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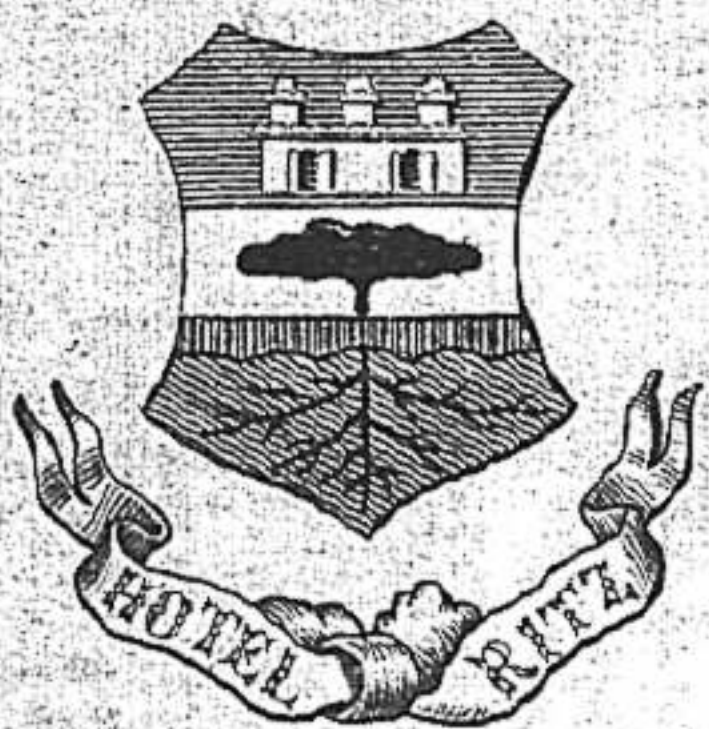
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Budapest
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Dear Harriet:

The snow-storm continues
the ~~furious~~ wind is blowing ^{at a terrific} ~~I know not~~
^{velocity} ~~at what rate per hour~~. More than 6000
telephone lines are affected, ^{gardens} ~~trees~~ are
uprooted and all the blossoming trees
are destroyed. Much damage ~~is~~ done
and communication, ~~both~~ by telegraph
and telephone is very difficult. ~~We~~ tried
to get hold of several people over the
phone; it was impossible, the wires
are either ~~in many instances~~ cut off
or disorganized. Availing ourselves
of this opportunity ~~this~~ ~~the~~ morning,
we wrapped ~~the~~ packages of Hungarian
and German newspapers and the

Master attended to his mail. Notwith-
 standing the weather several important
 people came to see ^{him} ~~the Master~~ but
 each one stayed ~~only~~ a few minutes and
~~the~~ conversation was limited. Last night
 when the Master was speaking to our
 American friends on the unreliability
 of the criterion of the sense, Mr Moore
 with his two sons were present. On
 his return home, ~~Mr Moore~~ ^{he was} is
 astonished to hear his eldest son - "I
 go old - reciting ^{the talk of Abdul Baha} almost word for
 word to her mother. An American
 woman ~~who is just~~ visiting Mr
 Moore became so interested that
 she said, ^{that she} ~~I~~ must call on the Master
 before he leaves Budapest. This
 morning she came in, led by the
 child into the Master's presence.
 She said: Charles is always talking
 about you, by day and by night!



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4 About ^{noon} ~~twelve o'clock~~ the weather was
cleared and the Master hiring a carriage
drove ~~with Ahmed Schrah~~ to the
house of the Turkish Consul General
to bid him farewell. For a long time
they spoke together ~~in Turkish~~ on
the crucial situation of Asia. I have
seldom heard the Master speaking
with ^{such} fiery animation; his facial
and hand-gestures were the most
remarkable. Often when the Master
is under the spell of ^{the spirit} ~~his talk~~, every
little while, he takes off his turban
arranges his hair and puts it on
again. This is done so unconsciously
so gracefully that one is

charmed and delighted. He spoke all
 the time in Turkish, his voice high
 and sweet, his tone determined and
 earnest, his face aflame with the
 light of love and pity, his eyes
 twinkling like two globes of fire, his
 countenance now stern, now wreathed
 with the sun-kissed smiles of the
 Angels, his hands swiftly moving up
 and down, now showing the palm,
 again two or three fingers and at all
 times portraying most graphically
 his feelings and emotions! When he
 is swayed ~~to and fro~~ by these super-
 human inspirations I just sit ~~down~~
 in a corner and oblivious of all
 other things, watch him. One of
 his remarks was the following:-
 Today the Armies of Europe, well-
 drilled, well-provisioned, phalanx-
 like

