin</sup>  
 he would consider himself very fortunate.  
 All the verses of the Koran were written  
 on the shoulders of the muttons

6 and palm-leaves. God has opened the doors  
of ~~many~~ inconceivable haunts to the people  
of this age but many are thoughtless and  
never think to thank the Maker ~~for~~  
~~them~~. Stronger than all the rest <sup>is this</sup> that  
while God has showered His infinite  
blessings upon the people of <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ century  
yet there are some so-called <sup>materialists</sup> ~~philosophers~~  
~~philosophers~~ who go to the point of denying  
His existence. God is <sup>very</sup> patient but  
even the patience of God has a limit.  
What wonderful gifts this age offers  
to the children of man! Like unto these  
flowers their fragrances are diffused  
to all parts of the world. Formerly they  
had houses built of mud, wood, reed  
and rough stone but the house of  
every well-to-do man today is better  
equipped than were the palaces of

of the Kings of ancient times. Consider how the world has advanced that today this one room has more modern conveniences than the great Hall of Cyrus in Persepolis. When I was in Bagdad I was invited to the palace of Egha led Doulet. He was an Indian Nawab, very wealthy and rich. He had many palaces in different parts of the Orient and would travel all the year around. While going through his palace and decorated <sup>Halls</sup> ~~rooms~~ I told him that ~~your~~ <sup>his</sup> palace was more wonderful than the palace of Cyrus. Then he said: "I must be greater than Cyrus." I answered: "You are not as great as Cyrus but you enjoy more modern conveniences than ever Cyrus did. One <sup>evening</sup> ~~night~~ I stayed in his palace. After dinner we went to sleep. At midnight

I got up as usual, went out, made a libation and came in the room and engaged my time in prayer and supplication toward God with the utmost joy and fragrance. Suddenly I heard Eghaled-Doulet crying like a child and sobbing loudly. I went to him and asked what ~~was~~<sup>was</sup> it Naavah? Why art thou crying. Why this weeping? He said 'Oh! nothing!' I answered: 'But there must be a reason for it! you are not crying without any cause. Tell me the cause, and I may at least console you,' 'No!' he rejoined 'you cannot console me, I am faithless but you are faith-ful. you have belief in God but I have lost all my belief. I took a trip to Europe. I tarried in its great Capitals and my conversations with the westerners made me an unbeliever. But this evening

I observed with what radiant hope, <sup>what</sup> heavenly spirituality, what strong faith, what divine assurance, you ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> praying to God. I envied you! I wished I could give away all my wealth and get one grain of your faith. I knew I am going to die after a few days or years and it is the greatest mortification of my life to think that I will leave this world without the radiance of hope and faith in my heart.' I told him. 'Well! let us talk <sup>it</sup> together. Let me give an <sup>exposition</sup> of divine philosophy!' He said. 'No! There is no use, you cannot put any faith in my heart. I wish I was as poor as the beggar in the street and had the faith you have, what can I do with all this money!'

This Nawab was extremely wealthy. In his palace he had many rooms and in each room he had piled sacks of money belonging to various nationalities.



His Library contained the richest collection of books and rare manuscripts. One room contained the precious stones, diamonds, rubies, turquoises, amethysts etc. Once the English Consul wanted to buy 700 rubles and did not have any ready cash. He came to the Navvab and borrowed the amount. The money was weighed in sacks. He had been to Persia, and was presented to the ~~the~~ Shah and had no favorable opinion of him. ~~Then the~~ <sup>He</sup> ~~Master~~ told us many stories about him and his ~~only~~ rule in India. & ~~The~~ <sup>He</sup> ~~Polon~~ told us the story of another Indian, a philosopher and a thinker but a poor man who lived at the same time in Bagdad. He was perfectly contented with his lot and never complained. He believed this world <sup>was</sup> a theatre and in it he <sup>was</sup> a spectator. Whenever we asked him what art thou doing he would

answer, 'I am watching one of the scenes of the play.' Often we found him in deep contemplation. 'What art thou doing now?' 'There is an intermission, so I am thinking over the situation of what I have just seen.' Some one inquired of him: 'what is your opinion about the Westerners?' He answered. 'These people are parts of their machinery. Just as the machinery is constantly working in a factory automatically without knowing why or wherefore, so these people are working. The machinery is oiled once in a day to run smoothly. These Westerners are oiled three times a day.' Another person asked him: 'what do you think of the Eastern and Western nations?' He rejoined. 'They are all laborers, some are working, others are out of work; some are employed, others are unemployed, some are busy, others are lazy, but all of them are plain workmen.'

