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Dear Harriet! 1-

America is good! America is good. They have another motion, life and exultation. America - so far as ^{compared} the ^{Bahai} Cause is concerned - cannot be to England, neither England can be compared to France. Thus Our Beloved exclaimed this morning after reading to him the translation of the introduction of the President of the Theosophical Society. Our Master looks to America for a great spiritual movement, and it is now the ^{fulfillment of his} duty of the friends to arise in the anticipations. The seeds which he has sown needs much irrigation, ~~and~~ tender care and solicitude. I hope everyone of the believers of God will make his utmost effort to spread the Cause.

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The people of Paris ^{were} ~~one~~ of two kinds ~~heads~~. First, the followers of ~~the~~ ^{a dogmatic} ~~so called~~ religion; second, the free-thinkers. The former follows blindly the priests; the latter does not like to hear the word of religion mentioned. However all these ^{conditions will} ~~shall~~ change. The power of the Word of God ^{will} ~~shall~~ influence the heart to such an extent that not a trace of these thoughts shall remain. There have been atheists always but when the religion of God becomes manifest all these things are forgotten. Then he mentioned two historical events; one of the time of Haroun Er-Rashid and another of the childhood of Baha-Ullah. I quote ~~the latter in his~~ ^{I will show you the latter} ~~own words~~:-

3 The Blessed Perfection

was very young ^{and} ~~He was in the early~~
~~years of life.~~ At that time he was
 going to Mazanderan. As he was
 travelling from stage to stage,
 he arrived at a town called
 "Yall-Roud". There was in this
 town a celebrated thinker
 and ~~lecturer~~ who attracted
 to his course of lectures people
 from all parts of Persia. ^{Thus}
 he was ⁱⁿ very famous. ~~At~~ ^{during}
~~the evening~~ Baha-o'llah called on ^{him}
~~this thinker~~ and found his
 room filled with many students
 and theologians, especially
 four of them were the followers
 of the school of Mirza Mohamad
 Taki. As Baha-o'llah was
 very young and he had not on
 his head the insignia of
 learning which ~~was~~ "Turban"
 no one gave any attention to
 him. The lecturer after

Amhili proposed a tradition to the audience to be interpreted. It was this: - "Verify Fatima was the best woman in the world, except that woman which was born of Mary." Everyone gave his own interpretation but the lecturer wasted it aside. Then Baha-oddin to the amazement of all arose from ~~his~~ ^{the} seat and asked permission to be allowed to give the interpretation of the tradition. Immediately all the eyes were turned ~~against~~ ^{to} him in an incredulous manner. He said: - The second sentence in this verse ~~was~~ is an "affirmative-negation"; because it says "except that woman which was born of Mary." and as we know ^{to} Mary was born no girl, therefore it ~~is~~ ^{was} impossible to find another woman equal to

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Fatima; She ^{was therefore} peerless according
to this tradition. ~~Such kind of~~
~~literary can~~ When writers desire
to say that such a person
is better than all the rest of
the world, they express their
convictions with these literary
expressions. For example we
might say: This King is
the greatest ^{of all the} Kings of the
~~past~~ except that King
which came down from
heaven. And as we know
well, no King has ever ^{come}
down from heaven, therefore
he is unique and peerless."
When the lecturer heard this
wonderful explanation he
remained silent and the
audience realizing their
defeat shifted uncomfortably.
Baha-allah tactfully
withdraw from the room

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Then the lecturer addressed his students that he had greater hope ~~for~~ ⁱⁿ them; ~~that he~~ thought it was a ~~shame~~ ^{disgrace} ~~that~~ ^{to} the learned class that a youth with the hat of a layman on his head should so eloquently explain the real significance of the tradition ~~and~~ ^{while} the students after years ^{of application} of study ~~were~~ ^{were} ignorant of it!

