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Dear Harriet! 1-

If the spiritual significance
of Our Beloved's Trip throughout the Wes-
tern country cannot be fully realized,
if the deeper aspect of his Long journey
for the past two years and half cannot
be grasped by our mentality, at least we
can see with our own eyes that the
Bahai Cause is much better known than
during all its ^{previous} history; its Teachings are
^{widely} well spread, its principles ~~are~~ well-known,
its position is well defined, its vital
power is ^{acknowledged} ~~well~~ recognized, its noble ideals
^{much} ~~are~~ ^{admired} ~~defamed~~, its heavenly thoughts ~~are~~
^{taught} ~~loved and followed~~ and its objects and
aims ~~are~~ hailed as the very spirit of this
age. His marvellous transformation
has come through the arduous trip of the
Masters ^{throughout} to Europe and America. With
one stroke, he ~~has~~ made the Bahai

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Cause the most talked of movement of the day and as with one bound, he ~~he~~ caused it to reach to such a high station of honor amongst ^{the} nations that it could not reach by itself ~~in~~ ^{through} its normal growth in 50 or a 100 yrs. For the last three or four yrs the periodicals, the magazines, the newspapers of every country have written all kinds of articles for or against the Bahai Revelation. The addresses of Abdul Baha ^{before} churches, clubs, peace societies and other associations both in America and Europe will be the greatest ^{spiritual} heritage to future generations. They are the treasury which shall make rich all those who are poor; wise all those who are ignorant; satisfied all those who hunger and thirst after right ^{who are} and seeing all those blind ones. For are they not the heavenly medicine ~~the~~ for the ills of this world? He has indeed perfected the proof and ~~he~~ summoned all nations to gather beneath the flag of Unity.

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2 The Master felt much better today. He was up sitting in his chair and receiving callers all morning, especially a ~~man by name~~ Mr Crew from Newfoundland who having read articles in Christian Commonwealth about the Cause became interested to the extent of journeying to London. Having arrived there, Lady Blomfield guided him to Paris. He was received by the Master and much encouraged to teach the Cause in his ^{own} country. When every one gathered in the Salon ^{at noon} ~~about 12~~ o'clock the Beloved came out for a few ~~moments~~ ^{minutes} and spoke a few words ^{saying} ~~that~~ ^{he} felt to-day better. therefore I came out to meet ^{them} ~~you~~, but ~~I am~~ ^{he was as yet} too weak to speak. ~~It~~ ^{The sickness} will ~~soon~~ ^{pass} away. ~~soon I am~~ ^{He} desired to tell ^{them} ~~you~~ one thing. It ~~is~~ ^{was} this: I long to see all of ^{them} ~~you~~ often. It was first decided that ~~you~~ ^{they} may come before noon; Perhaps some have not the time to come at that hour; therefore ^{they} ~~you~~ may come any time, morning, noon, before or after noon, evening, any time. ~~I will~~ ^{He was going to} pray for ^{them} ~~you~~. Everywhere ^{he has} ~~I have~~ been, a great spiritual motion has

been realized, the lights of ^{the} Teachings of Baha-
•llah shone forth and the Trumpet of the
Kingdom was sounded. These conditions ^{were} ~~are~~
not yet witnessed in Paris. Then he got up
and went around shaking hand with
every one.

For the last three days ^{he did} ~~the Master~~
~~he~~ not take his customary walk, deeming
wiser to stay ⁱⁿ ~~home~~ until he gets stronger.
We have missed ~~his~~ ^{his} presence at the table.
~~All the Persians gather around the table~~
~~and~~ we are like lost sheep for ^{we} ~~the~~ like
to have our Shepherd in our midst.

~~Today~~ Sayad Assadollah told us an interesting
story - ~~below~~ - that is worth ^{recording} ~~noting~~.
When ^{he} I was travelling throughout Persia
teaching the Cause, once ^{he} I arrived at a
small cafe ^{shop} ~~rest~~ in the middle of
the desert. It was situated far away from
any habitation ~~of man~~, many, many
miles away from the city of Kashan. It
was just before sunrise that ^{he} I arrived
there. ~~The door of the~~ ^{shop} ~~cafe~~ was not yet
opened, so ^{he} I knocked ~~at it~~. ^{In} ~~a~~ minute
at the door

it was opened by a young boy who greeted ^{him} joyfully and conducted ^{him} in. ^{Sayed Assadullah} I asked him whether he could serve ^{him} a cup of hot tea. He said "yes". "But" ^{he} said "just bring ~~me~~ a pot of boiling water ^{which he drank always} for ^{he} had a special kind of tea". The boy looked at ^{him} curiously but went away. After a while he brought the water and once the tea was prepared, ^{Sayed Assadullah} offered him a cup. ^{The boy} ~~he~~ was more puzzled, ^{for he} said: "It is strange! ~~the~~ ^{my} father has also this ^{brand} of tea and when he has special guests he prepares ^{it} for them". ^{Sayed Assadullah} I did not think anything unusual in this ~~work~~, but the boy looked at ^{him} hard whether ^{he} I did show any sign of surprise. When his father arrived he ran to him and ^{whispered} ~~told~~ a ~~few~~ thing in his ear. The man came in, ^{Sayed Assadullah} greeted ~~me~~ cordially and having nothing else to do ^{they} started to ^{talk} ~~talk~~. ^{Sayed Assadullah} He asked ~~me~~ ^{where} do you come from? "From Gorn." "Where were you before that?" "Oh! I was in Teheran." "And after that." "Tahriz." "Have you travelled any further?"

