

The address of the Master on
Esperanto at Cheri Banquet is
enclosed

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Dear Harriet!

In his address to-day Our Beloved made some striking statements. It was on "Word and Deed." "In the Bahai Dispensation," he emphasized his point by rising from his chair, near the window, and walking back and forth, "the question of deed is most important. Confession and acknowledgment do not mean Faith. Faith means Deeds and ~~in turn~~ Deeds mean Faith. If a Bahai is confirmed in Deeds, he is accepted. His faith in and acknowledgment of the Station of Baha - V - llah do not bring him in the rank of the people of the Kingdom of Abha. In order to be accounted as a Bahai, he must live in accord with the Teachings of Baha - o - llah; he must become a center of

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of Merciful emotions; the rays of the sun
of perfection must emanate from
him; he must be kind to all the
inhabitants of the earth; he must
strive to become a cause of general
welfare; he must consider his
enemies as his friends; he must
return justice for injustice; he must
look upon all humanity - the rich
and the poor, the learned and the igno-
rant, the high and the low, the aristoc-
rat and the democrat, the employer
and the employee, those who live
in ^{the} mansion and those dwell in
dark, cold, wretched tenement-houses,
those who are well-fed and those who
have no bread to eat, - as members
of his own family; he must know
and believe that the whole earth
is his native land, ^{and} he must be
sympathetic with all the people.
~~He must~~ ^{He must} cheer up ~~and sympathize with~~
those who are in sorrow and carry
laughter and the sunbeams of

happiness in the hearts of ~~all~~ the children of humanity. To the sick, he must become a nurse. ~~To~~ the oppressed, he must be a shelter. To the extent of his ability, he must assist and take care of the poor in the community. He must give a share and ^a portion to those who are deprived. He must be a balm of healing to every wounded, and a breath of spirit to every dead ~~one~~. In short, he must demonstrate his love for all the people through every loving means. Just as light appears through an illumined lamp, likewise these deeds must appear from a person who calls himself a Bahai; otherwise one does not become a Bahai by merely acknowledging the station of Baha-o-llah. . . . These are the qualities of a Bahai. If such lights emanate from a person, he is a Bahai; if these rays do not emanate from him he is only a Bahai by name.

When we say "Man," ~~immediately~~ we imagine in our mind certain attributes with which ~~the~~ "Man" is imbued! When we say "star," by this word we designate a light-giving stellar body. When we say a "tree," it must yield fruits. When we say the word "perfection" we look forward to its manifestations. Otherwise it is a word without meaning, a name without significance.

~~These~~ ^{These} were the words of the Master which he himself ~~first of all~~ has already translated ~~them~~ into deeds of living fire and potency. I hope all of us will become assisted in these services.

2 When ~~we~~ ^I presented ~~ourselves~~ ^{myself} this morning in the reception room, ~~before any of us~~ the Master ^{already} was there. Apropos of a very great Persian nobleman who had come to see him the day before he said: The Kingdom of the earth ^{was} ~~is~~ like unto an empty

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walnut ^{shell} ~~shell~~ the spiritual Kingdom, a
real Bahai ^{was} ~~is~~ like unto a walnut full
of meat.

Then he corrected the many Tablets
which were revealed by him the
other day. Amongst them one for
Mrs Harriet Mayes
~~Yes~~ and another for Mrs Clarence
Moore. ~~I have~~ ^{Both are} translated them
and are now in his room awaiting
his signature. They will be mailed
~~to you directly~~

3. Mirza Mehdi Khan, the brother
of Nasir-^{ul} Molk, the regent of
Persia ~~passed~~ a call to Our Beloved.
I ~~have~~ heard that he ^{was} appointed
Persian Minister to ^{the} United States
and I think he is on his way
to America. He is a tall, very
striking man, full of activity and
good humor.

After meeting many people,
the old and the new friends he
came out and delivered the
address which was in part quoted.