This Hindu Sahel was much attracted to Baha Ullah. They asked him "what do you think about Baha Ullah?" He answered: 'He is the greatest of the world of humanity. He is peerless. He is beyond my limited knowledge. I cannot describe him. Do you want any miracle? His very existence is a miracle, his walking is a miracle, his speaking is a miracle. I have seen many people in this world. I have associated with the most important, learned men of India and Europe. I have discussed problems of this life with all of them, but I have never been drawn to any one. But no sooner I met this man, I was attracted to him. All his deeds, his words and his conducts are standing miracles. Were you to observe carefully, you would realize no one can do!

as he does exactly the same things. This man was really free and detached. He had a small room. From the ceiling, many packages were hanging. These packages contained rice, beans, bread etc. He cooked his own simple food and then sitting in a ~~carriage~~ <sup>carriage</sup> he ~~was~~ <sup>was</sup> drowned in a sea of reflection. He had the greatest power of concentration. In hours he would concentrate his thoughts upon one definite object. Finally he became a Bahai and went to India to teach this Cause. While there he was stricken down with a peculiar malady and his spirit ascended to the Kingdom of Abha.

Thus I can go on writing all the wonderful things he told <sup>us</sup> this morning. I have not written even half of them but this sample will show you what a glorious hour we had with him, all alone to ourselves.

9 Right after our heavenly hour with the Master  
Mr Eugene Diebold and Miss Helene Weiland  
who are engaged to ~~get married~~ come to the  
Beloved to received his benediction. They  
are a fine, loving couple, He smiled at <sup>them</sup>  
the smile of approval and joy. He said: -  
I have heard you are engaged to get married.  
It will be a blessed union. A marriage  
performed according to the religion of God  
will be very blessed. A young man <sup>cannot</sup>  
appreciate fully the blessings of marriage.  
When he grows older he will realize its  
supreme importance in life. When he  
sees that through the sacred bond of  
matrimony, he has formed a beautiful  
family, he soars into the heaven of bliss,  
especially when he is laden with years.  
Marriage is the greatest fortress for the  
preservation of man's purity. It shall  
protect him from immoral deeds.

It will be the means of his ~~charity~~ and sanctity. In the estimation of God there are no greater attributes than chastity and sanctity. The greatest virtue of man is his chastity. The most wonderful Bestowment of God is sanctity. These two qualities are specialized in man. Their absence means animalism and the ascendancy of brute passions. Therefore marriage in the estimation of God is very much beloved so that man and woman may live together in the utmost union of the soul and the highest degree of love and the purity of the family atmosphere. Whenever I see a man and wife love each other and are united together I am made supremely happy. Therefore I hope you will live together with the sweetest affection and tenderest

feelings and will form<sup>a</sup> blessed family  
with joy and happiness.

10 Then Mrs G. Wörnle, an artist came and  
made a most life-like painting of the  
Master. This will be photographed and copies  
forwarded to America as soon as they are  
made ready.

11 By this time many friends had come in  
and were welcomed by ~~the Master~~. His  
voice was not yet clear from cold, so he  
spoke in his quiete undertone musical  
way. His eyes were shut all the time he  
was speaking. Now and then he would raise  
his right hand in the air with his blessed  
fingers far apart, or take off his turban  
and put it on again or stroke his beard.  
He said in part: — "your meeting yesterday  
afternoon was very good. I did not feel  
well but for your sake I came. The  
gathering of the believers is the assembly

of the spiritual ones. The spirit of God descends upon the assemblages of the friends. They are the spiritual power-houses and confederacies and joy. During the last days of his life His Holiness Christ held one meeting for the apostles, and all of them sat around the same table. From that time it has been called the Lord's supper, because they discussed subjects pertaining to the Kingdom of God. Therefore if a meeting is held, the general discussion of which is spiritual, undoubtedly that meeting is God-like. Strive day and night that your assemblage may become radiant and the hearts illuminated. Consort with each other so that your spirits may be stirred into cheerfulness through the glad tidings of the Kingdom. If these conditions are fulfilled, Rest ye assured that your Assemblage is merciful; it is



