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Dear Harriet! 1 -

Days come and go ~~so rapidly~~
^{and} ~~that one~~ ^{we} can hardly realize their impor-
tance and value. ~~Then glorious days~~
~~are swiftly passing and once gone~~
~~they shall never be recalled.~~ ~~But~~
~~really true that~~ ^{It has been made} today it is
possible for every human being,
who is a seeker ^{after truth} of ~~reality~~ to stand
before One in whom the Spirit
of God dwells. He ^{repels} ~~repels and melts~~
amongst us as a King of ^{Servitude}
patience and loving kindness. For
the last few days I have had glimpses
of ^{his} ~~the~~ patience ~~of the Master~~. If
he had no other attributes ^{except}
patience and forgiveness, he
would ~~have~~ yet been the
Supreme Master of ^{our hearts} ~~the world~~.

Really, ~~Harriet~~! Last night I sat ~~up~~
 in my bed and thought over the
 height and altitude of ~~the~~ ^{his} Patience
 of ~~the Beloved~~! One can never
 dream that divine Patience ~~can~~ ^{could}
~~rise~~ ^{rise} ~~even~~ ^{infernal heights} to such lofty stations.
 The way he has overlooked the
 shortcomings and ~~the sins~~ of
 others - even of some people who
 consider themselves Bahais - is
~~the~~ ^{my} greatest example in the ~~eyes~~
 of ~~the~~ ⁹ ~~humanity~~. In order to describe
 a thing ~~we~~ must comprehend it
 from every standpoint and ~~it~~ ^{it is}
~~cannot~~ ^{possible to} bring within my grasp
 the wonderful majesty and ~~beauty~~
 of ~~Our Beloved's~~ ^{his} Patience. His
 is ~~the~~ Glory and Power! May we
 all ~~of us~~ drink one drop from
 the sea of ^{his} Patience! May we all
 receive one ray from the
 sun of his Forgiveness!

2 Today it was ~~very~~ early when the
Master called me into his presence
and little by little ^{soon} the ~~rest of~~ ^{other}
~~the~~ Persians arrived and in
a while ~~the~~ ^{the tea} Samovar was brewing.
Mirza Ali Akbar asked ~~the~~ ^{him}
Master that ^{in the West} ~~here~~ ^{was} it is often stated
that in the Bahai Cause, work
had taken the place of prayer and
that this ^{had led to the wrong} ~~often gives~~ the idea
that ^{was} ~~there~~ no prayer in the Bahai
Dispensation. The Master said
Religion without prayer is no
religion; but in this Movement
work and worship must go ^{hand}
in hand; one must ^{improve} ~~help~~ the
other. However, there may ^{one} ~~be~~
~~people~~ who would quote this
~~law~~ and ^{claim that the} ~~say we~~ do not need
to pray, let ^{them} ~~us~~ work all the
time because ^{his} ~~our~~ work
^{will be} ~~is~~ accepted as prayer. ~~That~~
^{This man} ~~These people~~ are like the ^{Muhammadan} ~~Persian~~

who never prayed in his life. ⁴
~~The priest~~ ^{one} asked him: "How is it that you
do not pray? He said "because the law
of prayer is abrogated in the Koran."
Oh! I have never heard about it."
"Yes! have you not read in the
Koran where ~~the~~ God says, Do not
approach prayer?" "Yes, but why
do you not complete the ~~verse~~ ^{rest}
by quoting ~~the rest~~ ^{the rest} of ~~the verse~~ ^{it}
wherein God says, ^{Do not approach prayer} while you
are in a state of drunkenness."

"All right! but ^{it is} ~~is~~ ^{impossible} for
a Muslim ^{to remember everything} ~~one~~ to remember all that ~~which~~
~~is~~ in the Koran." "Yes! ^{but} the trouble
^{with you is that} you remember only that which
is useful to your ^{own} purpose and
forget the rest."

~~The~~ The Master said, that
there will be found always in
all the ~~dispositions~~ ^{religions}, people

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~~people~~ who will ~~only~~ ^{only a} quote certain
texts which will ^{advance} ~~further~~ their
aims ^{and} purposes, ^{but} such souls
are not reliable.

3, ~~Later on~~ The authenticity of the Bible
was discussed. The Beloved said:
It is evident that the ~~authentic~~ fine
books which are generally attributed
to Moses ^{were} ~~are~~ written by Ezra,
the high priest. Only the Tablets
and the commandments belong
to Moses. The contents of the
Books will bear out this
argument, because, many ~~were~~
^{were} recorded which transpired
long after Moses' ^{death}. There ^{was} ~~is~~ a
school of philosophers today in
Europe who deny, not only the
authenticity of the Bible but ~~also~~
^{try to prove} ~~claim~~ that there was not such
a person as Jesus Christ. ^{that the} ~~These~~
^{was an ideal} ~~is an ideal~~ Christ invented

by the apostles. ~~He~~ ~~was~~ the Evan-
 gelists in writing the Gospels. ~~state~~ ^{do}
~~away~~ the utterances of the ~~philosophers~~ ^{ancient sages}
~~and Rabbis.~~ and attributed them to this ~~ideal~~ ^{assertions}
 Christ. ^{But} All these are mere ~~statements~~ ^{statements}
 and they ~~they~~ ^{he} cannot prove ~~them~~.

