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Dear Harriet!

1 -

It is now nearly four months that ^{Abdul Baha} ~~the Beloved of the world~~ has left the "New world" carrying with himself the fresh Breeze of the Kingdom of Abha, diffusing everywhere the Fragrances of the Rose-garden of Reality, singing the rapturous melodies of the angelic spheres, playing divinely on the lyre of the Supreme Concourse, heralding the glad-tidings of the dawn of the sun of universal Religion, promulgating the underlying principles of the heavenly Faiths, spreading the effective Breaths of the Holy-Spirit, teaching the doctrine of spiritual brotherhood, unveiling the Beauty of the Love of God, interpreting the life of selflessness and sanctification, unfolding the path of the Knowledge of God, preparing

the highway of humanity, painting² out the exalted destiny of the children of man and expounding the lofty ideal of the solidarity of human race and the fundamental unity of all phenomena. Throughout all his private and public talks he has struck one divine note:— One people. One nation. One language. One religion. One Faith. One brotherhood. This is the age of unity and ~~the hour of~~ the drawing ^{of the nations of the earth} together. This is the century of the Manifestation of the heavenly Radianee. This is the day of God. This is the period of the Lord of Mankind. This is the Dispensation of Spiritual Love. We must forget our prejudices. We must work for the Cause of universal Peace. We must serve our fellow-men, irrespective of sect or nationality. We must practice ^{Charity} loving-kindness. We must overlook the faults of others. We must gird up the loins of endeavor and

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exert ourselves so that this dark world may become illumined, the satanic characters may become angelic and the earthly souls may be transformed into heavenly beings.

2 This morning the news of American cyclone ^{and flood} again made him sad, and I read to him the despatches giving the description of the tragic events and the appalling loss of life his face was the embodiment of divine sympathy and spiritual consolation. Then he asked Mirza Mahmud to chant the prayers of Baha Ullah in behalf of these departed ones. As he chanted the wonderful Communes of the Blessed Reflection all of us prayed from our hearts and souls for America at this hour of her misfortune and suffering! When the prayer was

finished the Beloved as though coming
from the world of light ~~to~~ said:—
Although outwardly these cataclysmal
disasters are hard to bear yet inwardly
there lies a great wisdom behind them
which will appear later. All the
visible, material events are interrelated
with invisible, spiritual forces. The
infinite phenomena of creation
are interdependent with each
other as the many links in
a chain. When certain links become
rusty they are broken by unseen
forces to be replaced by newer
and better ones. On the other hand,
there are certain colossal events
which transpire in the world of
humanity, which colossal events
are required by the nature of
the time. For example, the
requirement of winter is cold
weather, snow, storm, hail,
rain etc. We cannot call a
winter a winter unless these

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events do come to pass
~~things are made possible~~. But
the birds ~~and~~ ^{or} the animals whose
span of life is only
for six months or a year, ~~they~~
~~enjoying a short span of life~~ ~~can~~
~~do~~ not realizing the wisdom of the
winter, they chide and lament
and are discontented. They raise a howl
saying: - Why this winter? Why this
awful frost? Why this hail and storm?
Why not the balmy weather? Why not
eternal spring time? Why this injus-
tice on the part of the Creator? Why
this suffering? What have we done
to be meted out with this catastrophe?
However, those souls who have lived
many years and have had much
experiences and ~~have~~ weathered
many severe winters, they
realize that in order to enjoy

the coming spring they must have ⁶ this
cold winter. The lurd living only ^{three} 3
months does not know there is a
spring. Man alone knows that after
every hard winter, the spring with
its thousand vari-colored flowers
will bloom forth. ^{After the velocity of the gale} the soul-refreshing
breeze will waft. After the sterility
and apparent death, fertility and life
will manifest. After the hurricane
and storm, quietness and calmness
will reign. After the silence
of the lurd^s ^{in winter}, they will all break forth
into joyous songs of spring. Now
the wisdom of this American
disaster is not known ^{to many people} to ~~most~~
of this generation, because they
are too much absorbed in the
immediate sufferings and hardships
that it has brought in its train.
When the ^{blood} cyclone is ^{subside} settled down
and people shake off the ^{temporary} paralytic
gloom, which they will then

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realize that after this destruction
there is construction; after this
suffering there will be blessing;
After this death there will be
life; After this darkness there
will be light; After this loss there
will be profit; After this devastation
there will be upbuilding; After this
havoc there will be prosperity; After
this failure there will be success and
after this war of elements there
will be glorious peace and greater
civilization.

