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Dear Harriet,

The Anniversary of the Beloved on the 23d brought forth congratulatory cables from different parts of America and Europe and the Orient. They were the deep expressions of love and happiness. Everyone of those cables told the story of the progress of the Bahai Cause all over the world. We must not look at the difficulties that the Cause is beset with from time to time but we must ever think of the end which is the universal spread of the Movement. The trials no matter how severe they are at the moment, will spend their forces and pass away, leaving the Cause stronger, sturdier and more powerful; just as

when the forces of nature have done
 their worst, they leave the atmosphere
 clearer and purer. This Cause is tested ^{Bahai}
 a hundred times, Kings and rulers have
 arisen to ~~graze~~ ^{to} it from its very foundation
 and they have failed. So, on this very
 happy day the Beloved answered the
 cables in words of light and truth.
 This was the first work done this mor-
 ning. It is a wonderful thing that he
 lives in Paris and he thinks of all his faith-
 ful flock all over the world. I think those
 people whose names are on the tongue of the
 Beloved are very fortunate, for in this very
 thing there is a mystic power. About half
 past seven Miss F. Knablock came to say good
 bye to the Master. She is returning to
 Stuttgart to be with her sister for ~~probably~~
 two or three weeks and then she goes to
 America. The Master has shawered upon
 her many blessings, tapping on her shoulder
 he has often called her my daughter, my
 own dear daughter. So this morning she
 was welcomed with evident happiness.
 "I am happy, Abdul Baha" she says her
 eyes dancing dancing with joy and
 (over)

her face wreathed with Bahai smiles, "I
leave your presence with the determina-
tion of teaching and spreading more and
more the Message of the Kingdom of Abha.
"I hope the Master said "thou wilt leave
Paris as the messenger of the divine Joseph
Carry with Thyself wherever Thou goest the
most great glad-tidings. Perfume the
nostrils with the Fragrance of the garment
of the divine Joseph. Give thou my greetings
to all the believers of God! Rejoice their
spirits with the heavenly good news.
I always remember them and beg for each
Special Confirmations. Give my won-
derful Abha greeting to ^{all} ~~each one of the~~
friends, ^{notably} ~~specially~~ thy sisters, Miss
A. Knablock and Mrs Hannen and
~~these~~ ^{their} two dear sons. I am very happy
on account of the services rendered by
Mr Hannen. He is my son. I pray to
Baha-Allah that the spiritual
benedictions and confirmations may
ever encircle him. As a parting word
the Master the Master said these few
beautiful words to her: - I shall always
keep thee in my mind. I hope that
thou mayest be always a herald

of the Cause of God.

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3 Later on a lady who is a good singer entered. ^{She made her entrance, asking}
Are you progressing in your art? The heavenly song is good. It is my hope that ~~you~~ ^{you} may sing that song. When we left America on the steamer Celtic, there were several musicians and singers. They played and sung every day and night. When they stopped playing the listeners clapped their hands and all was ended. This was its result. But you must sing a melody as to move and stir the hearts of the Supreme Concourse and its effects may be eternal. The earthly notes and strains are limited as to their influence. The conditions of the world are physical and their importance ~~are~~ according to the importance of the physical life. Therefore I hope you will find spiritual success whose importance is eternal. Strive that you may be drawn nearer unto God.

4 After this he got Ahmad Pasha's address and went out to call on him alone. He came back about noon saying as he entered the room; I spoke much with Ahmad Pasha today. I hope



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that God will create the effect. He took a very simple lunch in his own room and retired to rest.

5 In the afternoon we were drinking tea in his Presence and I was reading to him ^{the} newspaper when the telephone rung. I answered. It was from Martha Pension. It seemed that the last few days ^{while} the Master ^{was leaving} ^{he} has told them to let him know when they have ^{vacant} empty rooms. Now having 3 rooms, they have telephoned. ^{with} the Master, we came to Martha Pension ^{went there to inspect} which is only one block away. Having ^{and} seen the rooms he was pleased with them, ~~and~~ arrangement was made to move to morrow to our former hotel. As he was not very well satisfied with his own room, I said it will be well if he would exchange ^{mine} with ~~ours~~. He said: Never!

