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Dear Harriet! 3

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(~~Q~~ this Cause had appeared
in America; today, there ~~was~~ ^{would} not
~~have been~~ a single soul in that country who
~~would~~ ^{be} not either a Bahai or a friend.
(Our ² Beloved ~~spoke as much~~ ^{stated that} I
the course of his talk with Moag-
er-ol Mamelek and a number of
Persians in his apartment this
afternoon) I hope a wonderful
statement as this will inspire the
hearts of the friends to exert them-
selves to the utmost in spreading
the Teachings of Abha, in inviting
the people to sit around this heavenly
Table and in cementing the hearts
together for the Love of humanity. A
statement such as this, will not
only show us what the Master

thinks of the American people,
but it gives us a faint glimpse of
what he expects ~~to~~^{to} do in the
immediate future — so that if he
ever returns to that country he
may see with his own blessed
Eyes the fruits of his long years
of labor, imprisonment, sufferings
and hardships. It is an unmistakable
fact that this Cause will be
spread all over the world, nations
and peoples will embrace it, but
if the Bahais of today arise with
the greatest effort, they will hasten
the coming of that day and
they will be the divine pioneers
of this Mighty Movement of
Peace and brotherhood. May ^{each}
one of us put his shoulder to the
wheel and work with hope and
courage!

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As I expected, the interest is growing, ^{and} ~~there are~~ ^{more} people; ^{have arrived today} they crowd the hall, ^{and} the reception room, and many ~~of them~~ ^{meet} are waiting to ~~get~~ ^{in private} an interview with Our Beloved.

Here as elsewhere every body gets a chance to drink the water of Life from the ~~hand~~ ^{hand} of the Cup-bearer of eternity. There are some people who have come from Switzerland and other ^{places} points to visit the Master. ~~Our Beloved~~ ^{He} dispenses His Mercy and Benevolence to all, irrespective of color ^{race} or ^{condition} ~~condition~~. This morning we drank the sweet-scented tea in his divine presence and He ^{related} ~~spoke~~ to the small number of Persians gathered around him the dramatic story of ^{investigating} ~~his~~ ^{the} ~~interview~~ ^{can} ~~the~~ sent toacca by the Sultan

~~by the government authority of Akra~~
 just before the declaration of freedom,
 to banish him to Africa.
~~This story is really wonderful and~~
~~worth while recording it. I may be~~
~~able to write it down later on for~~
~~the benefit of the friends.~~ ^{He stated that the friends}
 were submerged in a tempestuous
 sea of trials and difficulties, but
 outwardly everything seemed
 calm and undisturbed. Even ^{some}
 the friends did not know what
 was going on. The people in
 Akra, because, we did ^{not} show
 any sign of agitation, though
 we are safe. They were wondering.
 They were wont to say; "We hear
 so many rumors all around
 about the impending danger to these
 Bahais, yet do we see them carrying
 themselves with such dignity"

and serenity. They are happier than
 all of us." During those days ^{at the castle} I was
 most happy and planted an
 orchard with many kinds of
 fruitful trees. People passing by
 would exclaim with wonder:
 "Look at these mad souls! They
 are beneath the threat of sword
 and exile to the remotest part of
 Africa or they may drown ~~them~~
 in the middle of the sea yet
 do we see them planning a ^{garden} ~~park~~
 and ~~an orchard~~ ^{an} planting trees!"
 But ^{skeptical} these very people who were ~~skeptical~~
~~skeptical~~ lived to eat of the
 fruits of these trees.

~~Such were the final words~~
~~of the Master after the wonderful~~
~~story.~~

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Two ladies who ^{were} ~~are~~ the friends of
 Miss ^{Sarah} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~Green~~ ^{Acce} ~~Acce~~
 Farmer, were presented to the
 Master. He inquired about her
 and said:— (Whoever is kind
 to Miss Farmer is kind ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{her}
 and whoever loves Miss Farmer
 loves ^{her} ~~me~~.

