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Dear Harriet.

Miss Beatrice Irwin, our new English Bahai who has been staying in Paris during ^{the last month}, has composed a lovely poem called "New year's greetings for Our Persian sisters ^{dedicated to} Now Rouz March, 21st 1913". It is as follows:—

"Beloved sisters in the rose garden of Persia,
On this, the first day of the year, we
send greetings!
Spiritual light and fragrance has
come to us from your land,
The New Moon of a new faith, floats
above the ocean of truth across whose depths
It lays a silver path,
On which our souls are thronging joyous-
ly toward you,
No longer do seas and continents divide us,
The white winged messenger of unity and
Peace has alighted in our midst,

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And we speed back that message tinged
With the dawn of our awakening,
Anointed with altar of our thanksgiving!
O sisters! in the throne-room of the Sun,
You whose beauty has cast a spell across
The centuries,

For you, as for us a new day is dawning.
At the altar of love, let us meet and
Clasp hands,

And lay therein the lamp of learning
And the rose of faith,

Interwoven as blossoms in one garland, be
Our prayers of gratitude,

For the freedom that is coming to us
Daily in fuller measure,

As we realize the inner meaning of
this divine message of Unity,
That rids us of limitations of cast,
Creed, distance and education.

This message that merges the music
of a myriad waves
Into one echo of the blessed name!

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Beloved sisters! A new moon floats
above the ocean of truth,
Oh! by the guidance of its light
Fearless may we fare forth!

~~We have made a few typewritten copies of
the same which I enclose:~~

2 Today Mirza Davaud youhouna of London,
the translator of the "mysterious forces of
civilization" arrived and immediately had
a long interview with the Beloved. He
inquired about the health of all the
friends in London. Referring to the spread
of the Cause in London he said: The enjoy-
ment of the world of humanity comes through
spiritual Bestowels and not material
luxuries. When ~~I~~^{he} was ~~there~~^{in London} I was very
happy because the people were receptive
3 and investigators of reality! The two

points about which the Master talked⁴
with the Persians under various forms in
these days ~~are~~^{were} the fall of Adrianople
and the predictions of Baha-Allah fifty
years ago as well as the fantastic and
entirely meaningless writings of Subhi-
Azal. There ~~are~~^{he reads them} extracts from the books
of Subhi Azal, now catalogued in the
British museum. They are ^{supposed to be} in Arabic
but so full of mistakes, so overflowing
with repetitions that are really ridiculous.
I wonder how the man could ever write
such rubbish. I tried to translate
one line of it and I found it impossible
because the words have no meaning at
all. A madman in an insania Asylum
speaks much more coherently and
connectingly. Mirza Dawoud is a very
intelligent, lovely Bahai, full of conviction
and sweetness. He has studied a great
deal and has served and is now
serving the Cause very efficiently in
London. The Master also loves him
very much. He is going to bring a
number of his friends to morrow
to see the Beloved.

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Being Sunday many people came to be blessed by the Master. Amongst them there was a Frenchman of unusual attainment and capacity. When he entered the room the Beloved was writing ~~something~~. He raised his noble head and welcomed the newcomer. ~~He told him that~~ just at that time ~~he said~~ ^{he} was thinking of ~~you~~ ^{him}. ~~you are~~ ^{he was} most welcomed. ~~Let him be~~ ^{he has} happy for ~~the~~ ^{he} has heard the Call of the Kingdom of Abba. This is indeed a great privilege! Its importance is not known at this time. It will become evident in the future. The Apostles of Christ attained to the greatest station in life, yet they were vilified and scorned in their days, because they were followers of the humble Nazarene and ~~they were~~ ^{they} considered as the most despised and ignorant!