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I do not desire to decrease one iota of your comfort. I declare by God that were not for the sake of the Cause, I would have served the friends day and night. One must never feel superior to anyone else. This feeling of superiority destroys all vestiges of friendship and love. I give thee this ~~advice~~ ^{rule} to be remembered throughout all thy life: - 'Whenever thou seest that a person feels to the measure of one atom superior to another or prefers himself to his brother or sister, have no hope in him. He is deprived of the Bounties and Mercies of God.' ^{learned}

7 He did not go up to his room in the hotel but he bought a small hammer ^{nails} etc from a store nearby. ^{He said:} - 'When I reach Haifa I want to go to the mountains and live alone for awhile and these instruments will be helpful in pitching up the tents and driving in the nails.' He said and payed the man. Then he walked through Rue St Didier to Avenue Victor Hugo and spent half an hour in a store looking over canes and umbrellas. Then he got a ^{cab} carriage ^(over)

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and drove for another half an hour
through the Bois de Balagne. Thousands
upon thousands were walking or driving
or lying on the grass or gliding in fairy-
like boats over the enchanting lakes.
The Master was meanwhile looking
over the great sceneries of verdure
and trees. ^{He said:} How glorious it would be
if these people instead of whirling
away their time here with no
result, would have gathered together
in groups, reading the Hidden Words,
singing the praises of God, chanting
the communions and prayers! Then
this Park would ^{be} have transformed
into a Paradise of Spirituality and
Holiness; but now it breeds the
qualities which are not praiseworthy
of the world of humanity.

9 ~~Then~~ Mr and Mrs Scotts address
was given to the driver and the
Master was there in half an hour.
He rested first. Mrs Scott read from
the hidden Words, Miss Erwin read
from the Seven Valleys and gave

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an interesting exposition of the meaning
of the first Arabic Hidden Words.
~~Then~~ The Beloved came out and gave
a glorious speech on "how to advance
from the lowest degree of existence
to the highest summit of perfection".
Madame Richard translated from English
for those French Bahais who ~~could not~~
~~understand the English~~. Then the
Master shook hands with each,
blessing every one with a few
heavenly words and ~~we came out~~
with the greatest of joy and ^{very abundant} Peace.
To Mon. Scott he said: - Your
Studio is a radiant place. It is the
gathering place of the friends of God.
It will have great importance in
the future. Hardly arriving at the
hotel when the Master was up
again and we went out to call on
Miss Sanderson. He took tea
there and spoke with her on the
immortality of the soul. Her
mother is not feeling any better
but she is a most devoted, sweet
daughter and takes the best care

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of her by day and by night. From her home we came back to the hotel and after a few minutes we were out again driving toward Moncer Pasha's home. Here the Master stayed till 11 o'clock talking with him, his wife and a few other invited guests. The question of ^{the} disassociation of the spirit from the body took much time. The wife of Moncer Pasha from her childhood has had spiritual experiences and visitations and she related these things to the Master. Wonderful explanations were given by the Beloved. Long after eleven we left the Pasha's apartment and returned to the hotel. Mirza Mahmoud

and Sayad Assadallah were up and¹⁰
waiting for the coming of the King.
¹² As Ahmad Pasha and another Person
had prepared food for the Master
and sent ^{it} to the hotel, he ^{led} told ^{us}
^{two brothers} not to eat dinner down stair
^{wait and} but eat with him; so after our
return from Moncer Pasha ^{about midnight} we
spread an impromptu table and
in this daily Presence ^{partook of supper} we ~~ate~~.
It was a symbol of the divine Table
which he has spread before us and
from which we partake daily.

Lombard

Ahmad