3 Mr E. W. Moore, an American, the
cousin of Doctor Moody arrived from London
on his way to Budapest and had an
interview with the Beloved. He is a
merchant in Budapest and has been
there for the last five years. He
has been interested in the movement of peace

through Doctor Moody and has become a
Bahai on account of the teaching of
universal language and universal
religion; because in Budapest alone
there is a babel of languages and religions
and people ~~are~~ always quarrelling ~~for~~ over
these petty misunderstandings. The
Master ^{told him} ~~said~~: - These ^{Bahai} teachings ~~are~~ ^{now} for
the unification of the human race,
and the freedom of man from
superstitions. ~~I~~ ^{He} hoped ~~that~~ ^{he} ~~will~~ ^{shall}
become the cause of the illumination
of the city of Budapest. ^{He saw in me more than} ~~I~~ ^{see} ~~in~~ ^{me}
~~they~~ face the light of reality and
this ^{was} ~~is~~ the sign of the purity of
~~their~~ ^{his} heart. In this day the
world of humankind ^{was} ~~is~~ very dark.
Wherefore ^{was} ~~is~~ destroying the founda-
tion of man's edifice and the
false ideas of patriotism, of man
as taught by the leaders of nations
today did more harm ^{to} ~~than~~
the body politic than anything

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He
 else. ~~you~~ must make the
 utmost effort so that this hatred
 be abolished from amongst the
 people. Gladul Baha said that he
 loves Doctor Moody very much.
 She ~~is~~ ^{was} a sincere believer, assured
 and faithful. In Teheran she ~~was~~
 very happy amongst the friends of
 God and she ~~was~~ serving the people
 and the Cause most whole-
 heartedly.

4 Mr Moore asked about the
 probable visit of the Master to
 Budapest. He did not give any
 definite answer. He ~~is~~ ^{was} not yet
 decided whether Budapest and
 Vienna will be included in ~~the~~ ^{his}
 itinerary. I gave him the address
 of one of the friends in Budapest.

and see what they can do together 16

to go and call on him on his arrival.
When the time of departure came the
Master kissed ~~his~~ two cheeks and
showed him much love.

~~The~~ Mrs Weston in whose apart.
the Master spoke a few weeks ago
was ushered into the room of the Beloved.
She was disturbed about her affairs
in America and begged ~~the~~ Master
to pray for her.

5/ Speaking about his long stay in
Paris the Master said: We are
now caught here. We do not like
to stay one day longer but so
many events have come up all
~~the~~ ^{the} time to postpone ^{our} ~~the~~ departure.
He said that ~~his~~ ^{was} ~~was~~ ^{was} not at ease here,
otherwise all the means of
physical comfort ~~are~~ ^{was} present.
The unrest of the spirit ~~is~~ ^{was} a
thousand times worse than
the unrest of the body. If
a person passed by a city or town
and inhaled the fragrances

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of the Merciful from the whole
taunts he ~~may~~^{might} stay for sometimes
there, even if it ~~is~~^{was} a small place.

Then ~~many~~ other people came to see
the ~~Beloved~~ and he received all with
gentleness, love, spiritual courtesy. About
11 o'clock ~~and~~ he went to Miss Sanderson
to look over the final arrangements
of transferring Rouhanié Kharon
to a hospital a "Maison de Santé"
where the operation will be made.
She was taken to ~~the~~ the hospital
toward the evening and immediately
the Master went to see how she
~~was~~ ^{is} situated. The operation will
be made tomorrow morning
and she may have to stay there
from ~~a~~^{two} week to three weeks.
He returned for lunch to our
place. Miss Hodgson and

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and Miss Fraser and Madame D'Este
were at the table. Mirza Jalal ~~is~~ also
will stay at this hotel during the
time that Rouhani Khann
~~will be~~ is at the "Maison de Saint".

7 In the afternoon a French poet
came to see the Master and he spoke
to him thus: - Man must spend his
talent in a cause the result of which
~~was~~ eternal. If we spend our talent
in the Cause of God its outcome
will be everlasting, but if we waste
it over worldly affairs, it is like
drawing pictures over the surface
of ~~the~~ water. For ~~an~~ example if
~~one~~ ~~we~~ write a book, it may perpetuate
~~his~~ name for a thousand or 2000
years but it will be forgotten afterwards.
But if he breathes one breath in
the path of God, it will immortalize
him throughout ages and cycles.
If he ~~writes~~ ^{composes} a poem ~~or~~ ^{or} ~~write~~
a book on the Cause of God
they will live forth eternal

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fruits. Therefore man must
~~devote~~ ^{to such} his talents ~~through~~ each
~~Channel~~ ^{spell} which ~~are~~ service to
the Kingdom of God. Consequently
Consecrate ~~his~~ ^{his} practice imagination
to the Cause of God. The end of all
these undertakings that you observe
is ruin except service to the Kingdom
of Abba. Every building that ~~you~~ ^{man}
construct will be destroyed
some day except the Palace
the Cause of God. The Palace
built by Christ is and will ever be
indestructible, likewise ^{the mansions of} his guests.
Now ^{Abiding in Abba} I desire that ~~that~~ ^{his} may
likewise lay the foundation
of such a Palace which will
stand the attack of the
accidents of all time. ^{He was} ~~He was~~ ^{sure}
that God ~~shall~~ ^{will} confirm and assist ~~the~~ ^{him}

