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Dear Harriet!

This was a day ~~very much~~ similar to the busy days of the Master in America; through the air of Stuttgart we inhaled a scent of spiritual activity, even in the early morning. Of course everybody was up before six and Sayad Assadullah was preparing the Beloveds' tea over his small alcohol stove. I was in the Master's room waiting his Commands. Letters and telegrams arriving from Budapest urging the ~~Master~~ Him to go there, but no definite decision [has been reached] yet. The Beloved dictated telegraphic messages to various parts. He walked from to the other end of his unusually large room ~~one end of the room to another~~, his room being unusually large

For breakfast he ordered a glass of
milk. At half-past eight the believers
started to come. Everyone carried a
bouquet of flowers in his or her
hand. Mr Serrigel, a Doctor Fisher
or Mr Ekstein or Miss Knoblock
translation of this book would
translate my English into German.
a number
Some of the friends, however, spoke
English. Love and sincerity are
the two supreme characteristics
that I have observed in these people
Streaming in
Coming from 8.30 am to 1 pm. Many
of them were weeping with joy
and kissing the hands of the
Beloved or the hem of his
garment. What heart-thrilling
Many a touching
scenes were witnessed all
morning! The Beloved also
face
unveiled the [illegible] of his
in a manner not witnessed before to
love and affection all
those who had the privilege

of visiting him this morning.
Afterwards he said: He inhales the
fragrance of humanity in this
city. One cannot properly know
the depth of his sweet and heavenly
love for his own children. And
order to let you have a peep at the
room No 150 and what was being
said and done I will quote a few remarks
of this Master. Some one asked his
health and expressed the heavenly
joy of having Abdul Baha in our
midst. He said that although they were not worthy of it he was enjoying
eternal, spiritual health. It is a
health, which is never followed
by any sickness. There was no doubt
that the servants are very worthy because
God has sent him here so that
He may summon the people to

the Kingdom of Abba. This was a
blessed day because he was associated
with (the German Baha'i) This was the cause of
his joy. The greatest happiness for
man was to behold the faces
of the friends of God. How sweet
it was to converse with the believers.
Praise be to God that this has
made possible. Hope that
great result will be the
outcome of these meetings,
the rays of the Sun of Reality
may shine forth upon the Kingdom
of God be established.
Just as this moment the
East and the west more
gathered together in this
room, exercising toward
each other the utmost of
kindness. This was through
the power of the Love of God

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otherwise it would have been impossible

To another group of visitors he said:
"This was a good act. It was very
delightfully situated. It was a
worthy place to receive the
Vineyards of the Kingdom and
like Vines trees which are covered
with foliage blossoms and
fruit, the Virgin also
be revealed adored with heavenly
Virtues. He then spoke that lady
one of them may become
a heavenly gardener. So
that they may pour
pure seeds in the prepared
soils and the
varigated flowers may
grow therein!"
The visitors hoped that they

he accomplished through the assistance
of Baha'u'llah and Abdul Baha.
5 Another group of ~~friends~~ Bahais entered
and the Beloved welcoming them
said:— "As soon as he had the
a number of ~~souls~~ have embraced
this Cause in Stuttgart. She
became infinitely happy! ~~I saw to~~ He told
the friends at that time that
the circle of this Effulgence
will widen and widen in this
city. Because the Spiritual ~~was~~
the people ~~are~~ were receiving, therefore
the seeds of the Love of God
shall grow into mighty trees
b ~~The~~ Three friends came in
with flowers in their hands
and the tears of joy in their
Eyes:— He said ~~that~~ these flowers "~~I saw~~
~~came~~ were the harbingers of Spring!
I/He was
I saw very happy ~~to~~

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he
because I have come to Stuttgart
while nature was so welcoming the
spring. Although this is the
beginning of the material of spring
may the beauty of the surroundings
Stuttgart gets lost in
another delegation
7 So after words he said:- "I have
come to pay them a visit. I hope
You will pay back this visit
when I return to Baska. You he
I had travelled more than
20.000 miles to reach here, but
They will not have to cover
so much distance! This was
rather than
a proof of their interest
towards us. Thus Miss Klumbeck came
and the Masters arose from their
seat and greeted her most
warmly:- Oh! Miss Kumbeck,

Oh! Miss Knubloch, She was very welcome! Very welcome She was to me. Her love for the was very much! My heart was attached to her. Our really the was the bread of life. Her heart was pure and attached otherwise she could not serve the Cause so well. Her sacrifice in the Cause Confirmed her in the service of the Cause. She will be in America she always remembered her. She was. I never forgot her. She was glad of attached to Seven Friends in the Cause who are selfless. Let Thank the Lord that She the Lord allowed to such a bounty! Dad willing the day heart will become more illumined day unto day. He will ever pray for her and