To another person he said:—
 I pray at the Threshold of the
 Almighty that ^{that} ~~that~~ ^{may} ~~may~~
 become wholly spiritual, that
 through ^{him} ~~them~~, people may become
 more detached, that they ^{may} ~~put~~
 themselves in rapport with
 heavenly Power; that the Bounty
 and Favor of Baha-ollah
 may encircle all of them.
 May they become a new
 Creation! May they obtain

a new spirit and may ^{they} attain
 to the highest pinnacle of illu-
 mination and spiritualit!
 To three others: ^{he said} — just as ^{you} ~~the~~
 are striving in material ^{sphere} ~~the~~
 work ^{also} in spiritual sphere. Try
 to suffer the people to enter in
 the Kingdom of God. To tell
 them only about the history
 of the Cause ^{brings} ~~there is~~ no
 permanent results, make
 them Bahais. There is a vast
~~deal~~ of difference ^{whether} ~~if~~ you hear
 about the light, ~~if you~~ see the
 light ^{or whether} ~~and if~~ you live in the
^{Perseverance} ~~light~~ light. ~~Exhort~~ the people to live
 in the realm of light and not
 only be satisfied to hear about it.

When the people live in the realm of light, then their hearts will be illumined; then their spirits will be rejoiced with the divine Glad-Tidings, then their minds will become the receptacles of the Holy-Spirit; then ~~to~~ they shall be regenerated; ^{then} they shall enter in the Kingdom of Abba.

6 ~~Afterwards~~ Mr and Mrs Horace Halley with their child ^{arrived} ~~came~~ from Switzerland. ^{Mr Halley} ~~They were~~ the ones who met Our Beloved last year in Switzerland and wrote a small pamphlet with ~~yellow cover~~ ^{on} ~~about~~ his experience in ~~the~~ ^{his} Presence. Mr ~~to~~ Halley

is now writing a volume on the economic aspects of the Bahai Movement. The work will be published before long. The Master was loving ~~to the~~ ^{his} little ^{girl} ~~boy~~. He took her in his arms and caressed her: "My dear baby, good baby, dear baby. How are you?" Candies were brought in and the child was of course very happy. A American Bahai woman ~~whose name I have forgotten~~ has just arrived from the U. S. It was like meeting a friend from "old home," although to the Bahai's the whole world is "home."

About ^{noon} ~~12 o'clock~~ the Master came out and gave a ~~very important~~

talk
~~address~~ on the subject of "How the
 Manifestations of God are different
 from the rest of the people." This
~~address~~ ^{talk} will be very useful in
 America, because there are many
 people who believe that they are
 either Christ, or some day they
 will ~~become~~ ^{evolve} ~~as such~~ ^{into Christ state}. I do not
 like to quote from it in this letter
 but as I began today to translate
 the addresses of Our Beloved in
 English I will send you a copy
 before long. I have arranged with
 Mr. Scott to dictate them to him
 half an hour every day. The
 other question ~~that~~ the Master
 touched upon was: Why there
 were ^{not} many material laws in

New Testament
in the Gospel. During the Master's
address the audience was divided into
parts, Mon. Dreyfus translating for
the French and Madame Dreyfus
translating in English.

After the meeting the Beloved
^{with Mayor-ul-Mamalek} went out to take his walk with
~~Mayor-ul-Mamalek~~. About
2 o'clock they returned, our Persian
guest, complaining that the
Master made him ^{tired with} walk to
~~death~~. After his rest, tea was
served and ~~the~~ ^{he} Master told
us the history of some of the
Kings of the present ^{Persian} dynasty
and how their weak administrations
effected the life of the Persian
people. About 5 o'clock, ~~the Master~~

he called Mirza Valliollah Khan, Mirza
 Aga Saemmagam and myself to go
 out with him. For one hour we
 walked. ~~The Master~~ did not speak
~~to us~~ except ~~toward~~ at the end. We
 were glad to give him a chance to
 rest. Returning, he sent a cable to Egypt
 about Mirza Abul-Fazl, saying that
 "he is me". Then he remarked: Mirza
 Abul-Fazl is very beloved to me. ~~He~~
 Mirza Abul-Fazl and Haji Mirza
 Heydar Ali are peerless and unique.
 They are perfect Bahais. They embody
 in themselves ^{the} Bahai principles. Their
 value is not now appreciated. It
 will become known later on.

Afterward Mon. and Madame
 Dreyfus came in. The Master recited
 several humorous stories as told
 to him by Houri' Bay about his
 London and Paris experiences ^{many}
 years ago. We had our supper
 about eleven o'clock and the
 interesting chapter of another day
~~came~~ to an ~~end~~ ^{end}.
 Love to all. Ahmad