the cause of the illumination of the world of humanity and it shall bestow everlasting life to all the people, I hope many such meetings will be held in Stuttgart. Consider how many meetings have been held in the past. The results of none have been eternal except the meeting of his holiness Christ. Two thousand years have elapsed and yet its beneficent fruits are evident. Consequently the result of every divine meeting is eternal. Show ye an effort that your meeting may become the meeting of the Kingdom. Whenever you desire to enter a Bahai meeting, first purify your hearts from all outside questions, put aside all the material or physical emanations, be ye in the utmost holiness and sanctification, be ye the channels for the

love of God, then he ye occupied with the  
 mention of the name of God, hearken  
 to the heavenly words and advice of His  
 Holiness Baha-Allah, deliver eloquent  
 and inspiring addresses - so that ye  
 may become abstracted from ought else  
 save God, your spirits may take  
 higher flights, the sphere of your thoughts  
 may be widened, the spiritual suscepti-  
 bilities become predominant, the  
 material emotions be entirely forgotten  
 and all be submerged in the luminous  
 sea of the Breaths of the Holy Spirit.  
 I desire this station for you. I hope  
 you shall attain thereto.

12 ~~Then~~ he spoke about the marriage  
 of Mr and Mrs Gregory very beautiful  
 and of the meetings of the white  
 and Colored friends of the great

power of Bahá'í and of the harmony which He has established amongst the races. ~~and~~ He said in a reminiscent mood, half to himself, half to us: - Truly I say those meetings in America were most marvellous meetings. They were strange and mystical events, colossal in <sup>their</sup> proportions and miraculous in their aspects. Later on, the significance and result of those meetings will become manifest.

13 A blind believer was brought in and introduced to the Master. He was a man of elderly age. <sup>The Master told him</sup> Praise be to God that thy insight is open and thou art witnessing the realities with the eyes of perception. Spiritual blindness is worse than material blindness. That is why Christ says: these people have eyes but they see not.

14 <sup>about correspond<sup>g</sup> with America</sup>  
Some one spoke ~~the receipt of letters from~~  
<sup>Bahais</sup> America. He said:- It will be very beneficial  
to the Cause if a tie of correspondence  
is established between the German and  
the American Bahais. Spiritual correspond-  
ence must be continued ~~and~~ not for  
a month or two or a year <sup>or two</sup> and then  
drop. Complete affection and amity  
must be established between them.  
This is very important. \*

15 A number of children were brought in,  
all beautifully dressed. They had bouquets  
of flowers in their hands. Reverently they  
approached their Father and kissed his  
hand. To one of them he said: "I do not  
speak German but our hearts are  
one! The face of the little tot  
brightened up and gleefully cried  
out:- "Don't I know it!" His mother  
told us he was crying all this

morning because he heard the Master was going to leave Stuttgart. There was another little girl of <sup>two</sup> yrs old who at first cried and did not want to go to him but little by little with that divine patience of his he tamed her and after 10 minutes she was contentedly sitting in his lap and eating candy from his hands. "I have tamed her," he said laughing. "In Turkey when you go to see a Pasha and you wish ~~him~~ <sup>to</sup> attend to your affairs quietly, you must ~~take~~ <sup>give</sup> him some gifts. That is called "Bakhsheesh". Now I have given some "Bakhsheesh" to this little German Pasha. Her parent wanted to take her to him several times, but the Master said: "let her be free, don't interfere with her freedom." It was the greatest example of winning

through the Power of love. ~~The~~ <sup>The</sup> father <sup>sat</sup>  
 all the children around himself, some sitting  
 on his lap, others <sup>sitting</sup> before him on the  
 floor, some standing on his right and  
 left and all smiling; their hats filled  
 with candies, oranges and bananas.  
 The Master was also very happy. It was one  
 of the most beautiful pictures of his  
 divine fatherhood. Now and then he  
 stroked their heads or kissed their  
 cheeks or hugged them close to his  
 breasts. "I am going to put you in my  
 trunk and take you to Syria. Will you  
 come?" he said to one. "Of course,"  
 the child answered, his eyes dancing  
 with joy. "I will buy you a pony" he  
 said to another. "You can play with  
 the lovely children on Mount Carmel"  
 he addressed a third.

