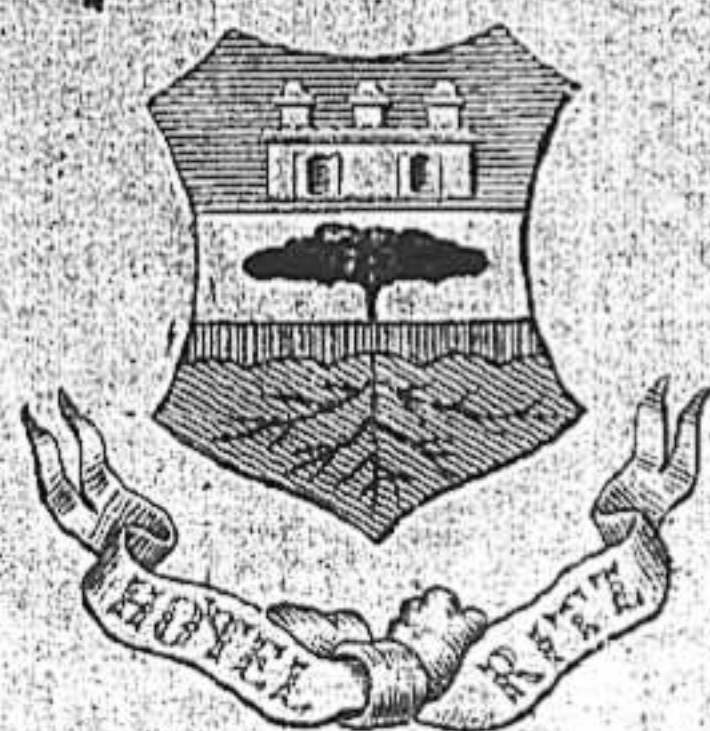




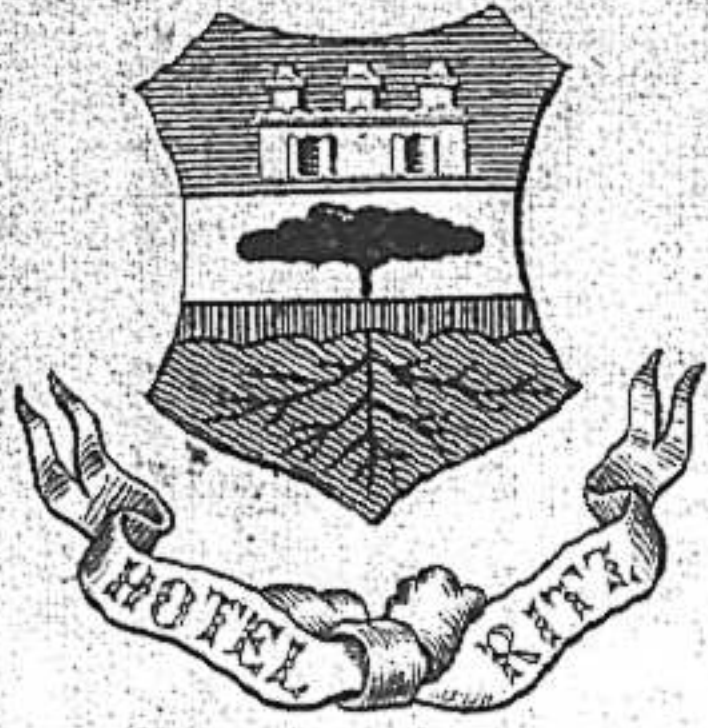
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April 9th 1913

Dear Harriet!

Now the horizon of Budapest
is illumined 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 ^{le}rankling
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
~~melodies~~ ^{melodies} ~~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 antago-
nistic sects. Moreover the introduction
of the Cause to ^{Hungary} ~~this country~~ has fallen
in good hands. It will have an
extraordinary progress in ~~Hungary~~



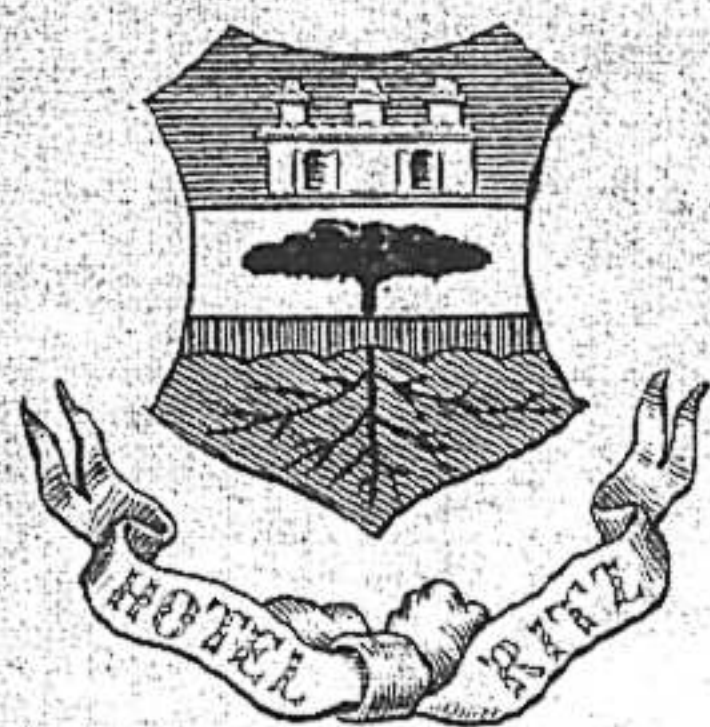
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This morning we found ourselves in the train and in Austria. Just to think that the Master is on the Austrian land thrills ~~me~~ ^{me} with joy! ~~and wonder!~~ ^{Will} Does wonder never cease! The Austrian government has mobilized ~~on the Turkish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