~~Our Beloved then retired to his room. By this time people started to come and Mr and Madame Dreyer led them one by one or two by two to his presence. I was in the other room translating for the American friends the eloquent address of the Master at the Esperantist Banquet.~~

4 It was long after twelve that the Belgians

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was free to come out and alloy
the thirst of all those who were
patiently waiting. His talk
was original and ~~much~~ ^{provoking of thought} liked
~~well~~ It was ~~rather~~ on a
subject that ^{is of} interest to
every one. "What is personality?
What is individuality? ^{and} What is
Character?" Then he went on
to explain that there are two
Kinds of Personalities. The
first Kind is innate and that
is the "individuality"; the second
is acquired and that is the
"personality" of man. Character
is a combination of both.
When the two attributes
are well developed in man
and where Individuality
and personality are in
the highest state of purity
and progress, that man
has Character.

After the address with Doctor ~~Mohamed~~
~~Khan~~ ^{with Dr. Mohamed Khan} he went out, and after
~~two hours~~ ^{on his} returned ~~he~~ ^{he} ~~told~~ ^{told} us
 that he went to see the
 Laurence. Miss Fraser was
 here to say good-bye. She
 is leaving ~~today~~ this afternoon
 for London. The Master
 told her to look always
 to Baha Ullah, not think of
 herself and ever serve the
 Cause. I ~~believe~~ ^{later} she is
 going to Edinburgh with
 Miss Buckton to teach
 and spread the Cause.

About 4 o'clock many
 prominent Persians came
 to see the Beloved. Tea was
 served, ~~to them~~. He spoke to
 them on so many topics
 that ~~one~~ ^I ~~do~~ ^{do} not know
 where to start but I will
 tell you in brief.

At one point he said that
When ^{he} I was very young ~~he said~~ ⁹
I was travelling with Baba Allah
and ~~my~~ ^{his} family. ~~He~~ ^{only} reached
the city of Kermanshah. Here
~~we~~ ^{they} took quarters in a Karavan
serai. Here ~~there~~ was a poor boy, ~~the~~
came to assist ~~them~~ in unloading,
~~bringing~~ ^{carrying} to them water etc. At
night ~~he~~ ^{Abdul Bala} gave him a full
dish of ~~Polow~~ ^{Polow} and meat. ^{and I}
watched him eat. He was ^{enjoying}
it very much. It was as though
he had never eaten Polow.
^{Abdul Bala} conversed with him. Little
by little he divulged to ~~me~~ ^{me}
his childlike dream: "I never
never had eaten such royal
~~dinner~~ ^{dish} in all my life and
I fully believe (he sighed deep)
that if I could have ^{such}
dinner for three successive
nights I would become
a King but you are going to leave
to morrow. (anxiously) Are you not?"

6 Another story which may be ¹⁰ of interest to the ~~Physicians~~ and ~~specialists~~ may be related. There was ^a man stricken with a ~~terrific~~ dysentery. at the He had hemorrhoids. He got so sick that ^{his bowels worked} from 40 to 60 times ~~his bowels worked~~ and ^{in last} quantities of blood ~~issued~~ daily. This man is now ^{living} in Accra. At the time the illness attacked him he sent for a well-known ^{physician} ~~Doctor~~ in Beirut. The doctor charged £300 Sterling for 6 days to come to attend to him. He arrived on the scene and after two days attendance, he told ~~to him~~ the relatives of the patient that he may eat anything because he ^{could not} ~~could not~~ live ^{more than two days} ~~for more than~~

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The relatives came to Master weeping
and in a state of ~~the~~ utmost
of ~~afatah~~ ^{saying} ~~that the~~ Doctor told ~~us~~ ^{them}
~~that the patient was~~ going to die in two days!
"O Lord assist us!" They cried.
The Master went to see the
patient. He was indeed at
the door of death. He
prescribed a simple
remedy: He said: "Go and
get the skins of unripe
sour pomegranates, brew
~~it~~ ^{them} in a pot and let him
drink the juice." They did so
and ~~the patient~~ ^{he} got much
better. The doctor who was
of course European and
knew nothing about this
~~original~~ treatment was astounded
when he heard the patient
~~was~~ recovering. In an incredulous
manner he entered
the room of the patient
of the sick

