

Martha-Pension

FAMILY-HOTEL

97, rue Lauriston

PARIS

PARIS, le *May 31st* 191*3*

TÉLÉPHONE
PASSY 51-03

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Dear Harriet, / / -

I am thinking of Mt Carmel and Acca; of Rejwan^{Garden} and the Blessed Tomb of Baha-Allah; of many holy men and places that it shall be my privilege to meet and to see. The Orient with all its iridescent beauty; the clearness of its sky, the dazzling brilliancy of its stars; the stillness of its atmosphere, the radiance of its spirituality, the transparency of its ideals — ~~will be~~ unfolded before my wondering eyes like a magic panorama. How I long to steep myself in that lustrous sea of idealism! My true Oriental disposition that was hidden for many years, owing to the active^{energetic} life of America shall leap forth

into being, assisting me to fully enjoy
and assimilate all ^{the} things that ^{are} charmingly
Oriental. I have been a wanderer for
many years, travelling through strange
lands, always finding good staunch
friends. This has been made possible
through the Favors and Bounty of Bah-
Allah, otherwise what am I and who am
I to win even one single friend! I believe
that if I thank God all my life, it will
not be sufficient. I am not worthy
at all but I hope I will become
enabled in the future to render ^{great} ~~some~~
~~many~~ ^{small} services ^{to the Cause}. Up to this time I have
~~committed many mistakes and~~
~~I am now full of faults and~~
~~shortcomings.~~ I pray daily for greater
illumination and spiritually for
~~myself and for all the believers~~
~~of God.~~ ^{and for myself} I assure you, if any mistake
is committed it has been unwittingly
and I am ready to apologize on bended
knees if they write me directly. We
~~must~~ ^{may} all of us ^{spreaders} become the Cause of joy and
not sorrow.

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2 This morning the Beloved called me very early into his room and for two hours he spoke on certain subjects pertaining to the Cause. He was in great earnestness and now and then his voice was raised to a very high pitch. When deep feelings, owing to certain outside events encircle his heart, he is divinely irresistible. On these occasions — which are observed rarely by any one — he is under the entire control of these heavenly emotions. Every word he utters ^{is} like ^{unto} a flame, descending from the sky; his two eyes become like unto two burning torches and his Countenance, at every second, while ~~he~~ speaking, manifests the infinite range of the human and divine susceptibilities.

3 ~~Then~~ He told me to go and call on ^{Cousul} and Madame Schwarz and take for them on his part a bouquet of roses. I did so and you can easily realize how happy and delighted were they. On my return he was waiting in the salon. He said: "Cousul and Madame Schwarz are very sincere Bahais. I love them very much. They are holy souls. This kind of love is good because it is for the sake of God."

4 Later on Mon. Bontarie a Bahai from Toulouse came in to see the Master. He was greeted with warm cordiality. He gave the details of the progress of the Cause in that city and the interest of the public. The Master told him: "When you return, strive in the promotion of the Cause in your midst. Illuminate the souls. Establish in that city the Center of the lights of God. The Confirmations of God shall descend upon thee."

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Counsel and Madame Schwarz with several other believers came. In introducing these two blessed souls to those who were present ^{the Master} he beautifully said:— These are the hundred-petalled roses from the garden of Stuttgart. I hope that all of you will become the sweet fragrant roses of the Paradise of Abha which are never withered. Then he spoke ^{them} in detail about the attraction and enthusiasm of the German Bahais.

6 At this juncture the brother of the Khedive of Egypt with two other important personages came in and the Master took them ~~into~~ into his own room ~~and holding~~ a very long and ~~beautiful~~

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public meetings, although ^{Abdul Bala has} ~~you have~~
often encouraged ~~me~~ ^{her} to do so. The
Master said: "In the Kingdom of God
everybody must be ^{of} sound. There is
no silence, ~~there~~. There is no distinction
of gender. Man and woman are
co-workers and co-partners in the
promulgation of the heavenly message.
Then the Master accompanied by
myself ^{the Master} drove for nearly two hours,
calling on different people and it
so strangely happened that now
one of them was at home. The
last call was on Mrs Lilienthal
and Mrs Beede in International
hotel. The Master ^{He} waited for
more than half an hour

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but they ~~were~~ ^{did not come} not in too, having
taken a car ride to Versailles.

Finally we returned home, ^{now} and Madame Richard came to see
the ~~Beloved~~ and they had a long
conversation on spiritual topics.

The ~~Master~~ ^{He} is teaching them so that
when he comes Paris they may be
assisted in the spread of the
principles amongst the French
people.

Love to all

Thomas