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all the German believers - so that the
conversations of God may decrease
upon them. Life
Love always the
Cause of God. If you she taught
soul in a ~~place~~ city and he was being
attacked ~~by the~~ one after one
Jew he would make Sabbath
& And do it more and more. I can
write many pages but there is
no time. Doctor Lieber took
two actors to meet the Swedish
They had lived ~~in the~~ part of
il Salonika and one of them
spoke Turkish. The Beloved
spoke talked with them on the
subject which are perplexed in the
name of religion. They were
very much impressed. One
of them asked about Christ

and its influences upon the
publics. The Master said: The
plays should endeavors to
elevate the ideals of humanity and not
degrade them. The theatre is like
unto a school and the players
must ever think how to please
educate his audience through
the characterizations of
noble ideals and personalities
The actors must embody
in their altered words and
deeds, while upon the
stage, the noblest emotions,
the highest motives, the
most delicate art, the
tenderest feelings and the
most attractive appearances
The Chief aim of the theatre
should become the spiritualization
of humanity

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10 Throughout all the interviews that the Master gave this morning a new reluctance in/ and an added Could feel, his power & majesty. to his station

Many of the friends came with their children and the Master embraced them, kissed them, made them sit on his lap or stand on both sides of him, caressing them and gently laying his blessed hands upon their faces and hair.

11 He had his lunch In his own room and we had ours

At 3 o'clock Mr Herfel arrived with an automobile to take the Master for a ride. We drove through the hills and valleys all clad in their spring garments

For ~~a~~ long time they drove
and ~~they~~ we reached the Royal
Park. Here the Master alighted
and walked through the Park. He
entered from one gate and the
automobile was going to meet
him at the other gate. He
walked through the Spacious
avenue, Hekmieker wondering
looking at him, not knowing
who he was. His glances met.
He sat in the middle of
his walk on a bench and
Jan Heriyel put a sign on
it so that the friends may
come and visit the place
afterwards. The Belgian called
the gardener who was working
nearby and gave him a few
Francs. The man was surpri-
and astonished and stared

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to thank profusely. Mr Herrigel immediately took out of his pocket book and gave them Bahay German booklets and [illegible] he told him "it is the friend of all the poor and laboring classes. He is your friend too." The gardener was touched very much. Returning home Mr Herrigel was all the time pointing out to us the interesting buildings, both public and private, the palace of the King, the new museum, the new hospital, the new large royal theatre etc etc. We arrived at his residence at about five o'clock. At first the Master rested in the bed room for half an hour, while the friends were gathered

for the meeting. Four large
rooms thrown to one another open were filled
with the friends people, their faces ~~of all~~
full of joyful expectation.
It is impossible to describe
the enthusiasm the German believers.
Prayerful words optimism and
felicity when the Beloved came
into the crowded rooms they
all arose and many eyes were
wept. (continued) & Mr Weigel said:
"We the German believers
shall never forget this day
It will be remembered!
Thanksgiving all our lives.
This the day of great
Rejoicing for all Germany
May God be all worthy of
this heavenly Bestowel!
We welcome Abdul Baha

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In our midst with a heart overflowing with joy." Then the Beloved with the Light of Great happiness in his eyes said: "Praise be to God that I have come to Stuttgart and the meeting with the friends in this blessed house! Praise be to God that their faces are illumined with the rays of the Love of God, their hearts are attracted to the Kingdom of Abha! Because I have heard the Call of God, I am living in the Glorious Day of the Lord of Hosts; I am witnessing the wonderful dawn of the New Reality whose rays have cast their

splendors and reflections upon
the mirrors of your hearts.
Your Souls are illumined
Your Spirits are assured
your consciences are stirred
with the glad-tidings of
God.
Therefore let them strive that they
may become radiant through
the lights of Baha'u'llah — (there
he rose from his seat, took
the child, he led in his lap
while he was speaking
and then walked around shaking
hands with the friends, each
one, even the little girls and
boys reverently kissing
them) May each one of you
become like a bright candle.
Perchance through your efforts
these darknesses may