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"I have been once or twice in Constantinople
on business." ^{Sayed Assadullah emphasized}
~~the words~~
"on business" just for the sake of caution.
"What other countries have you seen, because
you seem ^{you are} to be a well-informed man?"

"I have travelled through Egypt and Syria."

"Have you journeyed long in Syria?" ^{Sayed}

"What did you see or hear while in those countries?"

"Many years have I spent in those parts."

"In what locality did you stay?"

^{Sayed Assadullah}
I observed that he ~~was~~ questioning ~~me~~ ^{him}
too far but ~~he~~ ~~and now~~ I had to tell him

the truth. "I come from Acre". No sooner did
~~he~~ ~~utter~~ ~~this~~ word than ^{the man} jumped from

his seat, embraced ~~me~~ ^{him} and began to shower
many kisses upon ~~me~~ ^{him}. He said: "I am

a Bahai and I have rented this place in
this god-forsaken ~~city~~ ^{desert} just for the

chance ~~of~~ ^{of} entertaining the Bahais who pass
by this port. I want you to stay here

to night." ^{Sayed Assadullah said:}
~~I said~~ "I cannot stay. I
must leave in a hour or two."

"No! I will not let you go tonight.
You will not deprive me of the

happiness of hearing from your lips the news
of Acca." Well, ^{he} I had to accept ~~the~~ ^{the man's} incessant
entreaty. Toward noon he sent his ^{boy} ~~child~~
to bring from ~~the~~ ^{his} little farm a water-
melon. After ^{and} awhile the ~~child~~ boy
returned with a big ^{one} watermelon ⁱⁿ his
arms. He could hardly carry it. When
he brought it ^{Sayed Aca} I saw that the
^{words of} "Abdul Baki Abbas"
~~signature~~ of the Master ^{was} ~~was~~
~~(Abdul Baki Abbas)~~ ^{were} cut on the skin. He
asked the father, how ^{it was} ~~is it~~ that the ^{name} signature
of the Beloved ^{was} is engraved so beautiful
on ~~this~~ watermelon? He ^{answered!} ~~said~~ when
the watermelons are very small my boy
goes to the farm and writes on each
~~one~~ ^{words of Abdul Baki Abbas} the ~~Master's~~ and as they ~~watermelons~~
grow the ^{words} ~~signatures~~ grow ~~as~~ till they
reach to their present proportions.
Can't you see the little boy going
out in the heat of ^{the} summer and
writing the name of the Master
on the little watermelons? This
^{was} ~~is~~ a beautiful manifestation of
~~the~~ childlike love!

In the afternoon the Master after his rest came
 out of his ~~own~~ room and sat in the Salon.
 All the Persians went there and we had a
 wonderful silent hour in His Presence. I
 do not know how it affected the rest, but I
 assure you, it was an hour fraught with
 eloquence, although not a word was spoken.
 Then tea was served and the Master went
 out quietly. We all sat down
 around the tea table and spoke
 together about the blessings and
 the benedictions which have
 encompassed all the
 world through the Love of
 the Beloved. At seven o'clock
 he ~~came~~ into the room and while
 walking he spoke slowly thus:-
 "For the present, in Paris we are
 all engaged in mentioning the
 Name of the True One, we
 are all beneath the protection
 of the Blessed Perfection. During
 the life of Christ, ^{those who believed} ~~before~~
 Him were counted of little

little importance, ^{and the enemies} ~~people~~ ridiculed the
apostles. They said, this man has come
and all that he could do was to
mislead a fisherman ^{here} or a tangle ^{there}. They
laughed and scoffed at ~~him~~ ^{him}. Now they
can realize the importance of those
days. We cannot at present conceive
the greatness of this Day, how we
are protected beneath the outstretched
~~Hands~~ ^{Hands} of Baba-o-Allah. In the future
we will laugh for the recurrence
of one minute of these days and
it will be ~~impossible~~ ^{unobtainable}!

In short, be ye ^{mindful}!
Be ye awake! Be ye engaged in
the mention of God. You are
beneath the protection of the
Blessed Perfection. You have
taken a share and a portion
from his Kingdom. Today
all the eyes are blind! All
the ears are deaf! All the

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Tongues are tied. Praise be to God that
you are beneath the shade of His
Banner; you are firm in the
Covenant. ~~you~~ Thank God a
hundred thousand times at
every moment that you
have become the recipient
of such benedictions. you must
make yourselves ready
so as to receive more and
more of these heavenly gifts.

He went to his room and
after awhile he called Afa Farg
to read to him his new poem.

5 Have you thought over the
dates of the Master's departure
from Alexandria for America -
March 25th and his
arrival in N. Y. on April 11th?
I wonder whether the ~~American~~
friends would ^{not} deem it ^{spiritually significant} ~~necessary~~
to celebrate those ^{two} days? ~~and give~~
~~feasts~~ Love to all Abundantly