

~~From~~ ^{From} Marseilles
On my way to Nice
Jan 31th 1913

Dear Harriet!

recently this you may be surprised
to hear from me from ~~such a~~ ^{Marseilles}
~~place~~. But this morning our
Beloved called me in and told
me to ~~make~~ ^{take} a short time of
probably four or five days to
Nice and carry a message to an
~~the furthest point~~ ^{the furthest point} South
~~of France~~ ^{of France} where all the year
around flowers grow and
the climate is most moderate
all the year around, but
of course very warm in
summer. Immediately
I ~~had~~ to get out, found the
hour of train, bought my
ticket and ~~start~~ ^{now and on} ~~at 7 o'clock~~
I have to ~~travell~~ ^{to Nice} all night

~~and all morning. It takes~~
~~about 21 hours to reach the~~
~~delightful city of Nice. It is~~
 9th now about eleven pm. I am
 in a compartment with an
 English man and ^{his} wife or rather
 a bride and bridegroom ^{who are} going
 to Nice for their honeymoon.
~~They are very loving to each~~
~~other and they speak all~~
~~the time. Then there are two~~
 German seamen. ~~Excitedly~~
~~they speak in their guttural~~
~~tongue. Then there are two~~
 French, ~~men~~ a comedian ~~from~~
~~one of the Paris theatres, going~~
~~to fill an engagement in~~
 Marseilles and a captain
~~going to join~~ ^{the} army

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To finish the ~~program~~ of ~~Person-~~
~~nel~~ ~~there~~ is a young American
 from Washington D.C. who is
 working in moving-picture
~~show~~ and ~~myself~~ ^{there am I} from ~~Rossa~~.
 Such is the personnel of my
 compartment. For the first
 hour we sat and stared at
 each other, the newly ~~wedded~~
~~wedded~~ couple are absorbed in
 each other; they read with
 each other a story in a magazine.
 Turning to the ~~American~~ ^{one}
 young man, ~~judging from~~
~~his physiognomy~~ I ask him
 "Are you an American?"
 "Yes" the answer came.
 The conversation started
 then and little by little I

told them the story of the Bahai Movement. Those who could not understand English was translated to them by others. ~~It was most~~ interesting. They all listened with great attention. Having brought ^{with me} the Palo Altan and ^{the Chyshan Commemorative} ~~C.C.~~ ~~with me~~ I gave a copy to each. Curiously enough all of us had to sleep in this little compartment. Here in Europe sleeping cars are used very little; so we all dozed into sleep while sitting. It was not very comfortable but you could not help it.

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This morning when I ~~presented~~^{presented}
 myself before our Beloved
 I found Mirza Mehdi Khan
 was there ~~to~~. Turning his
 face to ~~me~~^{to me} he said:
 Mirza Mehdi Khan ~~was~~^{was} his
 also friend. He ~~is~~^{was} one of the
 firm Bahai's. He had served
 the Cause very faithfully.
 The Master inquired from
 about the Believers of
 one of the cities of Persia.
 He ~~told him that~~^{told him that} they ~~are~~^{were} all well
 and united, serving the
 Cause. ~~Then the Master stated that~~
 Very well. ~~The~~
 origin of the promotion of
 the Cause ~~is~~^{was} the spiritual
 condition of the friends, &
 the friends of God ~~have~~^{experience}

this spiritual condition, even if they are flat ~~and~~ they can set fire to a city.

All morning people arriving, having interviews. The wife of Mr De Sazy who died a few years ago and was a great teacher came to see the Master.

3 Today Mirza Ali Akbar Rafsanjani and Aga Faraj, the baker arrived from Persia. The latter was the host of Ali Kuli Khan and his wife when they were in Teheran. When the Master came in these two dear Bahai brothers were so ~~impressed~~ that before overpowered.

the eyes of all those who
 were present ~~that~~ they fell
 at his feet, weeping. Every
 body was affected by this
 manifestation of sincere
 emotions. The Master made
 them to get up and kissed
 their cheeks and embraced
 them. There was much
 animation and spiritual
 exhilaration amongst the
~~those friends who were present~~
 French element of the
 meeting is beginning to
 assert itself and as the
 days go on more and more
 Parisians ~~French~~ people came and
 depart. During the years
 that the Cause has been

established among in France, it
^{has kept} has been more or less among
 the English and American
 contingents. It has not
 yet touched deeply the
 hearts of the French
 people. They all acknowledge
 that this is a great Cause
 but they are not willing to
 put aside their own
 ideas and work for it.

I hope that ^{through} this second
 visit of the Master
 the Cause will be ^{really} ~~great~~
~~really~~ amongst the French
 people. If the Cause take
 hold of ^{any} French thinking
 become real Bahá'ís,
 then, there will be a wonderful
 progress

The Master spoke today on the definition of the 'spirit' going deeply into the subject and explaining some subtle points. Then he talked on the duties of the past religions and the duty of the Bahai. I would like to ~~share with you~~ ^{share with you} ~~have~~ the ^{last part} ~~end~~ of his address in which he graphically and eloquently shows us the divine pathway:— The duties ^{and} ~~of~~ Bahai; the responsibilities of the Bahais are these:— They must be kind to all the religions. They must love humankind with all their hearts and souls. They must work for the public welfare. They must know

that God is One, the Real She-
 pherd is One and all humanity
 constitute the sheep of one flock.
 Therefore they must be comp-
 assionate toward all. They
 must exert themselves to bring
 about the business of the world
 of humanity. They must put
 forth the utmost effort to
 conciliate the hearts. They must
 be the means of the happiness
 and progress of the world. They
 must ever be ready to sacrifice
 their ~~best~~ properties, their rest
 and their lives so that in
 the world of humanity divine
 illumination be ^{diffused} ~~spread~~ the
 Banner of Universal Peace
 be upraised, and the Father-

nucle of the Oneness of the world of humanity be pitched in the very center of this globe.

In the afternoon two Russian ladies arrived and the Master spoke to them on the history and the principles of the Bahai Cause. They were immensely interested and they said they will tell these wonderful things to all their friends.

At 6 o'clock I took a taxi and arriving at Gare de Lyon I bought a return ticket for nearly 150 francs. I had a hard time to get a seat but

at last I had to write (as
 Louise did at New York pier)
 the guard and find my
 place in a an incorporating
 Congress of nations.

I am in a way sorry to be
 away from the Beland ^{team}
 I cannot write you about
 this daily ministration
 but we have to follow his
 command. I will finish
 my work in Nice as soon
 as possible - perhaps two or
 three days - and will be
 back in Paris again
 with him. Please ^{remember}
 me to all the friends. I will
 write you just the same every
 day but of course the letters
 will be of entirely nature
 Love to all. Adieu