3 the ~~army~~ ^{Serious} of war. The country of Austria is very beautiful, the mountains and ~~the~~ meadows are ^{very} green, the calm rivers are flowing, the houses and cottages are all white. There are many large buildings which we were told ^{are no} ~~are~~ ^{other than} ~~imposing~~ ^{they are} Convents. At ten minutes ^{after eight entered} ~~we arrived~~ ~~at~~ 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 Budapest, we had to go ~~to~~ another station on the other side of the city. We got two taxis and in great hurry ~~we~~ ^{we} speeded along. I was pleased with the cleanliness of the streets of Vienna 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,~~ ~~it~~ was 8.50 when
~~the train~~ ^{we} pulled out of the station, but
~~we~~ made a mistake in not taking
the train of 9.05; because the latter
~~train~~ 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~~ ^{first} we
passed through, was plain meadows
and not mountainous, ^{nor} neither as
cultivated as other ~~countries~~ ^{parts} of Europe
we have ^{so far} seen. On the way Mr
Herrigel ~~taught~~ many Hungarians
spoke about the cause with

and several of ~~them~~ were presented
 to the Master and he spoke to them
 on ~~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~~ Ritz Hotel
^{which is} ~~It is~~ one of the most elegant ~~hotels~~
~~we have seen throughout our Travels.~~
 It is built on the bank of Danube,
 a fine, broad river which empties
 itself into the black sea. On the other
 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 ^{was} ~~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 ^{was} ~~so~~ full ^{through the windows} ~~is~~ ^{of} light for the sun ~~shone~~ ^{is} ~~is~~. 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 ^{moon} ~~was~~ ^{silvering} ~~shining~~ ^{the} ~~door~~ ^{heaven} ~~was clear~~, 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 ^{was} ~~is~~ a good ^{night} ~~evening~~!

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~~It is~~ only three months ^{ago} ~~that~~ this hotel ^{was} opened and so everything ^{was} new and ~~so~~ ^{arrived} up to date. Hardly we had ^{arrived} at the hotel when words ^{was} sent up that Mr. ^{and Mrs} 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 Umbra Singh Sher-gil of Majitha, an ^{Hindu} ~~Indian~~ nobleman of Lahor well educated, Dr Kunos Ignác, President of Oriental Commercial University, Mr Edward W. Moore, the manager of ^{mining} 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 moments the Master received them. Prof.



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Germanus 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: ^{He was} ~~I am~~ very grateful to ^{their} ~~your~~ spiritual susceptibilities. For ^{them} ~~you~~ ^{he} ~~I~~ beg invisible Confirmation. ^{them} ~~you~~ I had the greatest longing to meet ~~you~~; but there were many difficulties in the way; praise be to God they are removed and now ^{he} ~~I~~ ^{have} ~~found~~ ^{himself} in ^{their} ~~your~~ midst. Mr Stark said ~~that they were~~ ^{that they were} exceedingly

the Beloved had

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grateful that ~~you have~~ accepted these hardships of travelling. There ^{was} no doubt that ~~you~~ ^{he} ~~was~~ working for the public weal and for the progress of humanity. Therefore ~~we~~ ^{they} thanked ~~you~~ ^{him} for this self-sacrifice. This in itself ^{was} a great example to ~~us~~ ^{them} so that ~~we~~ ^{they} may know how to live and act.

The beloved said:— I hope that all ^{every one of them} ~~of~~ 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. ^{They} ~~the~~ must set the souls free from ancient religions, racial, political and patriotic prejudices. ^{As long as} ~~that~~ these prejudices last ^{it would be} ~~impossible~~ for the human world to find peace and security.



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~~the~~ must emphatically proclaim the
 oneness of human race, the oneness of
 native land and the oneness of kind
 that ~~they are~~ ^{were} all the progeny of one
 Adam, the sheep of one Shepherd,
 the trees of one Orchard. ~~He~~ ^{and} loves
 all his sheep. They ~~are~~ ^{were} very dear
 and beloved in ~~his~~ ^{His} estimation
 while the real Shepherd is kind,
 why should the sheep fight
 amongst themselves? The Sun of
 God shines upon all, the rain of
 his Mercy pours 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.
We are not ^{only} satisfied with ^{political} murder,
but ~~but~~ we glorify in it, vaunting
that we have killed so many
thousand people, ^{that} we have
razed to the ground so many
villages! It is ~~exactly~~ similar
to the ^{criminal} glory ~~which~~ of a man, ^{because} ~~he~~
he has killed so many ~~make over~~ the lambs, ^{because} ~~that~~
^{he} I have devoured I do so. ^{she}
God has created us that we
may be loving and compas-
ionate toward each other. ^{at}
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 ^{my English} 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. ~~Then~~ 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~~
^{our} 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 Herryel sends love and
 Bahai greetings
 Love to all Ahmad