He took his walk alone today and re-
 turned for lunch. In the afternoon,
 several Persians came to visit the
^{Irving} Master and the discussion was now
 about Persia and again America.
 At five o'clock at Mrs Scott's
 studio, ~~there was~~ the usual Monday
^{was held} meeting. Mon. and Madame Dreyfus
 were not there, so again I was called
 for the second time since our
 arrival in Paris to translate for
 the Beloved. The Master asked
 Mrs Bernard and then Madame
 Richard to speak ^{first}. Both ~~of them~~
 spoke with great courage and
 enthusiasm; ~~the~~ first in English
 the second in French. ~~The Master~~
^{he} is giving them ~~powerful~~ wings
~~with which~~ ^{with which} they may fly when
 he leaves Paris and ~~he is~~ ^{is} training
 a few ^{such} men and women for
^{public} service. Both ~~of~~ these women
 are able speakers and sincere
 Bahais; ~~so the Master~~ ^{he} has

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Told ~~asked~~ them to speak in every meeting and ~~be~~ ^{rest} assured that Baba Allah will inspire their hearts. He ~~told~~ ^{said} ~~that~~ you must speak in every gathering. You must set the hearts aflame with the fire of the Love of God. You must shine like unto stars. You must illumine this city. If these conditions do not realize, there will be no fruits. Go out and speak. Speak with great determination. Turn your faces to Baba Allah. Forget everything ^{else}. Forget yourselves. When they finished speaking, he came out and gave a stirring address on the ~~universe~~ ^{trials} of Baba Allah and ~~talked about~~ the heroism of the Bahai martyrs.

5. On our return home, Aga Faj spoke with me ~~about~~ ^{of} his experiences ^{as a baker} ~~in baker shops~~ ^{for}; I love to talk with him. He's no simple and

direct. "No, I ^{would not} ~~would not~~ have come to
 Paris were it not for the sake of ^{seeing} ~~the~~
 Master," he said. "I love Persia, because
 to ~~the~~ ^a Persian, religion means life
^{or} ~~and~~ death. If you speak with a
^{man} ~~person~~ about ^{the} Bahai religion, if he
 does not kill you, ~~at least~~ he will
 ridicule you, ~~and scoff at you. Then~~
^{then} in the bottom of your heart you
 feel joy; but what do I see here!
 With whosoever you speak about
 the Cause, he shrugs his shoulders and
 says Oh très bien, très bien. He does
 not ridicule, ^{neither} ~~he~~ does ~~not~~ believe, as
 though religion means nothing to ^{him} ~~them~~.
 It is strange! Isn't it?" Then he
 confided to me a great secret. Really,
 I know of a certainty that ^{there are} ~~at~~ times
~~Our~~ Lord of ^{which} ~~Man~~ ^{Abdul Baha} ~~leaves~~ ^{aside}
 all his ^{other} works and comes to my ^{he}
 assistance ^{and} ~~it~~ seems as though ~~he~~
^{has} ~~is~~ no one else in this wide
 world to ^{help} ~~assist~~ ^{but} ~~except~~ me! Is
 not this wonderful?"

We reached home, the master had arrived. I was thinking of the great faith and trust of ago. Haj, at the simplicity and purity of his spirit and at the unconscious grandeur of his life, a life devoted to service to lovingkindness, to charity, to Deeds of which the Master was speaking this morning and then I heard the still, small voice in my own heart: "He is a real Bahai!" and the voice grew stronger and more powerful till I heard its echo ~~from the~~ ^{reverberating in all the carnal} ~~parts~~ ^{parts} of my body: "He is a real Bahai!"

After all, Faith in God and trust in His goodness will be the materials out of which the palace of human prosperity shall be constructed. This idea became firmly established in my heart when I entered the room and heard the Master speaking the following words to a number of people standing in his presence:

"When a person desires to destroy his house to build a new one on its site, first of all, he must make the plan ready, then the bricks, the stones, the lime etc, and then engage in the demolition ^{of the old building} of the old building.

