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Dear Harriet!

All the Persians are very happy because our Beloved is feeling ~~much~~ better. His long stay in Paris has made him restless! Everyday he refers to his departure, that his work <sup>here</sup> in Paris is accomplished, that the time has come ~~now~~ for others to continue the work. He has scattered <sup>divine</sup> the seeds, now, he hopes, people <sup>will</sup> ~~shall~~ arise to water and cause their growth ~~and~~ the development of these divine seeds. We are all on the ~~quiver~~ of departure, the sooner the better. The <sup>B. H.</sup> ~~Master~~ told me and Mrs. Herrigel to return to Stuttgart and ~~in a few~~ <sup>soon</sup> days he will be in their midst. Considering the material conditions and the many obstacles Paris has ~~done~~ well.



When this morning we presented our-  
 selves in the Presence of Our King, al-  
 though his ~~general~~ health was  
 better, ~~yet~~ his voice was ~~very~~ <sup>weak</sup>;  
~~to such a degree that he could hardly~~  
~~utter a word yet~~ <sup>utter a word yet</sup> speaking almost ~~in~~ <sup>with</sup> a  
 whisper he said:- Last night  
~~something very~~ <sup>a</sup> curious <sup>thing</sup> happened.  
 Long after midnight <sup>he</sup> got out of ~~my~~ <sup>his</sup>  
 bed and was on the point of calling  
 Sayad Assadollah (~~his room is next to~~  
~~the Master~~) when suddenly <sup>he</sup> heard  
 him say "Bale' Aga" - yes Master.  
 I thought it was very strange that  
~~he did~~ <sup>he</sup> answered before ~~my~~ <sup>he</sup> calling  
 him, so <sup>he</sup> I waited <sup>for him</sup> till ~~he~~ <sup>he</sup> came. No!  
 he ~~was~~ <sup>did</sup> not come. <sup>Abdul Baha</sup> I was going to  
 call him again, when <sup>he</sup> I said, "Bale'  
 Aga." I <sup>the</sup> said, <sup>to myself</sup> this time he will  
 surely come. No, <sup>there was no</sup> sign of Sayad  
 Assadollah! By this time <sup>he</sup>  
 was amused and I started to



laugh. The third and the fourth time  
 he was going to call him. ~~And the~~ answer  
 was heard before <sup>he</sup> opened <sup>his</sup> mouth.  
 Finally he did not come. It seems  
 that <sup>Sayad Asadullah</sup> ~~he~~ was dreaming. <sup>and the</sup> repeats  
 answers of 'Bali' Aga were <sup>other</sup> in a dream  
 state.

<sup>Every one was</sup>  
~~All of us~~ were amused and laughed  
 more than <sup>any</sup> ~~everybody~~ Sayad Asadullah  
 himself. ~~From another standpoint it~~  
<sup>my story</sup> showed the love of the old man  
 for the Master, that even in his  
 dream he <sup>was</sup> answering his call and  
 holding conversation with him. Such  
 love, sincerity and unselfish <sup>service</sup>  
 are rare! One cannot see <sup>these qualities</sup> ~~them~~  
 exemplified in the lives of every <sup>one</sup>.  
 I may claim that I love Abdul-  
 Baha <sup>that</sup> I adore the Cause, <sup>that</sup> I will  
 give up everything for the sake  
 of the Movement. Well, after all,  
 these are mere claims. All



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they not? <sup>But</sup> If I kept the same faith,  
the same smiling happiness after  
<sup>two</sup> 4 yrs of prison-life, after many years  
of persecutions and sufferings, as  
Sayad Assadollah, then my claims  
are proven. How many, the smallest  
difficulties easily upset us. Don't they?  
What a contrast with those who keep  
calm and undisturbed under severe  
tests and ordeals!

3. Then the Master continued to  
speak, relating several stories of the  
life of Baha Ullah and the early  
Bahais who were often severely  
<sup>and who at times felt discouraged</sup> persecuted, but praise be to God, today  
the Cause <sup>was</sup> spread all over  
the <sup>earth</sup> ~~world~~ and the Standard  
<sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ upraised. A most prominent  
man from London <sup>to Abdul Baha</sup> writes ~~me~~  
~~He said~~ "that although I am a  
Mohamadan, I want to serve



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the Bahai Cause, When I say I am a  
Mohamadan, it is not because  
I am proud to be one but I want  
to show you that I am honest  
and have no ulterior purpose.  
Because it is well-known that  
today a people that is looked  
down by all the nations is the  
Mohamadians and the most  
honored and beloved of all the  
people are the Bahais. <sup>§ The Master</sup> ~~I have~~  
~~rested neither day and by night~~ <sup>rested neither day nor by night</sup>  
until the Cause has reached to  
such a degree of glory! All the  
enemies are humbled. All the  
leaders of Persia acknowledge  
the greatness of <sup>Bahá Wílláh</sup> ~~Persia~~. They have  
realized that this Cause is  
today <sup>conducing to</sup> the glory of Persia  
and they are proud and pleased.