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Then the Beloved spoke:- "From amongst these children, blessed souls shall arise. These children must be instructed in the wisdom of reality, they must be given divine education. The plants which are trained by the hand of the gardener have a different growth and development. The system of education must be so thorough that day unto day their intelligences may increase, their minds be developed, <sup>and</sup> their spiritual emotions <sup>of the children</sup> become keener. The education, must begin from the early childhood, not by crumpling ~~in~~ <sup>with</sup> their heads, dead formulas and historical dates which they cannot understand. This is a mistake. The elements of sciences, arts, crafts etc must be taught to them through object lessons, as though they are

playing and amusing themselves. With sunshine, with music, with happiness they must learn these things. There should be no suggestion of hard study but all their plays must form part of their studies. Again, the children must be encouraged to convey their thoughts in simple, direct words. The teachers must speak with them intelligently and respectfully as though they speak with grown-up people. Everything must be explained to them in the most, fascinating, simple language. In turn, they must let the children speak those things they learn, amongst themselves, ask questions from each other and the one who gives the best answer, receive a reward - so that others



may emulate him. For example one child may ask questions quite informally from another on geography, mathematics etc and the other may answer. These simple questions and answers must be learnt by heart and as the knowledge of the students increase in any branch of learning their questions may be ~~asked~~ spontaneous. Similarly all the divine questions must be taught to the children in questions and answers. With happiness, joy and delight they must learn these things. The abstruse and spiritual subjects must be put in as simple language as possible.

18 To another group of believers he said:-  
We are very happy here because the Broom of Baba Ullah has gathered us together.

Although our countries are wide apart  
 from each other yet we are <sup>closer</sup> together than  
 relatives. Although the sun is far away  
 from the earth, yet its rays are shining upon  
 it. Although Germany is remote from Persia,  
 yet the lights of the Orient have illumined  
 it. That is why Christ says: the children  
 of the Kingdom shall go out and people  
 from <sup>the</sup> ~~four~~ corners of the earth shall  
 enter. Now although the inhabitants  
 of Persia are from the land wherein  
 the Blessed Perfection appeared, yet  
 many of them are heedless. But you  
 who are <sup>of</sup> from Persia have taken a share  
 from the Bestowels of Baba-Allah.  
 You who were remote, thousands of  
 miles, became near and those who  
 were near to him remained far away.  
 This is through the pure Mercy of God.  
 Thank ye God that ye have attained

thereunto. I hope that day unto day you may  
be drawn nearer to the Kingdom of Baha-  
Allah, be enthrilled more unto the Fire of  
the Love of God, receive a goodly portion  
from the Breaths of the Holy Spirit and  
day unto day, ~~you~~ <sup>you</sup> may the more inured  
unto the virtues of the humankind, I  
shall beg of God for you invisible Confir-  
mations.

19 Afterward a minister of the Church  
was presented to the Master who received a  
wonderful Confirmation and went away  
inspired with the words of the Beloved.  
At 12 o'clock Dr Kahlhas ~~called on~~  
<sup>called on</sup> the Master, examined his chest and  
advised him not to go out for the next  
few days and not speak much. These  
suggestions were timely and the believers  
obeyed the Doctor's orders in going away  
earlier today.

In the afternoon he was kept quiet without  
~~many calls~~. <sup>but</sup> toward the evening  
 several friends called on him and  
 received refreshing words from the  
 garden of his knowledge. Mr and Mrs  
 Herzig prepare his food in their home  
 and bring it to the hotel. They are so  
 happy, the Master has given them this  
 service.

~~These are busy days for you in  
 New York with the full swing of the  
 Convention activities. Everyday I  
 mention these facts to the Beloved  
 so that he may remember you  
 in his spirit.~~

My Bahai love and greeting  
 to all the friends of God

Abbas

April 29, 1913

Dear Harriet

1  
<sup>compared with</sup>  
Considering the activities and the coming and going of the friends for the last few days this was a quiet one. Many <sup>anxious</sup> believers called with nosegays of ~~flowers~~ <sup>flowers</sup> inquiring after the health of the Beloved and most of them were permitted to shake hand with him while lying ~~down on~~ <sup>on</sup> the couch but there were <sup>entirely</sup> no <sup>talks</sup> ~~long addresses~~ except toward the evening when he felt ~~much~~ <sup>much</sup> better. The injunction of the Doctor has been followed as closely as possible and the effect <sup>was</sup> ~~has been~~ noticeable.

2 I was surprised when I observed most of the friends congratulating ~~me~~ and offering me flowers and gifts. At first I thought it <sup>was</sup> a joke but afterwards I realized ~~some~~ <sup>some</sup> one had given them a hint that this <sup>was</sup> my birthday. Of course this was not my birthday! ~~I~~ <sup>we had a</sup> ~~was~~ very amusing. <sup>time of it</sup> Miss

Anna Köstlin and Mrs Schweizer and Miss Turner have given me a watch; Mr Herzig the chain, some one else a book of the views of the city and many bouquets of roses, carnations, sweet-peas. When they offered me the flowers, I thought, of course they ~~was~~ <sup>were</sup> for the Master. "No! They are for you! They are your birthday presents!" I ~~have not been able~~ <sup>was never able</sup> yet to find out who has played this ~~serious~~ joke on me. If you were in my place what would you have done?