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But now the brilliant lights of their
stations have flooded the whole
world with knowledge and wisdom.
Each one of the Apostles is shining
like unto a star from the horizon
of Eternal Glory. Now it has become
evident to what a glorious station
they reached in their own days!
Likewise no one can adequately
express the greatness of the station
of the friends of God in this
Dispensation. The glorious possi-
bilities of this station will become
manifest in the future. It is ^{Abdul Baha's} ~~very~~
hope that in Paris ^{the Bazaar} ~~there~~ may
become ignited like unto a candle
and arouse the people with the
Call of God - so that in reality they
may become Bahais and practice
the Teachings of Baha-Ullah. ^{He was} I was
made most happy to have seen
^{him} ~~him~~, because in ^{his} ~~their~~ face ^{he saw} ~~there~~
the light of the Lane of Baha-
Ullah! I will give ^{me} ~~the~~ a ring
^{him}

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over which the name of the
Blissed Perfection is engraved. I love
you very much. Later the greatness of
Abdul Baha's
love for you will become clear.
He expects to hear good news from you
that ~~his~~ heart is so illumined that
~~the~~ has guided many souls in
Paris.

Two other Bahais entered in his
Presence. He told them: - ~~they~~ you must become
fully informed with these Teachings.
It is ~~very~~ good to be thoroughly informed
with science or arts or literature.
Likewise ~~you~~ ^{they} must be established
in the Kingdom of God. The results
of material sciences ~~are~~ ^{are} limited.
They train only the physical man.
That is why His Holiness Christ said:
Leave thy net, come and I will

make thee the fisher of men. The results
of the divine science, the guidance
of God, the spiritual Arts are
unlimited and train the real
man ^{His} ~~My~~ spirit
communicated with ^{them} ~~you~~. It annihilates
space and time. There are some
believers in Persia with whom
~~My~~ ^{his} spirit always speaks, but ^{he} ~~I~~
~~has~~ never seen them.

6 Another friend just arrived from
London! At her entrance the Master
exclaimed! Oh! ^{She} ~~you~~ ^{was} ~~are~~ here? ^{She} ~~you~~
^{was} ~~are~~ very welcome! How ^{was} ~~are~~ ^{she} ~~you~~? How
^{were} ~~are~~ the friends in London? Did ^{she} ~~you~~
meet them? Were they happy? ^{were} ~~are~~
they spreading the Glad-tidings of
the Kingdom? ^{were} ~~are~~ their tongues
engaged in the Commemoration
of God? ^{were} ~~are~~ they full of Zeal?
Did they comfort the ^{unhappy ones} ~~fallen~~? Did
they raise the fallen? ^{were} ~~are~~

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they kind to all the people of the
world? Did they serve the Cause of
universal Peace and goodwill among
nations? Did they sympathize
with the unfortunate? ^{Were} Are they
the stars of the heaven of Baha? ^{Were} Are
they the waves of the Most Great
Sea? ^{Were} ~~Are~~ they illuminating the
dark path of ~~those~~ the travellers?
^{Were} ~~Are~~ they the bright torches of Reality?
When ^{they} ~~they~~ ^{are} returning to London
let her convey to them ^{two} ~~very~~ long and
greeting and tell them that ^{Abdul} ~~that~~
Baha loves the friends of God. for ^{they} ~~you~~
are faithful Bahais. ^{they} ~~you~~ are
firm in the Covenant; ^{they} ~~you~~ are
the sincere servants of His Kingdom.

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Bahá'ílláh! ^{They} you are calling the people
to the Kingdom of God. ^{Almighty Bahá'í} ~~can~~ ^{are} extremely
pleased with ^{them} you. ^{They} You must not
rest by day and by night! ^{They must} Strive
to illumine the hearts of the
Children of men! Awaken the Sane!
This is not the day of silence! This
is not the day of rest! Each one
of ~~you~~ ^{them} in this day must become
a crier of the Kingdom of Abhá,
a herald of the Glad-tidings of the
Supreme Concourse. Each one
must become attracted and enraptured!
God willing the Confirmations of
God shall descend upon ~~you~~ ^{them}
uninterruptedly. ~~He~~ I shall never forget
them and will ever pray for them!