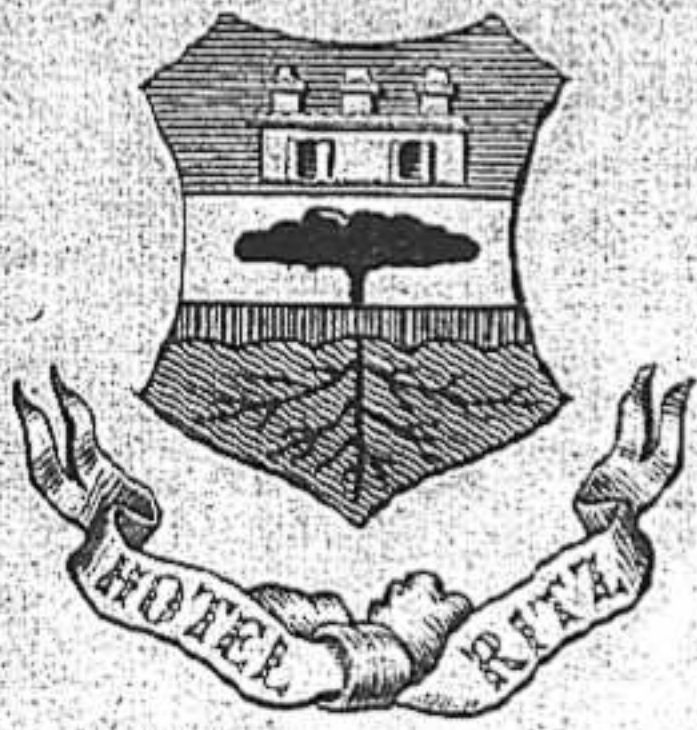


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are ^{similar} ~~like~~ unto the waves of the ocean-
pounding against the shores of ~~attacking~~ Asia. Asia in her present
state cannot stand before these crisis-
table, victory-inspired armies. There
is not only the army of war, ^{to contend with} there
are other more influential, economic
armies that ~~are~~ surrounding the Eastern
Countries. There is an army of commerce,
an army of industry, an army of science
of agriculture, an army of sciences
and arts. All these well-disciplined
hosts, supplied with the latest
modern methods and instruments
are bent upon great conquests in
their respective fields. They are
constantly gathering greater

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momentum ~~of power~~ to carry their
final assault. Asia is pressed from all
sides and no matter toward what
horizon she ^{may} look, anxiously for
a ray of hope - so that she may
be delivered from this death - she cannot
see but threatening clouds. The only
deliverance for her in this day is
the Cause of Baha - Ullah. Because
this Movement teaches the oneness
of the world of humanity and
universal Peace. The Asiatic
nations must become united
together, not against the West,
not on the basis of antagonism
and religious prejudice. They
must become united on the
principle of reality, forget all
their dogmas and hold fast
to one divine Reality. A union



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of all the Asiatic countries on such a basis of friendship and Co-operation with all humanity will be ^{welcomed} by the Western nations. But an offensive and defensive union will fail to accomplish this purpose. The greatest means of such a union is the universal language. It is most certain and indubitable that the universal language will completely wipe away all the differences from amongst mankind. This is clear and does not need any proof. Then he spoke on the fundamental

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unity of ~~all~~ the divine religions
and how in San - Francisco in a
Jewish Synagogue, he established
this fact. Then speaking about his
prison day he said: - Abdul Hamid
often used to say: 'What? I do with
this man! I have imprisoned him
in the ~~house~~^{barrack} of Acca, he attracts
unto himself the people of America!
It is most marvellous! How does
he do it?'

