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Dear Harriet

^{compared with}
~~Considering~~

the activities and the coming and going of the friends for the last few days this was a quiet one. Many ^{anxious} believers called with nosegays of ~~some~~ ^{flowers} inquiring after the health of the Beloved and most of them were permitted to shake hand with him while lying ~~down~~ ^{on} the couch but there were no ^{excellent} ~~long~~ ^{talks} ~~addresses~~ except toward the evening when he felt ~~much~~ better. The injunction of the Doctor has been followed as closely as possible and the effect ^{was} ~~has been~~ noticeable.

2 I was surprised when I observed most of the friends congratulating ~~me~~ and offering me flowers and gifts. At first I thought it ^{was} a joke but afterwards I realized ~~some~~ one had given them a hint that this ^{was} my birthday. Of course this was not my birthday? ^{and we had a} ~~I~~ ^{time of it} very amusing. Miss

Anna Köstlin and Mrs Schweizer and Miss Turner have given me a watch, Mr Herrig the chain, some one else a book of the views of the city and many bouquets of roses, carnations, sweet-peas. When they offered me the flowers, I thought, of course they ~~were~~ ^{were} for the Master. "No! They are for you! They are your birthday presents!" I ~~have~~ ^{was} ~~not~~ ^{very} ~~been~~ ^{able} yet to find out who ~~has~~ played this ~~serious~~ joke on me. If you were in my place what would you have done?

3 In the afternoon Mrs Ekstein called and the Beloved talked with her on the progress of the Cause in Stuttgart: "Your husband" he said, "is firm and sincere in the Cause and assuredly he shall be ^{confirmed} in spreading the Glad-tidings of the Kingdom. He is an active Bahai. In this Cause there are two kinds of Bahais. The first kind is active and speaking; the second ~~kind~~ is inactive and

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silent. These two, although Bahais, yet they are widely different from each other. The former is more beloved than the latter. The body has two hands, one is active, the other paralyzed. Which one ^{do you} prefer?

4 The Minister who called on him yesterday came again today. The Master said: ~~off~~ ^{ordained} Ministers are many, confirmed ministers are few. During the days of Christ there were many Rabbis and high-priests but none of them was confirmed except Paul. All of them were deprived but he became the confirmed King of the ministers. I hope that thou mayest become like Paul, receive a goodly portion from the heavenly Bestowels and arise in the service of thy fellowmen. Do not look upon thyself and thine own capacity. When man is abstracted from ~~the~~ conditions of this earth

~~will~~, and ~~be~~ released from the fetters⁴
of the world of nature and ~~be~~ quickened
through the Breath of the Holy Spirit—
he shall become very much
confirmed, ^{and} the divine ~~experiences~~
shall encircle him; to such an extent
that he shall ~~remain~~ ^{become} himself astonished!
Therefore, turn thy attention unto God!
Look upon the infinite Recencies
of God. Do not look upon them over
incapability. Although the earth is
^{composed of} the black soil, yet through the
dew-power of rain and the heat
of the sun, flowers and aromas
shall grow therefrom. This Minister
has written a good article on the
Bahai' Cause, ^{which will appear} in a ~~monthly~~ Protestant
German magazine for the month of
May.

5— Mr. Schweizer ~~also~~ called. He and
his wife are two of the loveliest
Bahais we have here.

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They are so devoted to the Master and so
enkindled with the fire of the Love of
God! He is a government surveyor and for
six months in the year he is called away
from home. The Master was in bed and
he made him sit beside ~~the bed~~ ^{himself} and brought
his head close to his breast and kissed
him several times. ^{He told him:} In thy face I see
great capacity. I give thee the promise
that if thou shalt arise to spread the
message of the Kingdom, thou shalt
become marvellously confirmed.

He ^{answered} ~~said~~: I hope I will become a teacher
in deed as well as in word.

Very true, the Master said; If a person
does not practice what he teaches, his
words will have no effect. A person
who calls himself a Bahai and does
not try to live in accord with

the Teachings he is like the man who ^{on one hand} invites all men to Peace and Conciliation and on the other ~~he~~ cuts the heads of innocent people. The Manifestation of Baha Ullah ^{was} ~~is~~ for the appearance of Deeds. Therefore I hope that ^{you} may ^{be} assisted to teach both ~~with~~ ^{your} Deeds and Words. Read the hidden words and practice accordingly. As Mr Schweizer is translating the book of the Brilliant Prospect by Mirza Abul-Fazl the Master said: This Mirza Abul-Fazl whose book you are translating is a man who teaches the Cause ^{by} ~~and~~ deeds and ^{by} ~~and~~ words. His trip to America was a blessed one! His ^{station} ~~is~~ greater even than the apostles. He is the sincere servant of the Cause. He has

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sacrificed everything for the sake of the Cause. He does not rest for one moment. He either teaches the Cause or compiles books or travels around. I love him very much.

7 Fran and Franklin Consul called to inquire about the health of the Beloved. In the course of conversation he said :- Complete physical health is to be enjoyed by the animals. Consider when the animal possesses perfect health, it brays, it rolls on the grass, it grazes in the meadows, it dances and kicks and it does perform all kinds of pranks. But man may enjoy the completest physical health, live in the palace and ^{be} surrounded with all the luxuries of modern civilization, yet he ^{may} ~~is~~ ^{not} feeling happy, mental anxieties attack him, spiritual worries encircle him, he

weeps, laments and stalks abroad ghostlike.
 This in itself shows that man must take
 greater care of his spiritual health. Again
 a person may be sick, lying ~~down~~ in bed
 and a piece of good news is brought to him,
 suddenly he is revived and often he is
 healed. The happiness of man is through
 his spiritual health and not bodily
 health. My spirit is always healthy,
 therefore I am always happy. You
 must likewise strive to gain this
 spiritual health and happiness and thank
 ye God that ye are living in the
 age of the Blessed Perfection; ye have
 heard his resounding call; ye are
 awakened from the slumber of
 negligence, ye have attained to the
 most great bounty and ye have
 obtained eternal life. If ye had given
 the treasures of the whole world,

ye could not obtain this most great
baunty. Consider that Mr Morgan, the
American Multi-millionaire died and left
behind his wealth but ye shall never
die, ye are always living in the Kingdom
of abba and the traces of your faith
and assurance shall ever live.

8 Afterward Consul Schwarz and Doctor
Faber arrived. They asked many
questions in regard to the possibility of
a European war over Seniors and
the Master like a true physician
diagnosed for them the malady. The
greatest need of Europe, Redacted, is
the organization of a European Congress
in which the delegates of various
Powers may discuss seriously the
possibility of immediate, concurrent

disarmament but they do not listen to
~~any~~ advice of ~~this nature~~. Thirty years
 ago I wrote to Sultan Abdul Hamid
 that if ~~then~~ ^{he} desired to protect ~~the~~ ^{the} Empire
~~then~~ ^{he} must give ^{equally} complete freedom of
 rights to all ~~the~~ ^{his} subjects no matter
 to what religion they may belong
 and establish a constitution but
 he did not listen and you see
 today the results.

Many other wonderful reports
 were made by the Master about
 the Triple Alliance, ~~and~~ ^{the} Triple Entente
 and the disturbance of the Balance
 of Power in Europe that I have no
 time to write ~~these~~ but they all
 showed ~~the~~ ^{his} omniscient knowledge
 of the ~~Balance~~.

Love to all
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