Then many people were presented
 to him and met him personally in his
 room. They were all interested and
 later on gathered in the large room
 to hear him speak. His talk ^{concerned}
 firmness and steadfastness in the Cause
 and the importance of the Covenant.
 This was the first time that he
 had ever spoken about the Covenant
 in his ^{on} ~~during~~ this trip, because
 the conditions are different
 here. People do not comprehend
 the significance and importance
 of the Covenant. I wonder
 even now whether they understood
 what he meant by the Covenant.
 They all love the Master.

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and will do anything he says and ~~will~~
obey his commands but the ^{current} ~~subject~~
is a subject that is seldom ^{discussed} ~~discussed~~
here. This shows us again that ^{Abdul} ~~Qasim~~
~~Beloned~~ like a skillful physician,
prescribes medicine according to
the ailment of the patients. After
the lecture he went out with
Mr Dreyfus and called on
Madame Dreyfus who was not
here today. He came late and
took a hasty lunch and retired
for his rest.

5 In the afternoon Miss ^{July} ~~Miss~~ Sanderson
called and begged the Master to
allow her and her mother to entertain
Rouba Khanom and her husband.
After much reluctance, this
was accepted and so our honored
new guests will be living at
Miss Sanderson for the next
month or two. The Master

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will leave them here and start for
Stallport either about 25th or the 30th
of this month.

While the Master was resting
Aga Sayad Ahmed, Mirza Ali Adil
and myself went out walking and
happened to pass ^{to see} by a museum called
"Gumet". We dropped in and nearly
one hour viewed the interesting
objects from the East; mummies
and papyrus from Egypt, hundreds
of bronze idols from China, Japan
and India, oriental manuscripts
and Croqueris etc. In brief it
was a most instructive museum
for the students of Oriental people.
At seven o'clock, Mirza Aga
Khan Garmagami and Aga
Fazl, our poet departed for
Persia. This morning the
Master gave them permission
to depart. ^{Ghoul Bakhsh} He called them to his
own room and for a long time

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talked to them ^{in private}. Then ~~When they were on~~
~~the eve of departure~~ he came out of
his room carrying two lovely
Carnations in his hands, giving one
to each. They fell ~~on~~ ^{at} his feet and
wept. ^{They} ~~You~~ must not cry ^{he told them} ~~you~~
^{They} must return to Persia with a
heart full of the glad tidings of
heaven. ^{They} ~~You~~ are in ^{his} ~~my~~ heart.
I ^{He will be} ~~am~~ always with ^{them} ~~you~~. ~~God will~~
never be forgotten. It was a
a ~~most~~ touching separation. We
^{were} ~~are~~ so sorry to loose them, ~~we~~
~~will miss them very much indeed~~
especially Aga Foraj who was a
source of great joy to the heart
of the Beloved. ^{He} ~~The Master of~~
~~loves such simple, sincere souls~~
Blessed are the pure in hearts
for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
~~None of us could make the~~
Master as happy as Aga Foraj

Aga Faraj

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He was a fine, simple, sincere Bahai; one who served the Cause at all time, not so much ~~as~~ by word or eloquence ~~as~~ ^{through} ~~but~~ deeds and action! May God keep Aga Faraj for a long time and grant him health and strength to serve ~~the~~ ^{his} Lord for many a year!

This was the night of the meeting Mon. Dreyfus. The Master did not feel strong enough to go so he sent us. There were a large number of people present. Madame read the Tablet of Baha-Allah to the Sultan of Turkey and afterwards many persons asked questions and Mon and Madame Dreyfus gave satisfying answers. The meetings are always his signal. One speaks in French and suddenly another person speaks in English, the question may be asked in one language and the answer is given in another language and everybody understands.

1 Mirza Ali Akbar ^{became sick and lay} today got sick and ~~was~~
in bed. He was attacked by fever. With
difficulty he dragged himself out to be
in the room in the afternoon to drink
tea in the presence of the Master.

This condition ^{evoked} elicited two stories
from the Beloved: Here there are:—

Inacca there was a Persian Balah ^{who} ~~the~~
was a very good believer. ^{An} One of the Qasbs
who was ~~very~~ much attracted to the
Cause, became his friend. Their friend
ship grew to such an extent that they
called each other, 'brother'. They loved
each other very much and they ^{were}
seen most of the time in ^{one another's} ~~each other's~~
company. They served and were ready
to sacrifice their lives for each
other in case of necessity. It happened
that the Persian was stricken
^{intermittent} ~~with~~ fever. It was a kind
of ~~intermittent~~ fever. His Qasb
friend was deeply grieved over
the news and could not rest
before seeing him. One day

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he entered the house with a big jug
cold water in his hand. ~~He~~^{and} was led to
the room of the patient. He ~~set~~^{placed} the jug
of water beside the bed and inquired
about the health of ~~the patient~~^{his friend}. "How
are you?" "Oh! I am not feeling well"
~~The Arab~~^{The Arab} ~~put~~^{put} his hand inside of the bed.
"Oh! Please do not let thy hand touch
my ~~hand~~^{body} because I am shivering
with cold." "I will not do anything
of the kind." And without any sign
of joking, with the greatest amount
of dignity he raised the jug of ^{icy} water
and poured over ~~the patient~~^{him}. Bewildered
with the sudden shock, like a wild
animal, he sprang out of his bed.
The Arab ~~ran~~^{and the person} away. ~~The patient~~^{was}
running after him. Finally he ^{was}
caught, thrown on the ground and
given a good beating. "How ~~the~~
Arab cried out: "My brother, why
do you beat me? ~~Have~~^{Did} I not treat
you?" "Treated me! Shame on you!"