5 From the Consul General's house
we went to call ^{once more} on Professor
Vambery. Here again more than
two hours they talked together
in Persian and Turkish. Prof. ^{Vambery}
telling interesting reminiscences
of his journey throughout
Oriental Countries. He ^{was} much
interested in the cause and begged



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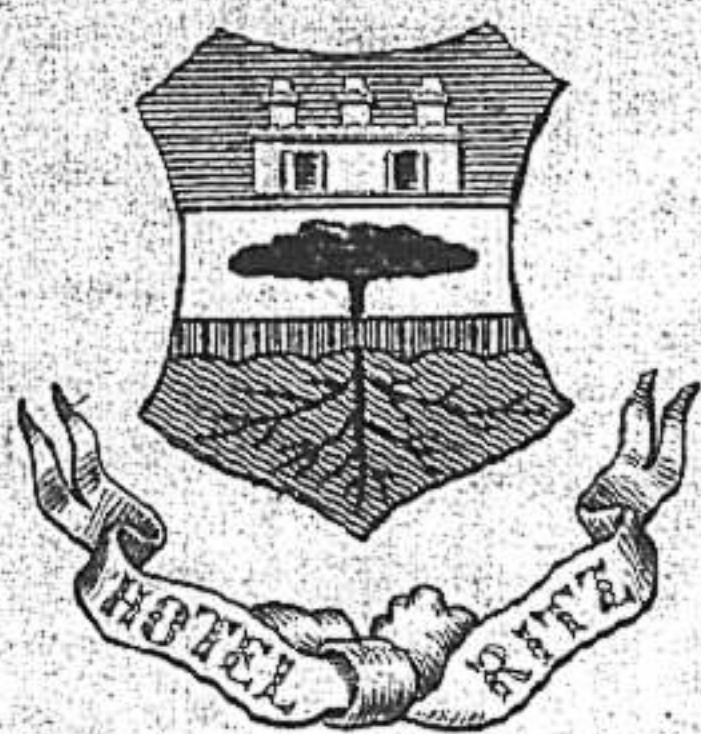
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the Master to permit ^{him} to write a series of ^{articles} in European ^{papers} press. He is a man that all Europe listens to ~~him~~ and his opinion is sought after by ~~all~~ the statesmen and diplomatists.

Returning to the hotel it was 4.30 pm. Lunch was ordered to the Master's room and I had the great privilege to eat with him. After that he rested for awhile and at 6 o'clock Mr Paikert Alajos, the President of the Turanian Society came to take the ~~Master~~ ^{him} to the meeting which ^{was} arranged by this Society for ~~the~~ ^{him} Master to address its members and the public.

The meeting was held in the national museum, the former Senate of the Hungarian Parliament, in the very chamber where the Senators used to sit before the New Parliament was built a few years ago. It is ~~one~~^a of the most magnificent marble building! Although the weather was inclement yet several hundreds were present. The President spoke very briefly, just expressing his deep pleasure and gratitude to the Master for accepting the invitation of the Touranian Society. Everybody ~~was~~^{was} on ~~his~~^{their} feet when the Beloved entered the Senate Chamber and gave him a rousing reception. ~~The Master~~^{He} first thanked the Society for having such ^a lofty



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objects as to bring together all the
Turanian nations. Then he gave a
brief account of the ancient history
of Turan and its former civiliza-
tion, then an account of the Bahai
principles and closing ^{his} remarks
with the life of ^{and} Garret Agassiz.
The Society is going to translate the
address into Turkish, French and
Hungarian and publish it in its
7 bi-monthly Review. After the
meeting the Master was invited
to the home of Abbas Aga,
the ^{old} Persian rep-dealer ^{in Budapest}. All the
Persians, Mr Herrigel and Mr

Moore were also invited. There were ^{also} several Turks and from 7.30 to eleven ^{thirty} the Master spoke to them in Turkish, always illustrating his points with original stories ~~liked specially by the Turks~~. at 10.30 dinner was served and it consisted of soup, Rice Chicken etc. I was glad that even in Budapest there ^{was} ~~was~~ a Persian who invited the Beloved to his home and spread a very good table for his friends. He considered this feast as the greatest event of his life. He ^{was} a very good young man and the Master was very kind to him.

Love to all

Ahmad