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and saw him sitting upon
his bed. "What did you ~~find~~
to get well? By all calculation
you must have been dead
at this very time, ~~the~~
~~doctor~~ he said in a mystified
manner. "I took the juice
of the unripe skin of sour
pomegranates." The answer
came distinctly from the
patient. He was wonder-
struck. He had never heard
in his life of such a
medicine, and such a ~~re-~~
~~verend~~ ^{immediate recovery} efficacy. In
order not to loose any of
his professional dignity
he got up from his seat,
took his hat in his hand
and straightening himself
said: "Such kind of treatment
is not found in our
Materna Medica! Allah
protect you!"

~~7~~ The Master talked ^{on} history ¹³
of the experiences of one of the
Persian Ambassadors in
Constantinople who for many
years tried to harm Baha-
Ullah but when he was
himself in trouble he asked
the advice of the Blessed
Perfection. ~~It is a long and~~
~~interesting story~~

8 About half past ^{eight} ~~seven~~
the Master followed by
all the Persians went to
15 Rue de Greuze ^{to attend} ~~for the~~
~~is a~~ ^{the weekly} ~~meeting~~ ^{meeting} every Friday
night. Then Dr. Dreyfus
~~continued~~ followed his reading from
the Tablet of the Baha Ullah
to the "Son of the Wolf."
Then Mirza Ali Akbar ^{chanted} ~~and~~
the identical passage
~~for~~ the original. Oh! he Chanted
very beautifully! Then

Madame Richard spoke about the Cause. She ~~is~~^{was} a polished and inspirational speaker full of fire and enthusiasm. Then the Master in his majestic simplicity came in and delivered an ~~beautiful, flowered~~ address on the proofs of the Manifestation of God. At the end, he delivered a spiritual invocation in Arabic which created a mystic and calm atmosphere in the room and people dispersed quietly. May I translate the prayer? Yes?

"I beg of Thee! O my God! My Lord! My Hope! and my utmost Desire! Verily Thou knowest my humility, my Contrition, my poverty, my indigence, my agitation and my longing. I call

Thou with a heart overflowing
 with Thy Love, a spirit stirred
 by the wafting of the Graces of
 Thy Oneness and a soul assured
 by Thy Commemoration and
 praise!

O Lord! O Lord! Verily these
 souls are attracted toward
 the Kingdom of Thy Holiness
 and these hearts are enkindled
 with the fire of Thy Love
 and these spirits are soaring
 toward the apex of Thy
 Mercy.

O Lord! O Lord! Illumine
 the Eyes with the light of
 the Sun of Reality, ^{illumine} ^{illumine}
 the ears to hear the Voice
 of the Kingdom of Abba
 under all circumstances,
 Make us firm in Thy Cause,
 submissively before the
 Throne of Thy Majesty

acknowledging Thy Dominion,
 arising in Thy Service,
 and engaged in Thy adoration,
 Verily Thou art the Merciful,
 Thou art the Omnipotent,
 And Thou art the Reverend
 and the Wise.

I enclose herein the article
 of the International Psychi-
 c Gazette ^{will} containing ^{in the next} ~~the~~
^{month issue the} ~~wonderful~~ impressions
 of Our Beloved's Hands
 with a reading by W. C.
 Child. This magazine will
 come out next week. The
 enclosed is an advanced proof.
 Will you come in touch
 immediately with ^{the friends in} Chicago,
 Wash. San Francisco, Boston
 etc and see whether they
 like to have any copies
 and write directly to
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This is a wonderful heirloom for the future and I believe every Bahai should have a copy. Write about this to Mr Jos. H. Hammer in Wash and let him the address of C. W. Child.

I also enclose The Conversation of the Master with Mr Tracy. It is very interesting.

Miss Knablock handed me another German newspaper which you will find ^{very} ~~interesting~~.

I think the Master's trip to Stuttgart is postponed for about 2 weeks and our German friends may return in a day or two.

I haven't heard from you this week. I hope you are well. Remember me kindly to Louise and the rest of the friends. With much Bahai love

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