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Dear Harriet!

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Our sojourn in Paris is being extended, because more and more people are interested in the Cause. The daily meetings are well attended; the souls are becoming purified, the spirits are attracted to the Kingdom of Abba; the principles are being spread more widely; the circle of the friends is widened. It is only his mighty power that can attract these indifferent souls to the Supreme Concourse. His Spirituality, His Love, His Patience, ^{and} His benevolence attract every one. He is scattering the seeds. If they are not growing immediately; in the future many harvests will be gathered. Then people will realize what a great Blessing has been destined for them

2 This morning ^{he} ~~our~~ ² ~~Blessed~~ spoke
about Mirza Yahya and his misdoings
in the early period of the Cause. At
the time that Baha-Allah was in
Bagdad, Mirza Yahya being afraid of
his life, was seldom seen amongst
the people. He had changed his clothes
and ^{lived} ~~was~~ in seclusion. No body ^{could}
find him, ^{on the other hand} ~~but the~~ ^{Baha-Allah} ~~Blessed~~
~~Perfection~~ was in evidence all
the time. ^{Once} ~~When~~ ^{Baha-Allah} left Bagdad, ^{and}
for two years no one knew where
he was. Because of his absence,
the Cause became extinct. There
was no life and enthusiasm
in the hearts of the believers.
^{But} ~~On~~ his return he exclaimed:-
What is this: Open the door!
Let every one come in! He ^{infused}
in ~~them~~ ^{the friends} a new spirit. He
rekindled the fire. All kinds
of people were received by
him and they were in turn

impressed with his knowledge and wisdom. Day and night Baha-ullah labored till new ^{and better} conditions were created. Then these good-for-nothing came out of their hiding-places.

^{Afraid Baha} I declare by God that when ^{he} remembers the fetters which were thrown around ~~the~~ ^{Baha-u-llah} blessed neck and feet of ^{his} ~~my~~ very bones shiver. Years afterwards, when ^{Baha-u-llah} ~~he~~ was in exile, he wrote a poem a line of which expresses the idea that the signs of fetters and shackles ^{were} ~~are~~ yet visible on his neck and feet. ^{Baha-u-llah}

3 When ~~he~~ was taken out of his prison in Teheran, the Grand Vizier, Mirza Aga Khan, who was not very much opposed to the Cause wanted to apologize for his course. On the head of the Blessed Perfection there was a felt hat, the top ~~round~~

of which had ~~been~~ gone through excessive use. The jailors wanted to change it but the Blessed Reflection did not let them. The Grand Vizir started meekly to ~~offer an apology~~ ^{offer an apology} and express regret. "I am innocent ^{heaping upon you} in all these misfortunes," he said, "You know that the enemies have misrepresented everything His Majesty the Shah, saying that you have built a strong fortress outside of Teheran and have collected 5000 people to attack the city. It is evident that when the Shah heard such reports he got angry and ~~did~~ what he pleased."

"But did you send some one to investigate?" Bahar-Allah asked, "whether these ^{were} reports ~~are~~ true or false?"

"No" the Grand Vizir said.

"Then, it would have been much

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better if you had pursued such a
course.

Baha-Ullah's
4 Three days after ~~his~~ ^{mountain} return from
Soleymanieh, he walked out in
the Bazaars of Bagdad. One
of the Shopkeepers, seeing ~~Baha-~~ ^{him}
~~allah~~ walking with such majesty
and glory, raised his head in
astonishment and called aloud
to his friends: "Look! how the
Bahais are appearing on the
scene again!" Baha-Allah looking
up asked imperatively: "What did
you say?" And turning to ~~the~~ a
believer who was following him
said: "Punish his audacity." This
believer slapped him hard on
the face. The Shopkeeper thinking
that he was attacked, tore to
~~pieces~~ ^{to pieces} his clothes and ran
to the Persian Consul, crying
out ^{that} ~~these~~ Bahais have done
so and so. The Consul ~~said~~ ^{told him}:
^{he} You must have done something

wrong; otherwise Baha-o'llah would not have ordered ~~your~~^{his} punishment, therefore ~~you~~^{he} must be thrown into prison. When the family of the shop-keeper heard this, they ~~go~~^{went} direct to the Blessed Perfection, pleading him to intercede for his liberation which Baha-o'llah did gladly.

5 Another story which will be related here^{is} of the Childhood of Abdul Baha:—~~He said~~

When Baha-o'llah returned from His pilgrimage to Karbala, the brother of the Grand Vizier Abbas Goli Khan, according to the custom of the country invited them to stay with him the first few days of his arrival. Baha-o'llah accepted the invitation and took possession of the quarters which were prepared for him. This was at the time when the

Bahi' Cause was under the greatest
 condemnation and the Grand Vizir
 and his brothers were at the height
 of their Power. The morning after
 Baha-Allah's arrival, He was sitting
 in the ~~big~~ ^{drawing} ~~reception~~ room receiving
 the callers. Many prominent people
 were present. Abdul Baha, ^{at that time still} very
 young was watching people coming
 and going. Suddenly it was ^{announced}
 that the brother of the Grand
 Vizir ^{was} coming. As soon as
 he appeared at the door he
 was so impressed by the
 majestic presence of Baha-
 Allah that he knelt down
 before them in the presence
 of all these people. This was
^a ~~the~~ cause of astonishment to
 all. Then the Master added
 the ~~presence~~ ^{appearance} of the Blessed
 Perfection was awe-inspiring.
 Those who came into this

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Presence melted down against their
own will. They could not help
themselves. They were awe-struck
by the wonderful power and
authority which emanated from
him.