3 In the afternoon Mrs Ekstein called and the Beloved talked with her on the progress of the Cause in Stuttgart: "Your husband," he said, "is firm and sincere in the Cause and assuredly he shall be <sup>confirmed</sup> in spreading the Glad-tidings of the Kingdom. He is an active Bahai. In this Cause there are two kinds of Bahais. The first kind is active and speaking; the second ~~kind~~ is inactive and

silent. These two, although Bahais, yet they are widely different from each other. The former is more beloved than the latter. The body has two hands, one is active, the other paralyzed. Which one <sup>do you</sup> prefer?

4 The Minister who called on him yesterday came again today. The Master said: ~~off~~  
~~deprived~~ Ministers are many, confirmed ministers are few. During the days of Christ there were many Rabbis and high-priests but none of them was confirmed except Paul. All of them were deprived but he became the confirmed King of the ministers. I hope that thou mayest become like Paul, receive a goodly portion from the heavenly Bestowels and arise in the service of thy fellowmen. Do not look upon thyself and thine own capacity. When man is abstracted from ~~the~~ conditions of this earth

~~world~~, and ~~be~~ released from the fetters<sup>4</sup>  
of the world of nature and ~~be~~ quickened  
through the Breath of the Holy Spirit—  
he shall become very much  
confirmed, <sup>and</sup> the divine epiphanies  
shall encircle him, to such an extent  
that he shall ~~remain~~ <sup>become</sup> himself astonished.  
Therefore, turn thy attention unto God!  
Look upon the infinite Realties of  
God. Do not look upon thine own  
incapability. Although the earth is  
<sup>composed of</sup> the black soil, yet through the  
downpour of rain and the heat  
of the sun, flowers and aromas  
shall grow therefrom. This Minister  
has written a good article on the  
Bahai' Cause, <sup>which will appear</sup> in a ~~monthly~~ Protestant  
German magazine for the month of  
May.

5 Mr. Schweizer ~~also~~ called. He and  
his wife are two of the loveliest  
Bahais we have here.



They are so devoted to the Master and so  
enkindled with the fire of the Love of  
God! He is a government surveyor and for  
six months in the year he is called away  
from home. The Master was in bed and  
he made him sit beside <sup>himself</sup> ~~the bed~~ and brought  
his head close to his breast and kissed  
him several times. <sup>He told him:</sup> In thy face I see  
great capacity. I give thee the promise  
that if thou shalt arise to spread the  
message of the Kingdom, thou shalt  
become marvellously confirmed.

<sup>answered</sup> He ~~said~~: I hope I will become a teacher  
in deed as well as in word.

Very true, the Master said; "If a person  
does not practice what he teaches, his  
words will have no effect. A person  
who calls himself a Bahai and does  
not try to live in accord with

the Teachings he is like the man who <sup>on one hand</sup> invites all men to Peace and Conciliation and on the other ~~hand~~ cuts the heads of innocent people. The Manifestation of Baha Ullah <sup>was</sup> for the appearance of Deeds. Therefore I hope that you may <sup>be</sup> assisted to teach both <sup>you</sup> <sup>with</sup> Deeds and Words. Read the hidden pearls and practice accordingly.

As Mr Schweizer is translating the book of the Brilliant Proof by Mirza Abul-Fazl the Master said: This Mirza Abul-Fazl whose book you are translating is a man who teaches the Cause <sup>by</sup> deed and <sup>by</sup> words. His trip to America was a blessed one! His <sup>station</sup> is greater even than the apostles. He is the sincere servant of the Cause. He has

sacrificed everything for the sake of the Cause. He does not rest for one moment. He either teaches the Cause or compiles books or travels around. I love him very much.