~~Now~~ It is true that the present-day religions ^{are} like ~~very~~ dilapidated houses. The religion of Baha-Ullah is preparing slowly yet assuredly, the materials out of which the Temple of Humanity shall be constructed. What are the materials? They are Faith in God, the love of God, the Knowledge of God, ~~and~~ trust in God. It will also go use in the ^{construction of} new Temple all the good materials which are found in the old buildings. ~~It~~ ^{indeed} will be ^a glorious, palace of God wherein all His Children shall abide for ever in peace, ~~and~~ joy and love. ✽

In the following pages I will try to write ~~some or fine~~ ^{two} stories that I have heard from the Master on different occasions for the last two days:—

7 The inhabitants of one of the provinces of Persia desired to get ~~rid of~~ ^{rid of} the ~~onerous~~ burden of Military Conscription ~~which~~ was laid upon them by ~~man~~ laws put in force by the ~~the~~ Minister of war. ~~A man~~ ^{A man} amongst them said, ~~I~~ ^{he} will do something, ~~so that the~~ ^{and exempt} ~~whole~~ province become exempt from this law. ~~They were~~ ^{The people became} naturally ~~delighted~~ ^{delighted}, ~~very glad~~ ^{happy}. In Teheran, there is a military square in the center of which they have mounted on a platform, a great cannon; so this man got a hearse and bringing it near this platform ~~he~~ stationed himself beside it ^{and} started to cry, bemoan and lament. ~~People~~ ^{The} passing ^{also} by asked him: "what is the matter?" He said: "This friend of mine ~~he~~ dropped dead here. He was a poor

man, please contribute something for ~~the ceremony of~~ his burial. Everybody gave him something. ~~But~~ ~~now~~ ~~such~~ ~~well~~ that the hearse was empty.

At twelve o'clock the Minister of war came out of his office and seeing a crowd ~~came~~ went to investigate. When the man ^{saw} the Minister of war ^{approaching} he ^{increased} ~~added to~~ his cry and lamentations. "What is this?", the Minister inquired. "Your Highness, this man ~~who~~ is from the province of _____ ~~has~~ dropped dead here. He was a stranger amongst us and I am trying to collect ^{a fund} ~~money~~ from these noble citizens for the expenses of his burial."

"How did it happen that he died in this place?"

"Your Highness, it is a very sad story. It shows the tender sensibility of this man which ~~was~~ a marked characteristic of the inhabitants of the province of _____."

As he ~~was~~ passing by the ^{soldiers} ~~cannons~~¹³ were practicing. He heard the noise of the first gun and his whole ^{frame} ~~body~~ ^{shook} trembled. He heard the noise for the second time and he fell down to the ground. The third booming of the cannon caused his death.

The Minister ^{placed} ~~put~~ five frames in the ~~palace~~ of the man, ^{and} ~~sent~~ ^{went} ~~away~~ ^{promulgated} ~~it~~. Tomorrow a law was ~~made~~ that the province of ~~was~~ exempt from military conscription.

8 There were three persons who started to journey together. One was from the province of Tabriz, the other from the province of Esphahan and the third from the province of Kashan. On their way, they were discussing the probability of being attacked by ^{the} highwaymen. The man from Tabriz said, if we are attacked by the robbers, ~~I~~ ^{by} I will unsheathe ~~my~~ ^{his} sword and kill as many as ~~I~~ ^{he} can.

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The man from Esphahan said "I will make a big bluff; if you will fear, I will brandish my sword and cry out, 'why, I am going to put an end ^{to all of} to them by killing ten.'" The man from Khashan said, ^{he} I will open the ~~trunk~~ baggage, spread the table and ^{have a feast} ~~eat~~. It so happened ^{by the robbers} that they were attacked. The Talvizi killed four, the Esphahani commenced a big demonstration ^{that he will do this and that} and the Kashani ^{calmly} was eating. The robbers seeing this, reasoned amongst themselves: - If the first man ~~has~~ killed four ~~men~~; the second man ~~will be~~ ^{must be} more terrible, for he is ^{boasting} ~~saying~~ that he will kill every one ^{of us}, and what the third man will do when he has finished eating! He will certainly be a dreadful foe! Let us take to our heels!

~~At the time that the Baka-
allah was in Bagdad~~

~~The two above stories are
enough for this time
Love to all
Ahmad~~