

HOTEL MARQUARDT
STUTT GART

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Dear Harriet!

Wherever the Beloved goes he carries with himself the spirit of life. His presence creates spiritual atmosphere; His words confer assurance; His teachings elevate the thought. His voice draws one near unto God. His love teaches us to love mankind. His tenderness makes us affectionate to all humanity. In him we find all-life and all-light combined. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the ending. Whether in Germany or in France, America or England, Egypt or Syria he is the King of Kings. The German people love and honor him with the same sincerity and loyalty as the people of ~~another~~ ^{these} nations. His throne is in the Palace of universal brotherhood and all the tribes and ~~peoples~~ ^{naes} of the earth are welcome to his audience -

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hall. The most civilized man of the West whose mind is a treasure-house of knowledge and wisdom and the simplest ^{illiterate} man from the steppes of Russia or the ignorant Arab from the Sahara of Africa find the Beloved ~~on~~ Elder Brother and one in whom the spirit of God dwells. His heavenly spirit has broken the barriers of language and nationality. All the people are humble before him just because he considers himself the humblest. Day ~~into~~ ^{by} day I marvel at his wonderful power of attraction. His unifying spirit is the most stupendous fact of the present century. ~~What relation~~ ^{any relation exists} between the Germans and the Persians? Yet ~~he alone~~ ^{Abdul Baha} is able to ~~let~~ ^{make} the two forget their different customs and show toward each a love and fellowship which are the standing miracles of this age. There are certain inner ^{experiences} that we have to go through before we can get the adequate insight into the marvellous powers of the Master.

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This morning the sun shone forth gloriously upon Stuttgart to welcome the godlike Guest who looks out of ^{the} window watching the ~~crowds~~ of Germans going to their work. The Germans generally speaking are strong in physique, vigorous in ^{their} mental activity, industrial in their practical lives, earnest in their pursuits, devoted ^{to} love and substantial in every way. They are a noble race. Their love for this Cause is indescribable, their respect for the Master is unimaginable, their firmness in the Covenant is unquestioned. In three days we have grown to love them as our ^{own} kith and kin. I could never dream that the Cause had taken such a firm hold of the German mind and heart. Really it is nothing short than a miracle!

3 Before nine o'clock the friends started to come. I may say there were

many "meetings" ^{instead of "interviews" from 9 to 11 o'clock} ~~induring the 4 hours.~~
Every ^{few minutes} ~~time~~ the room was filled, the Beloved
delivered an ~~address~~ ^{emphatic} address and then ~~to other~~
~~other delegations~~ ^{addressed}. Among the ~~first arrivals~~ ^{first arrivals}
~~and others~~. Before everyone ~~came~~ Miss
Knobloch, Miss Kostlin, Miss Doring and
many others ~~came~~. The Master spoke about
the last night meeting: ~~I~~ ^{He} was very happy
last night. ~~I~~ ^{He} saw that in ~~your~~ ^{their} midst
the fire of the love of God ~~is~~ ^{was} ~~enkindled~~.
Last night one beheld in that meeting
the breaths of the Holy Spirit and the
confirmations of the Kingdom of Abba!
This influence of that meeting will be
felt throughout all Germany, because
the effulgence of the Sun of Reality was
cast upon it. It was a very radiant
meeting; ~~all~~ the hearts were turned
toward the Kingdom of Abba, the
eyes were looking ~~upward~~ ^{forward} the Supreme
horizon, the spirits were rejoiced
with the glad tidings of God. In
that meeting there was baptism
with the Spirit and fire. ~~I~~ ^{He} hope
it may yield great results.

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and the light of love may radiate
from that meeting to all the regions
of the world.

4 To another group:-

"Today God has conferred upon ~~you~~^{them} a new
Confirmation and a new power. ~~I~~^{testify}
that ~~your~~^{their} hearts ~~are~~^{were} pure, ~~you~~^{that they} had no other
aim except the good-pleasure of the
Lord. ~~You~~^{They were} are the servants of the owners
of the world of humanity. ~~You~~^{They were} are
kind to all the religions. ~~You~~^{They were} love all
the people. ~~You~~^{Then} longing ~~is~~^{was} for the
realization of ~~the~~ public weal. Their
intentions on ~~your~~^{their} part shall ~~carry~~^{lead} ~~you~~^{to}
to the highest destination. As he was
surrounded by several lovely German
children, one of them lying her head on
his breast, he spoke on ~~the~~ education
of ~~the children~~ and how they must
teach ~~them~~^{children} English so that they may
be able to correspond with American
Bahais and ~~they~~ may travel to each
other's countries.