7 Frau and Frauline Consul called to inquire about the health of the Beloved. In the course of conversation he said :- Complete physical health is to be enjoyed by the animals. Consider when the animal possesses perfect health, it brays, it rolls on the grass, it grazes in the meadows, it dances and kicks and it does perform all kinds of pranks. But man may enjoy the completest physical health, live in the palace and <sup>be</sup> surrounded with all the luxuries of modern civilization, yet he <sup>may</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>not</sup> feeling happy, mental anxieties attack him, spiritual worries encircle him, he

weeps, laments and stalks abroad ghostlike. This in itself shows that man must take greater care of his spiritual health. Again a person may be sick, lying ~~down~~ in bed and a piece of good news is brought to him, suddenly he is revived and often he is healed. The happiness of man is through his spiritual health and not bodily health. My spirit is always healthy, therefore I am always happy. You must likewise strive to gain this spiritual health and happiness and thank ye God that ye are living in the age of the Blessed Perfection; ye have heard his resounding call; ye are awakened from the slumber of negligence; ye have attained to the most great hour and ye have obtained eternal life. If ye had given the treasures of the whole world,

ye could not obtain this most great  
bounty. Consider that Mr Morgan, the  
American Multi-millionaire died and left  
behind his wealth but ye shall never  
die, ye are always living in the Kingdom  
of abba and the traces of your faith  
and assurance shall ever live.

§ Afterward Consul Schwarz and Doctor  
Faber arrived. They asked many  
questions in regard to the possibility of  
a European war over Sauter and  
the Master like a true physician  
diagnosed for them the malady. The  
greatest need of Europe, he said, is  
the organization of a European Congress  
in which the delegates of various  
Powers may discuss seriously the  
possibility of immediate, concurrent

disarmament but they do not listen to ~~my~~ advice of ~~this nature~~. Thirty years ago I wrote to Sultan Abdul Hamid that if ~~he~~<sup>he</sup> decided to protect ~~the~~<sup>his</sup> Empire ~~then~~<sup>he</sup> must give <sup>equality of</sup> complete freedom of rights to all ~~the~~<sup>his</sup> subjects no matter to what religion they may belong and establish a constitution but he did not listen and you see today the results.

Many other wonderful remarks were made by the Master about the Triple Alliance, ~~and~~<sup>the</sup> Triple Entente and the disturbance of the Balance of Power in Europe that I have no time to write ~~them~~ but they all showed ~~the~~<sup>his</sup> omniscient knowledge ~~of the Behaved~~.

Love to all  
Ahmed

April 30, 1913

Dear Harriet

This is the last day of the month  
and the last day of our stay in Stuttgart.  
Tomorrow morning 10. 53. we will leave  
for Paris, arriving there ~~I suppose~~, about  
9 o'clock p.m. The enforced rest of the  
last two days has improved the Master's  
health and the Doctor told us today that  
he can leave easily tomorrow. ~~I~~  
~~am not mistaken~~ We left Paris the  
first of the <sup>April</sup> month and we are <sup>returning</sup> entering  
~~it~~ <sup>May</sup> the first of the <sup>month</sup>. <sup>In this one</sup> ~~month~~  
<sup>month</sup> ~~while~~ many events were chronicled and  
the Cause was promoted through three  
other European Countries, Germany,  
Austria and Hungary. What <sup>a</sup> wonderful  
<sup>month</sup> ~~days~~! Like <sup>a</sup> glorious vision, ~~they~~ <sup>it</sup>

~~have~~ passed away never to be repeated  
~~again~~. I can never explain in words  
 the inner, spiritual experiences of these  
 days. They ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> days ~~which are~~ printed  
 upon the page of memory with the ink  
 of gold. I have witnessed the victory  
 of our King of Kings ~~upon~~ every occasion  
 and the love and reverence shown  
 to him both by strangers and friends  
 are the greatest proofs of his power.  
 We will enter Paris with glad hearts,  
 because this trip of ~~the Master~~ has  
 been more successful than we ever  
 could conceive! ~~He~~ <sup>The Master</sup> is also very happy,  
 because the Call of the Kingdom was  
 raised, the Fragrance of the garden  
 of Abha diffused and the rays  
 of the Sun of Reality spread. What  
 greater joy do we need? What <sup>more</sup>  
 perfect beatitude do we long for?