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the dispelled (now he was in the
other room gently passing lights
one or two, like a fragrance
and the lights of the house
God may enlighten the dark
and the lives. This hatred and
enmity may be changed into
joy and fragrance; these
foul clouds may disappear
(Now he kneels a child with
offers) his a bouquet of
flowers) and joy and fragrance
be attained, this world may
become another world,
Eternal life may be made
possible and the Breath
of the Holy Spirits may
surround all.
This Reborn with an armful
of flowers, roses, carnations

violets, tulips he
into the private room
leaving behind only the fragrance. That
material flowers but
a perfume of the spiritual
flowers of the Rose Garden
of Allah. Many of the Believers
who had arrived late and
did not hear the Master
talk were taken into his
room and while reclining
on bed he spoke to them.
There were professors, Sculptors
Artists, Musicians, etc,
each one asking questions
and receiving answers to
satisfy their minds. Then
an automobile was
brought and Bahai
men and Ian Kenrad, the Tudor

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another half an hour ride.
13 Whilst the automobile was
speeding along he said: You must
thank God that at this hour
you are sitting in this car
instead of the Center of
the Caucasus. The importance
of this event cannot be fully
appreciated at this time. It
will become known in the future.
8 Looking over the hills which were
covered with blooming trees,
he said: "Man not acquainted
with botany cannot know what kind of fruits
these trees will yield at
the time of fruitage but a
skilful gardener does
know. Therefore with this day
there should have

spiritual perception are capable
to appreciate the importance
of this event.
14 Arriving at the hotel the
Master rested for awhile
and then the large and magnificent
~~obligato~~ of Consul LeClercq who
called on the Belous Atlantic
morning [illegible] his wife
and daughter came to take
him to the second meeting
in Dr Henri Jeli's home Consul Schwartz
has offered his automobile to the
Master to use it at his discretion
First we had a ride through
the city and then hills over looking
the city. It was the most
beautiful sight that I have
ever seen! It looked like
a heaven upon earth.
Thousands and tens of thousands

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electric lights illumined the encircling hills, the valley and the distant town. The Master looking at the wonderful panorama of scintillating lights and dazzling illumination said: How really beautiful would it have been if the people were as bright as these lights. Baba always loved to have many lights in the evening. In the darkness of the world he has ignited many thousand lights. He has studded the heaven of his Cause with so many stars! May they ever shine and gleam!

We reached at Mr Weigel's home. Although it was raining, a large group from

outside
friends had waited for
them help an hour to be the first ones
him. The Beloved Master
into their beaming faces
said:- How attracted and
enlivened are the German
Babes! How much full of
love they are! Love does not
need a teacher.
Walking ahead of this large
group and I was surprised
to see so many people. I am sure
there were more than 200
and yet half of the friends
are not notified about
the Beloved's arrival.
What a flocking, enthusiastic
beaming faces! The Master then
entered the house and all arose. He bade
them be seated and called
one of the little children

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To this side and then continued to speak:-
"This is a very blessed night!" for the
meeting of souls who
are believers in God; souls who
have turned their faces toward
the Kingdom of Allah; souls in
whose faces one witnesses the
rays of the Sun of Reality;
souls who are of the chosen
ones and not of those who are
called. Then the Beloved
gave a brilliant address
on the prophecies of the Holy
Book in regard to the Coming
of the Promised One, and
the Gospel and the prophecies
of the old Testaments. His
last word was: Tonight I feel
very happy to find myself in
this gathering.

There were so many people

that some of them in the other rooms were standing on their chairs in order to get a glimpse of the Master as he walked to and fro. Amongst those who were present was Miss Pollock who had travelled from Settia, a distance of 10 hours to see the Master. She is the sister of Miss Asbaugh Allen of Washington D.C. One of our Belief in Stuttgart is a backslider. With the hope that the Master will visit this city he has prepared a most precious book with the Price Map and Cover and prepared that the history of the Cause in Germany may be written in it. His hope was that when the Master Come

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~~To-day~~ he may write on the
~~first page~~ and then Dr Kerigel
~~the beginning~~ of the history. Just
was not that a very wonderful
thought on this point?
16 at ten ~~o'clock~~ P.M dinner was
served at Inn and Mrs Kerigel
and the Master spoke about
the prophecies of Bahaullah
which were fulfilled today as well
as the sermons who have
built a large colony on Mount
Carmel. These sermons were honest
seekers of truth
seeker ~~people~~ and according to their
calculation, Christ was going to
descend from heaven on Mount
Carmel, so they migrated ~~there~~
Holland
~~from~~ ~~to~~ and laid the foundation
of the present Colony. It was very

significant that in that very
year that they arrived on Mount
Carmel Baha-Ullah also
arrived — thus fulfilling the
prophecies.

17 After dinner the Beloved
shook hands with all those who
were present at the table and
in the Consul Schwarz he
was driven back to the Hotel.

Thus the first day in January
came to an end with the greatest
of happiness. The Beloved was
most pleased to see so many
children of the Kingdom, all
united with one thought and
accord serving the cause and
letting the light of revelation
shine forth.

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