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Paris, France
Rue St Didier 30

Dear Harriet!

after five days absence,

This evening ~~about 6.45~~ I
reached ~~our~~
~~arrived at the~~ apartment after five
days absence from the Presence of
Our Lord. ~~Before~~ ^{Five days} They looked to me like
five yrs. I would not have left
^{Alfred Baha} ~~him~~ ^{were it not to fulfill his will} for the whole world, but I
am happy to be back. When I
arrived the Master was in his
own room talking with Saem-
magam, Moayer-ol-Mamalek
and another nobility from Persia.
Therefore, I did not disturb him
but I went to the room where
the Persians were gathered.
~~talking together~~. They were ~~most~~
surprised to see me back.
None of them knew that I was

going to take this trip. They do not
 know even now where I have
 been and what I have been doing
 but such ^{was} their ^{faith in Abdul Bala} ~~delicacy~~ of their
~~nature~~ that knowing of course
 that I was sent by ^{him} the Beloved
 none of them asked any
 question. They ^{as though I had never left} just greeted me
 with ^{the} warm enthusiasm of
 the East, ~~each one~~ ~~kissed me~~
 and I ~~kissed them~~ and the
 conversation started ~~again~~ on
 its ^{as} usual ~~course~~, the subject
 being immortality of the
 soul and the scientific proof
 which the Master had ^{explained}
 in his recent talks in ~~America~~
 2- One of them gave me a ^{national} ~~statement~~
 in regard to ^{the} pre-existence

of the spirit ~~which~~ ~~may be of~~
~~interest to you.~~ He said, the
 spirit of man has a potential
 pre-existence in the world of
^{God's} ~~the~~ ideal knowledge ~~of God.~~ Life-
 wise the rays of the sun have
 an Ideal Existence in the sun;
 Now the sun shines upon
 the rock and upon the
 mirror. The mirror is nothing
 but a higher evolution of the
 rock; yet ~~it~~ reflects in the
 former and ~~it~~ has no effect
 upon the latter. ^{It is evident that} ~~now~~ when
 a number of composite beings
 go through the process of puri-
 fication ^{untill} they attain
 capability, ~~then~~ the spirit
 manifests itself, just as

the sun becomes reflected in
 the mirror, as soon it is turned
 toward it. The spirit like
 the ~~all glorious~~ sun pours
 down its rays ^{continuously} ~~and~~ ~~forth~~
~~now~~ It happens that a
 transparent glass comes
 before it — that is, a body
^{has been} ~~is~~ made ready through the law
 of composition — then, ^{natural}
 naturally the spirit takes
 possession of that prepared
 vehicle just ^{like} ~~as~~ the sun
^{reflecting itself} ~~takes possession of the clear~~ ^{in the mirror}
~~no instrument — the mirror,~~
 So, you see there is no descent
 of the spirit from some
 mysterious reservoir or
 an unknown region.

B Afterward the Master ^{coming}
 out of his room I ^{knelt before} fell at his
 feet, ^{and} kissed ^{his feet} them and kissed
 his hands. Ah! His voice was
 raised and his eyes twinkled
 "You have returned. When did
 you arrive?" I answered: that
 it ~~is~~ ^{was} About one ^{hour ago} ~~or two~~ hour.
 Then he asked me one or two
 more short questions and
 went to his room again.
 At ten o'clock dinner or
 rather supper was served.
 There were many Persians
 present and all sat at his
 table. There was a young
 Arab Bahai who ^{was} ~~is~~ studying
 in Switzerland and had come
 to ~~study~~ meet the Beloved.

4 I wake

This morning I ~~awoke~~ while the train was speeding along. All day we ~~crossed~~ traversed through well cultivated French territory and now and then I spoke with my travelling companions who were most pleasant and had bright spirits. One of them was the wife of a ^{Parisian} Florist in Paris who had been in America for two years. This gave me a clue to speak ^{to her} about the Cause and ^{she listened with} ~~our~~ trip through ^{much interest} the various States.

I can now truthfully ^{say} ~~state~~ that I have travelled from one end of France to another; for in Monte Carlo you are in an independent

Principality. ~~From Monte Carlo~~
 There you see on one side the mountains
 of Italy and on the ^{other} side
 the French territory.

The great pleasure on my arrival
 was the reading of your letter
 and that of Louise. They gave
 me the good news of the Cause
 and the interest with which
 the news of the Master's trip
 is received. All thanks belong
 to you and Louise, for
 you are the ones who are
 doing the splendid work
 of typewriting. Your letter
 has many questions. I will
 try to answer as many of
 them as possible and ask
 some of them from the Beloved

you see, often I do not take
extensive note from the private
interviews of the people, but
those that have a general
aspect I try to give them
to you. In the hurry of writing
a letter every day I do not ^{have} time
to read them over, so I leave
the literary ornamentation
to you and Louise.

All the friends are well.
They tell me the meetings
have been well attended
and the interest is growing
much. The Master is slowly
breathing in them the spirit
of life and light.
Love to all

Abner