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What a contrast this is with the <sup>persecutions</sup> ~~persecutions~~ of the past. When <sup>Bahá-úlláh and his followers</sup> ~~when~~ <sup>were</sup> sailed from Constantinople and ~~were~~ <sup>then</sup> were on ~~an~~ way to Smyrna the Persian Consul with his <sup>servant</sup> ~~attendant~~ <sup>was</sup> on that steamer all the way long whenever <sup>the Consul's servant</sup> ~~he~~ <sup>the Bahá's</sup> would look at ~~us~~ he would point <sup>them</sup> ~~to~~ to the passengers with the finger of scorn, saying, 'these people ~~are~~ <sup>were</sup> a disgrace to Persia, they ~~caused the~~ degraded <sup>of Persia</sup> before all the nations of the world.' When <sup>the Bahá's</sup> ~~we~~ arrived in Smyrna, <sup>as they were</sup> ~~as we were~~ passing through the Bazaars, every body would <sup>jeer and laugh at them as if</sup> ~~call~~ <sup>the</sup> 'the Jews of Persia.' Like unto the Jews, they would say <sup>they</sup> ~~are~~ scattered on the face of the earth, because



of their heresies and iniquities.  
The Crew of Newfoundland came  
and had a very spiritual interview.  
"I will always remember thee  
and I will pray in thy behalf, the  
Master <sup>told him as he</sup> kept his head on his  
breast and kissed his face  
and his hair several times.  
He was deeply moved by this  
manifestation of divine love.  
Although <sup>his</sup> the voice was weak,  
yet he ~~dictated~~ <sup>dictated</sup> for him a most  
beautiful supplication. I give  
you herein a translation: -

O Thou Kind God! We are  
Thy humble servants; endear  
us in Thy Kingdom! We are poor,  
enrich us through Thy heavenly  
Treasury! We are ignorant!  
suffer us to become informed  
with Thy Mysteries.



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We are dead, quicken us with the  
Breathes of Thy Holy Spirit. We  
are extinct, enkindle us with  
the Fire of Thy Love, O God! Do  
not look upon <sup>our</sup> capabilities, but  
deal with us in accordance <sup>with</sup> Thy  
infinite Mercy! O Lord! Cause  
the drop to become an ocean, and  
the seed the harvest!

Verily Thou art the Generous, the  
Generous and the Mighty,  
(Sij) Abdul Baha Akhas.  
Afternoon Mr and Mrs Kerrick  
had an interview and the Master  
told them to return tomorrow  
for Stuttgart and he will be there  
soon.

I am sending you under the  
separate cover the Review  
published in Paris, and the



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British Esperanto. Both magazines  
contain the text of the Master's address  
in Esperanto which is most interesting.  
Please look them over and send  
them to Mr Jos. H. Hammer of  
Washington so that he show it  
in turn to Mr Reed, the Editor of  
the American Esperanto Magazine.  
We have a Bahai in New York by  
the name of Mr Rufus W. Powell  
84 Fulton St. who is a great student  
of Esperanto. You may either call  
him up over the phone <sup>or</sup> drop  
him a line to come and see these  
Esperanto Magazines. I am sure  
he will be most delighted as  
he is deeply interested in this  
language.

He likewise enclose herein  
the most wonderful talk  
of the Master at Pastor's



Monroe Theological Seminary.

I hope you will be able to send a few copies to different assemblies because all these questions <sup>are</sup> of great value to every Bahai. It is not enough to read it for once in a meeting and then hunger for something more new. We have to keep these points in our minds so that we may be able to answer the questions.

You will also read the enclosed letter from Scotland which tells you how the Cause is progressing in Edinburgh after the departure of the Beloved.

In the afternoon there was the meeting at Mr Scott but the Master did not go there. All the Persians went except me. I stayed home. I did



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not feel well. After a while <sup>11</sup> the  
Master called me into <sup>his</sup> presence  
and talked about ~~the~~ <sup>his</sup> experiences,  
which he has gained during the  
last few days of illness. <sup>He said that he has</sup> I have  
made ~~he said~~ "a few medical  
discoveries, but ~~I~~ <sup>if</sup> give them  
to the world the physicians would  
~~out the doctors~~ will not accept  
~~them~~"

In the evening the Persians  
gathered around each other and  
Aga Haraj' read to us his new  
poems. The Master retired  
early, right after his dinner.

Love to all

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