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Dear Harriet! Abdul Baha

As our Beloved was the honored guest on the occasion of the Annual Banquet given by the Esperanto Society of Paris this evening at the Hôtel Moderne in Place de la République therefore I write my letter today on this stationery. It was a very interesting banquet and all those attending it could understand ^{and speak} very clearly the language of Esperanto. For the President Monsieur Carlo Bourlet spoke in Esperanto and the diners by the way they applauded could comprehend every word. The Master entered the ^{Hotel} dining Hall about 8 o'clock and received by the prominent Esperantists

in ~~the~~ ^a dining private room. There were
probably two hundred ^{guests} people. When
everybody took his seat, the Beloved
came out with the President and ^{those} the
rest who were going to sit at the ~~front~~
~~table facing the audience~~. The President
~~in the beginning~~ ^{at first} read some ^{a few extracts from} portions of Our
Masters talk in ^{Edinburgh} ^{on Universal Language} which was
translated into Esperanto and ^{was} ^{and to} ^{be published in} the February issue of
proof-sheet, appearing in the most
important Esperanto Magazine, called La Revue,
published in Paris. It is a monthly
publication, and it is going to be
in February number with an ^{account}
of that most unusual meeting.
It is with the greatest honor
and privilege that we Esperantists
receive Abdul Baha amongst us.
~~opened~~ the President opened his
remarks. I have already read

to you a few paragraphs of his marvellous address before the Esperanto Society in Edinburgh. From the way you applauded Abdul Baha is pleased to know that you could understand Esperanto." Then facing the Master he said: "We are all pleased that you have favoured the Esperanto language and have ^{commanded} the Bahais to study it. With your large following in the Orient the language of Esperanto could very easily be spread. You have well said, that, a universal auxiliary language will be the greatest means of communication between the nations and that it will remove from amongst them all the present misunderstandings

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We have different opinions and various thoughts but in this age, the ideals which ~~are~~^{is} silently working for the oneness of the world of humanity ~~are~~^{is} ~~one~~^{one}. We are all working for the realization of that day. On the part of all the Esperantists of Paris, I desire to express our ~~deepest gratitude for your coming amongst us,~~ ^{that notwithstanding your indisposition} ~~notwithstanding~~ ^{have} the indisposition of your ~~health.~~ ^{guests} "Then the ~~people~~ ^{diners} started their dinners and the Master retired to the other room. After ~~an hour~~^{within an hour} he returned and gave ~~a~~ ^{the following} wonderful address on Universal Language. I will send you a copy of the same ~~after translation.~~ ^{after} I have mailed to you a few of the menus



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which you may divide amongst
the friends and send a few of them
to the different assemblies. I also
enclosed the book of Mr Sprague
which is translated into Esperanto.
Miss Krug wrote me that she likes
to have the German articles which
may appear in the press of that
country during the Beloved's
Visit. I have got hold of an orchestra
which is in that package. Please
give it to Louise but get it
from her when she does not
want it to add ^{be} to the other
things. I think the Master has
sent ^{words to} the friends in Germany

not to try to have anything printed⁶
in the newspapers. It was about
twelve o'clock when we returned
home.

2- It is always a ~~most wonderful~~
blessing to receive the benediction
of the Master every morning. To look
into his face, to watch the infinite
varieties of his expression, the
lofty simplicity of his thought,
the ineffable splendor of his
smile, the grandeur and beauty
of his love, the width and breadth
of his views, the unshakable
firmness of his faith, the lu-
minous ideals of his mind,
the eternal whiteness of his heart
the universal outlook of his
sympathy and the sweetness
of his nature! ^{These} are the greatest
heavenly rewards that a ^{for} ^{yearning} soul
~~yearns~~.

Every morning I find the Master radiating joy and fragrance, happiness and serenity but today he was not happy. His forehead was furrowed with lines. ^{and he} He was sitting in a chair near the window in deep contemplation. Raising his head he said ^{that} ~~me~~ ^{him} "The enemies have surrounded me from every side. They have not left ~~me~~ ^{him} one moment of rest. In the Orient and the Occident they are engaged in intrigues and machinations against the Cause. But ^{he does} I do not say anything, because all these ^{things} are in the path of God." I said: "It is true that the enemies are persecuting him from every side, but on the other side, there are the Conspirators of Balaam."

allah, the support of the Supreme
 Concourse, the wafting of the
 Breath of the Holy Spirit, the Power
 and Majesty of the Master, the
 spread of the Graces of God,
 and the springing up of the
 flowers of faith and assurance.

4 Then he asked Mirza Ali Akbar
 to chant prayers. He chanted very
 effectively, his voice rising and
 falling to show the natural
 yearnings of the heart after
 the Grace of God. When he
 finished the Beloved said, ^{that} it was
 very strange that in Paris
 one may chant the prayers
 of Baba Allah. The ^{Parisians} people of Paris
^{were} ~~are~~ very heedless. They ~~are~~ ^{spent their time}



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in the pursuit of worldly pleasures and
amusements. The majority work all
day, spend ~~his~~^{their} earnings during the
~~night~~^{evening} either on theatre, or ~~drink~~^{liquor}
or gratification of passion. They
know nothing of God. Darkness
has enveloped ~~all around~~^{them}. The
darkness of religion, the darkness
of morals and the darkness of
heedlessness prevent men from
seeing even their own hands.
These are three waves of darkness,
one over another.