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"Call yourself my brother." The noise
and the confusion brought many people
to the rescue. ~~From~~ the patient ^{was} soaked
~~with water~~ ^{to the skin}, shuddering with cold and
sweating aloud and beating the poor
Arab! A most ludicrous appearance.

Finally they ^{were} ~~as~~ Sharab and ~~day~~
clothes given to the patient. Strange
to say ^{the Persian} ~~he~~ never had any more fear
and the ~~Arabs and the Persian~~ ^{two}
became better friends and brothers!

8. ^{Abdul Baha remembered} ~~remember~~ that during ^{his} ~~my~~
childhood ^{he} ~~we~~ had a colored servant
whose name was Moharek. He was
very big and strong. At that ^{Abdul Baha} ~~time~~ ^{of}
was six or seven years ^{old and with his family} ~~the~~ ^{was}
travelling ^{taking} and Moharek was with
^{them} ~~on~~. ~~One~~ ^{way} ~~of these~~ ^{Moharek} ~~stages~~
was stricken down with fever.
In ^{the} Orient, it is ^{often} ~~customary~~ ~~that~~
when a person is ⁱⁿ ~~feverish~~, he
sits and sits in the sun ~~with~~
Moharek had a ^{heavy} ~~big~~ fur coat ^{with}

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which he covered himself and stretched
He ~~took~~ ^{took} the fur coat and lie down
in the sun. His fever was so severe
that he ~~would~~ ^{shook} shake and tremble like
the leaf of a tree. ^{In the party there} There were several
children, amongst them ^{Alidul Baha} myself. ^{These} ~~the~~
children would hide ^{themselves} and watch
Mokarek going toward ^{the} sun ^{my shot} and lie down. His trembling was ^{at times} so
violent that even the fur coat ^{was} ~~was~~ trembling. Then quietly, on tip-toe, ^{the children} ~~would~~
approach him and one by one
sat on him. When ^{Alidul Baha's} ~~my~~ turn came
he would go and sit on the children. ^{Suddenly Mokarek} ~~would~~ ^{had} ~~sat on him~~ ^{would have one of his terrible fits and the children}
yet that ~~do~~ ^{do} ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~cause~~ ^{cause}. ~~under~~ ^{under}
all over the ground. He took several ^{pieces of} ~~pieces of~~ ^{with little} ~~pieces of~~
no result. ^{One day} Finally he told ~~to~~ ^{all the} ~~all the~~ ^{next morning} ~~the~~
children ^{to} ~~you~~ come early ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~morning~~ ^{morning}
~~morning~~ and I will show ^{them} ~~you~~
how ~~he~~ ^{he} was going to treat ^{himself} ~~myself~~.
Early morning ^{all the children} ~~all the~~ ^{were} ~~were~~ ^{sitting} ~~sitting~~
and saw Mokarek ^{sitting} ~~in the sun~~ ^{in the sun}
shaking as usual but with a
big basket of fruit before
him. He started to eat the

every time he took one mouthful of
prunes and at every moment he was
~~shaking~~ ^{shaking} more and more. After this
treatment, he became ^{well} and never
had any more attacks of fever.

Doctor Mohammad Khan told the
Master another story about a man
who got the idea in his head that he
was going to die ^{within} a few hours. He
left his town ^{and} ~~to go~~ ^{and} die in
another ~~town~~ ^{city}. Everywhere he ^{went}
he announced his approaching death.
One day he was sitting in front of a
Restaurant. A Singer passed by singing
the song: - "I am going to die" never
mind - God ^{has} two homes. If I don't
live here, then I will live there."

The man immediately loses all fear
of death and returns to his town
in his normal state. He thought
~~that~~ the singer was specially addressing
him while in reality he was just
singing a song a verse of which
was the above but it was most
appropriate to the present mental

attitude of the listener.

I wonder in which city the Mashregh Azkar Convention will be held? If in New York, will there be a choir? I hope there will be. Mr. Kuny no doubt can ^{arrange} an excellent program of soul-inspiring music. Music is so wonderful and so divine in tone and character that ^{it creates} religious inspiration and exalts the human spirit into the loftest summit of idealism as well as practical realising of life. My Bahai love to all the friends of far and near. Our Persian New Year will be spent in Paris. I wish you before hand a happy New Year. I wish a happy New Year to Louise and all the believers of God.

Love Hall Ahmad