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Dear Harriet!

In the Presence of Our Beloved every one must feel very happy. What pas? He is the spring from which flows the never-failing, ~~sublime~~ water of joy. His happiness is contagious. ^{his} His mouth is creative. His smile is a delight to the hearts. His peaceful countenance inspires the souls with new hope. His unshakable faith is an example to all men. His ineffable love for ~~all~~ the creatures is incomparable ~~in the history of the world~~. The sympathy of his nature, the tenderness of his heart, the whiteness of his soul, the simplicity of his life, the loftiness and immaculate purity of his ideals, the artistic appreciation of his spirit, the immensity of his patience, the divine vigor of his deeds, the majestic beauty of his words, the all-embracing attitude of his disposition, the

magnitude of his forgiveness, the incon-
 ceivable measure of his forbearance,
 and the godlike holiness of his character are
 the unmistakable evidences that the characteristics of
 the divine Humanity are now embodied
 in the visible Temple of man, preparing
 the way for the day when ~~all~~ the children
 of the human race will receive a
 larger portion from these attributes; when
 the surface of the hearts will become
 like unto clear mirrors reflecting
 therein the heavenly images of the
 Kingdom of Abba! That day will be
 the Sun of all the past days. That
 age will be the Sovereign of all ^{the bygone} ages!
 The hidden virtues of the world of
 humanity will be revealed; the Flag
 of universal Peace ~~will be unfurled~~
 the place of the Brotherhood of
~~man~~ will open wide its golden
 gates; the hosts of the Supreme
 Concourse will flood the whole

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world with the glory of the Lord, the
King of the Kingdom; the Banquet of
the Spiritual Fraternity will be
spread, around which all the nations
shall gather, singing the songs of joy,
the rose-garden of humanity will
be adorned with new multi-colored
flowers; the trees of ~~human~~^{existence}
will be clad with verdant leaves,
delicate blossoms and outstretching
branches, yielding luscious fruits
~~for~~^{during} all the seasons; the spiritual
verities will become manifest and
mankindⁱⁿ its entirety will be ~~surround~~^{surrounded}
with the moving sea of
heavenly vestments and ~~will~~ become
illuminated with the refulgent rays
of the Sun of Reality. Then there will
be no war and no contention, Peace
will reign from one end of the
world to ~~another~~^{the} and the ^{inspiring}
song of good will to all men ~~will~~
~~be~~ raised from every tongue.

2 Today we all drunk tea in the ^{presence} of the Beloved. There are nearly ~~one~~ ^{twelve} Persians who are constantly here from early morning ~~to evening~~. It is ~~usually~~ ^{usually} at ^{0.9M} 6.30 ~~am~~ when they start ~~to ring~~ ^{ringing} the bell and by 7 o'clock they are all present to be ushered into the Beloved's room. ~~Then~~ They drink tea and the Master either speaks or asks a few questions from ~~the different~~ ^{the} souls. ~~Then~~ Mirza Ali Akbar Chants most beautifully supplications from the pen of Baha-Wllah. He continues chanting till the Master tells him "Very well", meaning it is enough. Then he leaves the Persians and goes to his own room to read and answer letters. About 9 or ten o'clock a piece of bread is taken to him for his breakfast. ~~Then~~ The people start to come and he receives each unto

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that unfailing courtesy and smile which are the inherent qualities of this Master of Men. For the last few days Aga Faraj and his poems ^{have} ~~filled~~ ^{taken much} a large share of the Master's time, both in the morning and afternoon. Everyday he writes new lines, ready for the morning and the Beloved jokes with him all the time. One of the Persians wanted to buy the manuscript of his poems for ^{one hundred} ~~100~~ francs. He would not sell it for a thousand. He believes that these lines which are read to the Master will be of great value to his household so he will take them back to Fezin to be read in the Spiritual Assembly. One day he told the Master that he had already dreamed last night that he was reading his poems in a large meeting in Teheran.

Mr and Mrs Wilkins came this morning to visit the Master. They are ~~relatives of Mrs Parsons of Washington~~. They asked questions about Redemption and the Immortality of the Soul and the ~~Balance~~ ^{of souls} gave them lengthy answers which satisfied both of them. They are very intelligent and very alive to the questions of the day.

The Master said, because the French Catholics priests have taken always the side of Royalty and desired to have a Monarchy rather than a Republic. ~~Therefore~~ ^{was} the Government ~~is~~ ^{is} always suspicious of religion and has arisen to persecute them as much as possible and debarring them from all the official positions.

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If these leaders of religions did not interfere with politics, they would not have been today in such a plight.