5 Then changing the tone of his ^{voice} ~~remarks~~^{remarks},
he told a story of his Childhood, showing
that even ~~in~~^{at} that early period
he loved freedom. ~~He said that when he~~
~~He said that when he~~

very young, ~~he said~~ ^{one day} ~~he~~ I was present
in a meeting in which people
discussed astronomy according to the
theories of the old school of Ptolemy.
The lecturer told ~~us~~ ^{his hearing} that the
earth ~~is~~ ^{was} stationary and ~~all~~ the
planets revolved around it, that
the earth and the ^{seven} planets ~~are~~ ^{were}
like unto seven layers of an
onion one over the other.
I ^{Abdul Baha} was made very angry; because
~~he~~ I thought ~~he would be~~ ^{he} made a
prisoner in one of these
~~spheres~~ ^{layers}. ~~These would~~ ^{the crowded planets with}
~~one~~ each other and their
heavy weights pressing one over
another!! It was as though ^{he} I
was held a prisoner within
the circumscribed limit

of the earth. ^{He sat} I ~~got~~ out of the meeting
with a sad heart and for
several days no one could
change ^{his} ~~my~~ mood. One day
^{he} I was reading ~~one~~ ^{one} of the Tablets
of Baha-Ul-Lah in which it was
stated that this is "infinite
space." ^{That one statement} Then I was made ^{and he} ~~very~~
very happy. I realized that ^{we} ~~we~~ ^{with} ~~we~~
~~are~~ no longer a prisoner of
the limits of ^{one} ~~the~~ world.

~~He spoke about other~~
~~interesting things which take~~
~~too long to write.~~ About ten
o'clock the friends and strangers
started to come. I could see
many new faces; chief amongst
them four beautiful believers
from Stuttgart who have

back
come to escort the Beloved. ¹² They ^{were}
Miss Anna Knoblack, Anna Kastner,
Frau Scheuzyer and Her Eger. They
have luminous faces, ^{and} wonderful
faith. Each carried in the hands
a bouquet of flowers to offer at
the feet of one who is the Lover
of humanity. When the Master
heard ^{who} ~~that~~ they ^{were} ~~one~~ ~~her~~,
he called them to his room.
They had several petitions and
the photograph of two young ^{boys}
that the Master kissed ~~the~~
~~to~~ ~~several~~ several times.

~~When~~ ^{As} they appeared in the
door, the voice of the Beloved
of the sincere hearts was
raised happily: "Welcome! Welcome!
Welcome!" They were all weeping



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with joy. Addressing Miss Knobloch he
^{told her that she had two}
~~she said:~~ ~~Thou hast~~ very good ^{her}
 sisters in America. They send you
 many Bahai greetings ^{and they are all}
 well. ^{He said further that he} wants to ~~go~~ to visit
 the friends of God in Stuttgart.
^{that she was} you are most welcomed. While
 in America, I ^{he} constantly ^{remembered}
^{her, she has} ~~been~~ ^{been} ~~has~~ never been out
 of ^{his} mind. Bravo! I really
^{she was} ~~thought~~ the daughter of the
 Kingdom. The Stuttgart friends
 are like the brilliant candles.
 When I ^{he} heard yesterday that ^{they} ~~she~~
^{were} ~~are~~ coming I was made very
 happy. ^{he}

Miss Knoblock said that the friends
desire to arrange a Feast for him
and he approved it. ^{He stated that} Whenever a
soul ^{desires to become} in the means of good-fellowship
amongst the friends, we must
encourage him. God loves
those souls who are engaged
in the service. Miss Knoblock
said that the first lady in Stuttgart
who opened the way for teaching
the Cause wanted to ~~have~~ ^{arrange} this
Feast in a hall. ^{The Beloved} ~~Those~~ ^{said that those} souls
who with a pure heart, ~~and~~ ^{unallied}
intention and attachment to
Baha-Ulloh arise to serve
the Cause, the host of the
angels ^{will} support them. Therefore
~~you~~ ^{let her} tell to that lady that
Bahadur Baha ^{was}
~~was~~ ^{most} pleased with
her action.

When they left the Presence of the Master he said ~~that~~ the Cause of Baha-Allah will make great progress in Germany. The friends in Stuttgart are very firm and steadfast.

Today many people ^{had private interviews} ~~met~~ the ~~Beloved~~ friends to the extent that he expressed fatigue and weariness; notwithstanding this, he came ^{and} out at the hour of twelve ^{he came} and delivered a very eloquent address, showing how Baha-Allah ^{was} spreading the knowledge of Christ all over the world. One may say ^{that he was} ~~it is~~ doing the work that the missionaries of ~~Christ~~ ^{Christianity} must do. After the Master ^{begins} ~~starts~~ his address while sitting on a chair and then

suddenly he gets up and striding back
and forth, ~~he~~ speaks like a
majestic King; Pearls of wisdom
falling from his lips to be preserved
carefully in the caskets of the heart.

8. After the lecture one of the
American ladies bringing her
Camera took the Master's photo
while standing in the Balcony
of the reception room. Then
he took Mirza Mahumud with
himself and went out to take his walk.
On his return we had ^{In the afternoon} lunch. After the
sweet launch, Miss Graser and

Miss Sanderson came to see
the Master and various subjects
were discussed, such as ^{public} newspapers,
the universal war which some
people predict ^{will} occur

I am sending you four photos of the
Mohamadan Mosque and of Persians
with the Master. The names are written
on it. Love to all Ahmed.