This morning the Beloved felt much better, his throat being clear. Mr Herrigel, Consul Schwarz, Mr Ruff and several other friends were the early callers to inquire about ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> health ~~of the~~ ~~Master~~. About half past nine a group of the believers had gathered in his presence and he addressed them thus:— Having arrived in Stuttgart we have become your guest. We have the greatest ~~of~~ attachment for you. We are striving that perchance the East and the West, God willing, may become unified. My western trip <sup>was</sup> an introduction to this ~~our~~ sought consummation. This <sup>is</sup> the beginning of the dawn. I hope the light of evening may

shine upon all the regions. The people of the world are like ~~the~~ the drops and when these drops are gathered together, they <sup>will</sup> form a great sea. I hope <sup>that</sup> all of them may become united and conjoined, then the sea of the oneness of the world of humanity shall wave gloriously. The inhabitants of the world are like unto the sheep <sup>and</sup> they are scattered; we hope to gather these dispersed sheep <sup>into</sup> one flock and ~~be~~ shepherd <sup>them</sup> under the divine training of the Ideal Shepherd. <sup>so</sup> they may find comfort and rest in the verdant meadow of Everlasting happiness and drink from

the fountain of eternal life. This is my  
aim in life. What do you say? Does it  
agree with yours or ~~comes into~~ <sup>does it</sup> conflict?  
These sheep of God are very much  
dispersed. They are scattered over the  
rocky mountains, down in the valleys  
of darkness, ~~and~~ over the burning Sahara  
and ~~they~~ are constantly surrounded by  
the blood-thirsty wolves. How ~~wonderful~~  
will it be if they could be brought <sup>to</sup>  
together in this green <sup>Divine</sup> plain, ~~and~~ live  
~~there~~ <sup>in</sup> the utmost ~~of~~ joy and be  
protected and preserved by the  
compassionate Shepherd! The  
denizens of the world are like unto  
the children and the real Father  
is God. How sweet will it be  
if all these children could

be brought under the Education of  
the heavenly ~~father~~ <sup>H. Tappan</sup> and every one  
seek the instruction of the kind  
Father!

All morning people continued to  
come and to every one the Master  
delivered an address, each a little  
bright gem of the spiritual Kingdom.

When Mrs <sup>and Miss</sup> Schwarz arrived ~~and~~  
~~after the Beloved~~ <sup>his</sup> ~~was~~ ~~to~~ ~~them~~  
he asked them to bring their <sup>copy</sup> ~~copy~~  
at 3 o'clock and take him out  
over the "green mountains" of Shitt<sup>z</sup> for  
the last time.

3 About two o'clock the Master  
gave a "little talk" <sup>to a group of ladies</sup> on the woman's  
rights. Herein it is reproduced:-  
"In former times no one would have  
believed that women shall arise  
and demand equal rights and <sup>suffrage</sup>

Now in America the women have received  
suffrage in ~~many~~ <sup>a number of</sup> states and their cause  
is marching on. One of the meanings  
of the prophecy in the old Testament  
that the lion and the deer shall  
graze together in one meadow is  
that men and women shall  
be equal and have the same rights.  
For example Doctor Haber who is  
so big and Miss Knoblock who is  
so small will be equal! <sup>mark</sup> This  
made everybody laugh and for  
more than half an hour the  
Beloved kept them in constant  
roar of laughter by telling them  
~~some~~ <sup>a number of</sup> amusing militant stories  
of the English suffragettes.

At three o'clock many Bahais came and were sad to hear the Master <sup>was</sup> going to leave tomorrow. <sup>He told them:</sup> Consider what wonderful

love is this that has been established between us through the Power of His Holiness Baha Ullah! The Shah of Persia came twice to Stuttgart. Although he was a royal King he did not find one real, heartfelt friend. The utmost <sup>this that</sup> was the government received him officially according to its long-established custom just as it would have received any other royal Personage.

But ~~we~~ <sup>we</sup> who were Prisoners for 40 yrs have come here and have found so many heartfelt, cordial friends whose love and affection are lasting and not temporary. Therefore it is made clear to you

that this love and unity have been brought into being through an extraordinary power; otherwise it would have been impossible for our hearts to be so cemented together, while from a worldly standpoint, the King of Persia must have been the object of love and estimation. The holy divine manifestations of G.D. through whom this mighty and potent power appears are the very quintessences of existence and the plain people who follow their Teachings are greater than the Kings and queens of the earth. Reflect what the Power of the Kingdom of

Abha has accomplished! Its rays are  
 shining upon the hearts! Its Bestowals  
 have established communication  
 between the spirits, Its  
 principles have ushered in a new  
 era of spiritual brotherhood!  
 Ere long ye shall observe that  
 the splendors of the Kingdom  
 of Abha have illumined the  
 East and the West! \* Then he  
 lovingly distributed fruits and  
 shonhans amongst the children.  
 There was a young musician who  
 has just become interested in the  
 Cause and the Beloved before bidding  
 them adieu addressed him thus: /  
 Music is a sign of the signs



of God. Just as the earthly music bestows exhilaration and rejoicing to the bodies, so the spiritual music stirs into cheerfulness and beatific bliss the hearts and the spirits. The prophets of God are the heavenly Artists or Musicians. Therefore, I hope that whenever you are playing <sup>upon</sup> your instrument, you may hear the invisible song of the Kingdom and the divine anthem. Just as the material, martial music stirs the hearts of the warriors, may your ethereal music inspire the spirits of the warriors of Peace and Salvation. †