7 The Beloved took his lunch
with us. He spoke few words at
the table. In the afternoon
Persians, ~~and~~ Americans and Russians

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came one after another and the
table of spiritual feast was spread,
each person ~~to~~ eating according to his
hunger. At five o'clock Sapahdor
called on the Master and a long
discussion was followed on the
subject of the fall of Adrianople and
Persian problem. ~~He said~~ ^{Abdur Baka said that} about
50 years ago a journalist wrote an
article ridiculing the Cause, saying,
this god of Acca has predicted the
fall of Adrianople, while in reality
the Forts of that city are impregnable.
Where is ~~now~~ that journalist, ^{now} to
come and see ^{how} this prophecy ~~is~~
fulfilled!

~~After that~~ The Master called
at in company with Mirza Jalal,
Doctor Mohamed Khan and Foad Ghalib.

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went to ~~see~~ call on Rouba Khanum in the
"Maison de Sante" and from there he called
on Mon. and Madame Dreyfus and arrived
at the hotel about 9.30. He took his
dinner in his own room.

8 Mirza Dawood Youhanna had brought
~~with himself~~ the copy of a Tablet to
Haji Ameen ~~when he left Paris~~ which
was revealed by Abdul Baha ~~for him~~ when
he left Paris for Persia. ~~The~~ ²⁵ original
was in the Master's own handwriting.
It is a very wonderful Tablet and I will
close ~~my letter~~ ^{this day's correspondence with it} by a translation of the
~~same~~ —

He is the Mighty, the Powerful!
O thou Ameen of the Blessed Perfection!
Praise be to God that thou hast
covered the long distance and become
my companion and associate in
London and Paris. Many a night and
day we spoke together and com-
mended the mention of His Highness
the Friend and the remembrance
of the believers of God. The praises

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of the beloved ones were constantly upon our tongues and conducive to the joy and ^{the} fragrance of this Exiled one over mountains and plains and the Wanderer and Traveller over the lands and seas. Praise be to God that all the friends are the fragrant, laughing hundred-petalled roses in the garden of the Love of God and they are the hyacinths and anemones along the stream of Reality. Like unto the unshakable mountains and victorious, unfurled Banners they are firm and steadfast in the Cause of God.

O thou Armeen! Thou beholdest that I have neither time nor any opportunity for writing. Thou must

beg pardon on my behalf from the friends of God; for in this journey correspondence was impossible and I was excused from writing letters to anyone. God willing, after the arrival in the Holy-Land this broken thread will be resumed and the past will be amended!

O thou Arreen! Praise be to God that thou wert assisted to mention the good names of all the friends and the ~~friends~~ maid-servants of the Merciful. All that thou hast said was right and in accord with facts. Truly I say, the believers of Persia are self-sacrificing in the path of God and each one of them is shining and scintillating like unto the luminous lamp. In the path of God they have accepted every hardship and gladly embraced

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every suffering, ~~and~~ ^{they} drinking
 the bitter cup with thanks giving
 Now they were ~~in~~ thrown in the
 prison under the chains and
 anon ~~they~~ ^{They} were threatened with
 death beneath the sharp sword.
 A number while dancing hastened
 toward the arena of martyrdom
 and unfurled their banners
 upon the altar of Love. Their
 houses were pillaged, rapined
 and devastated. These souls are
 peerless in the world of existence
 and these people are the sincere
 servants of the Blessed Perfection.
 Now convey infinite longing on
 my behalf to all the friends of God
 and advise them that this is
 the time of spreading the

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Cause of God. They must consider how Abdul Baha, although ~~weak~~ bodily ~~weak~~ and infirm yet he is travelling over mountains and deserts. He does not rest one moment neither does he seek one second of tranquillity by day and by night. In every gathering he raises his voice and in every meeting ~~the~~ ^{he} cries out 'ya Baha - El Ahba'. The friends of God must show an effort, ~~to~~ ^{scatter} themselves in all directions and be engaged by day and by night in the guidance of the people; so that this world may become the paradise of Ahba and the light of the most great guidance be ignited in the most transparent lamp. For the Orient is the dawning place

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of the Sun of Reality and
the planting-ground of
the Blessed Tree!
Upon thee be Baha Q
Ahha
(Sip) Abdul Baha Ahha