~~The Persian~~ ^{He} spoke briefly on the tradition of prejudices and dogmas from amongst all the religions and nations and showed how each religion believed that what it had, ~~was~~ reality, while all the rest ~~are~~ ^{were} counterfeits, but the truth of the matter is ^{that} they are all holding fast to dogmas and have forgotten the reality which underlies all the religions. After the talk he called me and Mirza Hassen, a Persian who has lived in Paris for ~~15~~ ^{fifteen} yrs and loves the Master very much to go out and have a walk with him. We took a car and went towards Anteuil. Alighting ^{from} the car

at the ^{end of the line} ~~terminus~~ we walked around ⁸
the old rampart and fortification.
I enjoyed the sight very much.
The Master talked all the time
about the abuse of freedom in
Paris and jokingly beating ^{Murphy Hassan} ~~him~~
~~him~~ with his stick. The poor ^{man}
enjoyed the beating ~~very much~~
and said, it ^{was} ~~is~~ a great honor to
be beaten by ~~him~~ Abddul Baha.

58 In the afternoon The Master
sent me to call on Mirza Mehdi
Khan, the brother of the Regent
of Persia who ^{was} ~~is~~ the ^{new Regent} ~~affairs~~
Minister to America. He ^{lives} ~~lives~~
in Astoria Hotel in Champs
Elysee. I was thinking all
this time that he had left
for America but it seem
he ^{was} ~~is~~ here yet. He ~~was not~~
at his hotel, so I left a note

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\$ On my return I found two Americans
in the presence of the Beloved. They
had heard about the Cause four
years ago in Washington. They ^{were} ~~are~~
artists and for the last ^{two} ~~two~~ yrs they
have lived in Paris. They did not know
any of the Bahais here, so the hosts
sent them with Doctor Mohamud
Khan to ~~call on~~ ^{meet} Mir Sanderson.

\$ Afterward the Beloved called on
Rashid Pasha who does not live
very far from here. On his return
I was summoned to his room
to read some letters and cables
first received.

68 The question of his departure
from Paris was discussed and
he intimated that in a few
days he will depart for
Stuttgart. ^{He said that he} must get a little
stronger; ^{that he did not} have ~~not~~ the
tongue of complaint.

~~Other~~ ^{And his} ~~my~~ sickness of a few
 days ago was very serious. ~~One~~
 night ^{he} got out of ~~his~~ bed to
~~turn~~ the electric ^{light} ~~light~~; he was
 so weak that ^{he} fell on the
 floor and swooned. For a
 long time ^{he} was unconscious.
 Then when ^{he} came to ^{himself} ~~himself~~ cold
 perspirations run ~~down~~ ^{all over} ~~the~~ ^{his} ~~body~~
^{all} my body. With the greatest
 of difficulty ^{he} arose and
 reached ~~under~~ the bed. Then
^{he} went under the coverlet and
 was shaking with cold. Under
 such conditions ^{he} ~~he~~ ^{stayed}
~~stayed~~ in Pond, hoping that
 perchance the fire of the
 Love of God will be
 ignited in the hearts. ^{otherwise}
~~Otherwise~~ ^{he} ~~had~~ ^{nothing}

to do in this city; ^{if he was pursuing pleasure} after ~~20 or 30 days~~ ¹⁰
 I ^{he} could very easily go to Nice when
 the climate ^{& was} most moderate,
 and ~~urgent invitations received~~.
 I ^{he} lived for the Cause and not for
 my ^{his} health. If ^{he} I saw just
 now that ^{his} presence
^{was} needed in St. Petersburg or
 Liberia, I ^{he would} leave without
 delay; I ~~would~~ not wait one
 moment. ^{he would} I ~~would~~ not stop to
 think whether I ^{he was} ~~was~~ healthy or not.
 These considerations ^{never} ~~came~~
 came within ^{the range of his} thought.
 At nine o'clock we all
 started for the Restaurant
 Petit Durand which ^{was out} ~~is~~ far.
 The Master went in ^{an} auto
 with Mrs. Dwyer.
 Only the Persians were

invited with Mon and Madame 12
Dreyfus. There were about ^{eighteen} ~~to~~
~~persons~~ ^{guests} in all. The photographer
was there but his flashlight
did not work and so the photo
could not be taken. ^{Here go the} ~~the~~ ^{enclose}
~~the menu~~ ^(Copy menu from card) but was about
10.30 that we returned home.

Aga Faraj had written a
haem for the occasion
but it was decided to read it
tomorrow morning as the
host was quite ^{tired} ~~fatigued~~
~~and~~ ^{and wished} he ~~wanted~~ to retire as
soon as the dinner was over.

Please remember me to
all the friends of the Cause,
especially to Mr Wilhelm, Mr
Mills, Mr Kring, Mr Hutchinson,
Col. Fisk, Mr Dodge, Mr Haas
Mr Brittingham, Mr Osbourne
and all the rest. Ahmed