Miss Bentham Trueman visited the Beloved and he
told her that she was good Bahá'í that in 14.
~~Miss Trueman is a good girl.~~ In reality her
heart ^{was} attracted toward God and her
whole desire ^{was} to serve the Cause
of God. The first day that ~~she~~ ^{he}
~~she~~ ^{he} observed in ~~her~~ ^{his} face the
signs of the love of God and ~~he~~
prayed in ~~her~~ ^{his} behalf. From God ~~he~~
begged for ~~her~~ ^{her} assistance and
confirmation so that in this
city of Paris ~~she~~ ^{she} may ~~become~~
a ~~fruitful~~ ^{green} tree whose fruit may
be enjoyed by all the people;
that ~~she~~ ^{she} may ~~become~~
fragrant flowers whose perfume
may be inhaled by all the nostrils;
that ~~she~~ ^{she} may ~~obtain~~
illuminated heart and a spirit
rejoiced with divine glad tidings
and that ~~she~~ ^{she} may ~~arise~~
serve the Cause of God
with the power of sanctity
and labours.

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9 After meeting a few important
 Persians and discussing with
 them the fall of Adrianople as
 prophesied by Baha Ullah fifty years
 ago Mr Cobb and a Turkish friend
 arrived. ~~Mr G~~ The Master spoke at
 length on the peculiar sect of Baktashi,
 pointing out their two distinctive
 dispositions. One being friendly ^{on} with
 all the people and religions and
 the other harboring no prejudices
 against any religion. Then he
 spoke on the uninterrupted descent
 of the Grace of God, that there
 was no suspension in his bounty
 that he has ever been the Creator
 and has always ^{sent} manifested his
 prophet.

10 Mr Cobb asked whether there

will be any clergy in the Bahai Cause?

Immediately the Beloved Said: No.
~~and continued~~ No.

In this movement there will never
 be any paid ministers, no appointed
 clergy, no bishops, no cardinals,
 no popes, no ceremonies. A clergy,
 assuming that he is ordained to his
 Ministry ~~to~~ may think that he
 knows more about God, while
 the ^{in real} humble ^{unordained} man in his congregation
^{in the street} may know more. This sacerdotal
 and theological position makes many
 clergy proud and haughty! But
 there is one thing in this Cause.
 Some people may become greater
 than the rest not through appoint-
 ment but through the purity of
 their hearts, their unselfish
 deeds, their heroic sacrifices
 and their knowledge of God. Such
 illumined souls like unto
 the kind fathers or teachers
 will guide and teach those

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less fortunate. They are the elder
brothers of the members of the
community. They do not arrogate unto
themselves any title or any position.
You will know them by their humility,
sincerity, deeds, severance, knowledge,
spirituality and attraction.

|| Another question was asked by some
one present about marriage relations
whether there will be any modifications.
~~He said that~~ There are two relations between
man and wife, one real, the
other unreal. The real relation
which is based upon spiritual
love and companionship will
ever remain the same; the
other relation which is unreal
will be done away with. The
love between man and wife must
ever be kept sacred and holy.

Marriage ^{was} is necessary. It ^{was} is a Command of God. Humanity ^{was} is continued through the practice of this law but the life in the family must be ^{every} as an art soul-elevating so that the children may breathe the uncontaminated atmosphere of ~~domesticity~~ and the love of their parent may be a great example to them.

Some one asked about divorce ~~by some~~ when there exists incompatibility of temper and complete antipathy between the man and wife, then divorce ^{was} permitted. For if they live together under such stifling conditions it ^{will be} ~~is~~ worse than hell.

12 Another person asked about the future of the science of aviation and the Master promptly answered:-

The science of aviation

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will make great progress in
the immediate future and
people will travel at ease from ^{one}
city to another ~~city~~ without any
danger. ^{Aeroplanes} ~~It~~ will become as popular
as automobiles. Just as now every
well to do ^{person} has an automobile, ~~then~~
~~they~~ ^{he} will have ^{an} aeroplane. Although
for the present it is not ^{yet} perfected
but ere long it will be within
the reach of every one to have
a ride through the air.

13 ~~Oct~~ The Beloved went out
with Doctor Mohammad Khan
to call on Ahmad Pasha ~~and~~
Mirza Lotfollah and myself
took a walk as far ^{as} the other
side of the ~~the~~ ^{cupola} Tower of Egypt.

I have been so busy that for the last ~~three~~^{few} days I have not been out of the hotel - so this half an hour walk turned me up. It is wonderful how the Spirit and the Presence of the Master keep one working for hours without feeling any fatigue.

The news of the Cause from the Orient are inspiring. ~~Many~~^{Numbers} of the letters are received from all parts of the world giving the news of the progress of the Cause and the attraction of the Souls to the Kingdom of Akbar.

Mirza Mahmud and Sayad Assadollah, Sayad Ahmad and Mirza Asfollah send their Bahai love to all the friends. Remembei me to each one of the believers.

Ahmad