In short if I want to tell you
all he told us about Baha-Allah
it will become too long a letter.
At ten o'clock the door of
personal interviews was flung
wide open. Our German friends
were here ^{again} with ~~thousands~~ bouquets
of flowers. They were received
~~again~~ by our ^{him} ~~Beloved~~ and the
Cause in Germany and its future
promotion was discussed.
Many people ^{had personal visits} ~~were~~ ~~received~~
the Master who had been
eager to hear his loving
words. The sea of mercy was
moving and the pearls of ^{wisdom}
~~could be seen~~ on ^{of human existence} shore
on the shores.

7 The address of the Beloved today was on the two functions of the spirit. The first function of the spirit ^{was} ~~was~~ through the instruments. The second function ^{was} ~~is~~ without instrument. He went on ^{explaining} in details these two functions of the spirit. ~~It was very eloquent and full of spiritual power.~~ After his lecture, he went out with Mon. Dreyfus, had lunch with him in one of the large hotels and returned about half past three.

Madame Bernard with her two ^{Hindu} ~~Indian~~ friends boys and Madame Lere with her two boys, each boy carrying in his hands a bouquet of flowers came to see the Master. They were served with tea in ~~his~~ ^{her} own room and she gave them some excellent advice about the

education of the boys. ~~Some more~~ ^{Other persons}
~~people~~ ^{called} ~~came~~ and all afternoon
till 8 o'clock ~~the Master~~ ^{he} was ^{receiving}
people of different systems of ~~thought~~ ^{thoughts}
and creeds. At eight ~~o'clock~~ ^{as} he
was invited to speak to the
Theosophists, ~~the Persians~~ ^{we} went
ahead and he ^{arrived} ~~came~~ with Mrs
Dreyfus. Their hall ^{was not far} ~~is quite~~
~~near~~. There was a ~~very~~ large
crowd ~~present~~ and when the
Master entered, they arose
from their seats. The
President introduced the
Beloved in glowing words.
"Abdul Baha" he said in fact
"in my estimation is the
perfect embodiment of
universal love. He is the
real and ideal prophet of
brotherhood and peace. He
is a perfect divine example
for all of us to follow." ^{ple.}

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Hobas spoken to many Theosophical Societies both in America and Europe and we all love and revere him because he is a ^{one} and the same ^{time} ~~movement~~ so divine and ^{so} human. ^{The} Bah was the founder of this movement. In the beginning, this Bahai movement was meant to be a reformation of Islam. But with the appearance of Baha-Allah it lost its particular aspects and in one hand it became the most universal movement since the dawn of Christian era. Baha-Allah, the Bahai's ^{believe} is the greatest manifestation of God in this age. I request you to listen carefully to every word of our ~~distinct~~ ^{belong} ~~divine~~ ^{divine} fount. Listen to his words

of wisdom and knowledge. Forget¹²
for an hour your own thoughts
and ideas and let your minds
be filled with his ideas
of divine spirit. At the end
he will chant a prayer, but
it will not be translated, how-
ever its calm and heavenly
effect will uplift our souls.
Now it gives me the greatest
pleasure to introduce to you
Abdul Baha, the servant of
God. — The Master's talk
was on various ^{aspects} ~~subjects~~
of divine philosophy so well
woven together that one
would think it ^{was} ~~was~~ one brilliant
string of pearls. If I felt time
I will translate it for the American
friends. (It has some striking
sentences. For example:—
"Where was Adam when God
was governing the world?"

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after the meeting the President ^{thanked}
the Master for his eloquent
exposition of divine philosophy
and the idea of cosmogony. Many
stepped forward and shook hands
with him.

9 I forgot to tell you ^{state} in my ~~last~~
~~letter~~ that the President of
the Esperanto Society in Paris has
offered to pay all the expenses
of the publication of ~~the~~ Book
of "Persian - Esperanto," if some
of the Persians ^{would} study it well ^{enough}
~~enough~~ ^{so that} to be able to write
such a book. The
Master is going to appoint one
of the Persians in Paris to do
this. I wish I could do
this but I am afraid I
am not intelligent enough.
Will you please send a
copy of my letter, the
menu, the card of the

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invitation and the letter of the
Esperanto President to Mr C.
Reed, Secretary of the American
Esperanto Society in Wash. D.C.
You may send them care
of Mr Jos. H. Hammer. But ask
him to send you back the
card and the letter. In a few
days I will send you copy of
his address and I request you
to send a good typewritten
copy to Mr Reed. This is
very important. As he publishes
their monthly Magazine he
will no doubt print it.

Today before going to the
Theosophical meeting the Master
had me in his room and
for nearly two hours he
spoke about his trip to
America and the various incidents
in connection with it.

Love to all
Alma