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Dear Mariet

The days of the Master in Paris are spiritual, divine, dedicated to the service of God and man. He seeks to spread the Glad-tidings of the Kingdom of Abba, to diffuse the holy fragrances of the garden of sanctity, to sow the seeds of love and affection, to educate the souls how to release themselves from the fetters of self ~~and passion~~, and ~~to~~ teach the people through what ~~channel~~^{way} they draw nigh unto God. For the head of the future humanity, ~~he~~^{is} ~~fashioning~~^{making} a most glorious ~~Didion~~^{Didion}, the brilliant jewels and scintillating gems of which are going to be the good deeds and actions of all the friends and the main servants of the Merciful. The sooner these jewels are gathered,

the more quickly the Diadem will ²
be made ready. When these gems are
presented to the Heavenly Silversmith,
he will only select the purest, the
clearest, ~~and~~ the most beautiful. He will
throw away all the counterfeits. Will
he not? ¶ A Jeweller whose eyes are
trained to distinguish the glass from
diamond, the imitation from the real,
the precious stones from the rockeries will
never make any mistake. In the
same manner the Divine Jeweller
will not be mistaken. We cannot
carry to him ^{glittering} ~~lovely~~ cut glasses and
tell Him, these are genuine diadems.
Accept these for the setting of the
Crown of humanity. ¶ Let us suppose
that out of his mercy ~~and tenderness~~
He does accept our imitation stones.
Are we going to doubt His knowledge?
^{or} ~~and~~ make force ourselves into belief
that our imitations work ~~as~~ just as
nicely as the genuine ones? ~~and~~ ^{and}
thus stalk abroad with vainglory?

marked ~~on our faces~~? No! A thousand³
times no! Let us not belittle our own
station in His Sight. Are we not His
children? Does He not love all of us?
Has He not destined for us glorious station,
Eternal Life and Everlasting Honor?
On the other hand, Are we willing ^{to stand} ~~on~~
~~the Crown of humanity~~ with such
~~cheap~~ Cheap, imitation Stones?
~~be studied on the Crown of Humanity~~
Let each one of us engage in prospecting
the wonderful mines of his heart and
mind. It is just as easy to take out
of these quarries, the nuggets of gold
and diamond as the Cheap stones.
The Knowledge will be given to us, if
we are sincerely seeking. My
greatest hope is that the American
friends will bring before the Divine
Jeweller more and more ~~of~~ such
Ideal gems. Their ^{display} ~~sights~~ will
make ^{Allah B. Ahs} ~~our~~ ~~Beloved~~ very happy.
He has given ^{us} ~~you~~ the Knowledge and
the direction. Now is the time
to work ⁱⁿ the mines of human hearts

and minds, select the most precious stones, and present them to Him. But let us ~~be~~ always distinguish the real from counterfeit, so that our jewels may be worthy of the glorious Crown of Humanity and their lustre and luminosity may be eternal.

2 - This morning when we entered the room to pay our daily homage to the King of Kings he spoke ~~to~~ about the life of the Bab. When His Holiness the Bab, he said arrived in ^{Esphahan} ~~Persia~~, Manuteheh Khan who has been converted from Christianity to Mahomedan religion was the governor of the City. From the beginning he was attracted to the Cause, but one day something happened that made him a believer. The Bab was present in a meeting with the governor when suddenly the arrival of the son of the Chief of the Ulemas of the city was announced. Having ^{met} ~~seen~~ the

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Bah he wanted to show his superior knowledge by propounding a question. He said:— There are certain statements in the Koran. Are they addressed to those who were present or are they addressed to those who are absent? If they are addressed to those were present, then they do not apply to us, we are free from any responsibilities; but if they were intended for those who were yet unborn, we were not there. How is it possible that God addresses those who are absent? Is this right? ~~He~~ ^{He} is ~~not~~ going to punish us for non-compliance? How can you account for this contradiction? The Bah simply answered:— "In the Presence of God, there is no Past, Present, or future. There is an Eternal Now." The Mullah finding himself completely defeated by this matchless, simple answer, said "My father does not teach this way." The Governor seeing that he ~~is~~ ^{was} going to launch on the sea of vituperation, said:—

"It is enough!" This was the beginning of his belief. ^{Abdul Baha} Then ~~the~~ Master went on explaining the life and story of this Governor who did so much to protect the life of the Bab, otherwise, the Ulema would have killed him in Esfahan and the history of the Bahai Movement may have been written otherwise.

3 Then many people ~~started~~ arrived and the Master met them individually.

At ~~ten~~ ^{nine} o'clock he came out to give his public address. You could see in his face that he ~~was~~ ^{was} weary and tired. He spoke of the attachment of the heart to various ^{objects} ~~things~~ of life but ^{how} all of them ~~recorded~~ ^{recorded} to ~~be~~ ^{insignificance} ~~disappointed~~ but when the heart obtained the Presence of the Love of God! ^{It is then that man} ~~he~~ will never be unhappy and his whole life will be devoted to philanthropy and Charity.

After the address he went out with Mr. Dreyfus

and it was after 11 o'clock when he returned. ~~Dear~~ Sayad Assadullah invited Miss Hodgson to take lunch with us. Miss Hodgson ^{she} is a very attractive English girl, a lovely Bahai, a sweet spirit. She has come especially from London to take down the Master's talks ~~and she has no other interest~~ ~~she has nothing else~~ here.

~~The addresses that I translate I dictate to her and she in turn gives them to Miss Anderson for typewriting.~~

In the afternoon Major al Mamoolat came to see our Beloved and ^{bid} ~~say~~ goodbye, ^{for} he is ~~going~~ ^{returning} to his home tomorrow. The Master spoke about the progress of the Cause in Persia and how all the princes and the members of the reigning dynasty are attracted to the Cause.

~~In the evening he had his supper in his own room.~~

~~Love to all~~

~~Alfred~~