6 ~~From~~ The Beloved came down and  
 with Frank, <sup>and</sup> Franklin Consul and the  
 two little sons and <sup>and we stork down dressed</sup> myself ~~started~~  
 for the castle Behenhausen. ~~The rest~~  
~~of the company was in another~~  
~~automobile.~~ We passed through  
 wonderful royal roads all  
 verdant ~~and broad~~. Hills and  
 mountains were in their gala  
 dresses and the Master enjoyed  
 a two hours continual drive  
 through the most beautiful  
 divine country, the like of  
 which <sup>nature</sup> ~~we~~ seldom produced  
 anywhere <sup>else</sup>. On the way he  
 stopped at the village called  
 Steinenbrunn. He came down  
 from <sup>the car</sup> ~~auto~~ and distributed money

and candies amongst a few children and  
I started to walk ~~through~~ <sup>through</sup> the streets. Immediately  
the rumor was spread that the  
"King of the East" has come and more  
than one hundred children were  
after the Master. He gave me  
some money and I changed it in  
a nearby store and he asked me  
to ~~distribute~~ <sup>distribute</sup> amongst them.  
I ordered them to form a long line  
and put a piece of money in the  
hand of each. When I finished  
my pleasant "job" the Master  
told me: you have now mustered  
an army and you can fight against  
any Power. <sup>Bebenhausen</sup>  
Arriving at ~~Stimmlingen~~

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he walked through the castle. It is  
a hunting castle of the King and Queen  
who come during the summer to  
hunt in the woods. Formerly it  
has been a monastery but now  
it is transformed into a royal  
castle. It has a fine church  
which dates back to 12th  
century. The Master walked  
through the rooms and there  
we saw a chess board with which  
Napoleon the Great had played  
~~with it~~ with the King. Contrary  
to his custom the Beloved wrote  
a line of poetry in the guest  
book, a rough translation  
of which is as follows.

"The Imperial Court is empty because  
I do not see the royal face of the King.

The verdant meadow is chagrined  
because it is not adorned with  
the stately stature of the Queen.

The ~~motorcade~~ <sup>car</sup> which brought the best of our  
company had  
three accidents on its way to the  
Castle and they had to telephone  
to the city for another one. While  
they were in the country waiting  
for the arrival of the new  
<sup>car</sup> auto, Sayid Assadullah  
had a good sleep on the  
grass.

While the <sup>in</sup> ~~auto~~ <sup>car</sup> was driving  
the master said to Fran and  
Franklin Consul: Praise be

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to God that I have come to Stuttgart  
and summoned the people to the  
Kingdom of Alpha. I am pleased  
that God has assisted me.  
Now that noble souls like  
unto you have heard the  
Call of the Kingdom, <sup>you</sup> must  
arise with enthusiasm  
and courage to travel  
and spread the glad  
tidings of the Kingdom.  
I have the utmost confidence  
in you and ever expect to  
receive good news from  
you. After me, raise  
your voice and cry out  
in the name of Alpha

and suffer the people to enter ~~his~~ the Kingdom of God. My heart is with you. My spirit is with you. I must now go. I have accomplished my work. I will be always with you. In reality Stuttgart has the capability of becoming the Center of this glorious Cause in Europe.

9. We reached at the hotel about 8 o'clock. Many of the friends were waiting at the door and greeted the Master as he entered. Several were called into his presence and he spoke with them. Mr and Mrs Herrigel brought

all of us  
supper for ~~the Master and ourselves~~  
because we did not have  
time to go out. Really, these  
two souls have served the  
Cause most wonderfully. My  
close association with Mr Herrigel  
during the past month has  
made me to love him <sup>more</sup> ~~than ever~~  
~~He knows your name~~  
~~heart because he has seen~~  
~~me writing to you every day.~~

Good bye to Stuttgart. We  
take away with us tomorrow  
the love and affection of  
all the believers of East

~~My sincere greeting to~~  
~~all~~ Ahmed  
Greetings Mr. & Mrs. Herrigel