5 One asked whether Christ ever travelled to India to study Indian philosophy. He laughed :- No! Christ did not go to India. He did not need ~~the~~ the Indian philosophy. Then he spoke at length about the ^{Covenant} ~~Covenant~~. Through the power of the Covenant ~~they~~ ^{we} can withstand the attack of all those who are on ^{the} earth. The victorious Army of the Covenant ~~was~~ ^{is} waiting on the field of the Supreme Concourse to assist all those who ~~are~~ ^{were} firm and steadfast and crown them with the diadem of triumph.

6 Others come in and the voice of the Master was raised ^{again} in praise of last night meeting :- It was a divine gathering! All of those who were present enjoyed it. It was a Bahai meeting. There were the susceptibilities of the Kingdom. There ~~was~~ ^{one interested} the Love of God. I hoped that many such meetings will be organized here in the future. To ~~another~~ lady he said :- One year

of real Bahai life is equal to a thousand years. If a man lives 1000 yrs he ~~shall~~ ^{may} not attain to eternal life but if he lives one day according to the precepts of Baha Ullah he shall obtain Everlasting Existence. One of your days is better than a thousand years of others. For the doors of the Kingdom are opened before your faces; the light of reality is shining upon you; the eyes of your perception are unstopped. you are informed with the realities of all phenomena; you are acquainted with the mysteries of the Kingdom of God...

7 ~~Then~~ ^{and he said:} The room was again filled with newcomers. ^{Arrose} ~~came~~ ^{and} ~~go~~ ^{depart} this morning, each of them ^{one of them} like a fragrant, fresh, imperishable rose; each one ^{was} like unto a brilliant lamp and a shining star. In their faces ^{he} beheld the effulgence of the Love of His Holiness Baha

Allah. Happy ~~are you~~ ^{were they}! Happy ~~are you~~ ^{were they} to
attain to such a Rest ~~and~~ ...
This is the Day of ^{the} Lord. The birds of
bygone ages who were caught by the gale
and wind of autumn longed for this
delightful spring. The flowers which
were thirsty in those days were ~~longing~~ ^{waiting}
for the downpour of this rain from
the clouds of Providence. They were
thirsty for the water of life and hungry
for the food which is ^{now} descending
~~from~~ from heaven. Praise be to God
that ~~you~~ ^{they} have attained thereto.
~~Then~~ Two ~~long~~ talks were given on
Marriage and the education of the
children, each one containing many
wise opinions and directions.
8 A painter who has made a pencil
sketch from ^{Alfred Baker's} ~~the~~ photograph ^{taken in} of Paris
brought ^{him} a few copies for the Beloved.
The Master praised his work and
said: - Can ~~you~~ ^{he} paint upon the page

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of the world the ideal pictures of the
Supreme ~~Common~~ Concourse? The
pictures which are in the ideal world
are eternal. ~~I~~ ^{My} desire ~~you~~ ^{him} to become such
an Artist. Man can paint those ideal
pictures upon the ~~page~~ Tablet of existence
with the brush of deeds. The holy
divine Manifestations are ~~all~~ ^{heavenly}
Artists. Upon the Canvas of Creation
with the brush of their deeds, ~~their~~
and actions, they ^{have} painted immortal
pictures which ~~cannot~~ ^{could not} be found in any
Art Museum of Europe and America but
^{he could} ~~you~~ find ^{these divine} ~~these~~ masterpieces of these
Spiritual Artists in the ^{galleries of} hearts.

9 ~~The~~ Miss Pollock came. Several ~~others~~
were present. The Master asked ^{what}
news she had from her sister
Allen in Wash? She sends her ^{most} ~~love~~

to Abdul Baha and ~~she sent me a~~
 lock of Roushan's hair to me.

"Did she send you also a fragrance
 from Talschan?" the Master answered.

(This was a play on word. Talschan means
 "rose-garden" and is the name ^{by the Beloved} given to the
 second child of Mrs Allen ~~by the Beloved~~.)

The Master said ^{that} Mrs Allen ~~was~~ serving
 the Cause. ^{that} She ~~was~~ very attracted and

enthusiastic. Miss Fallock asked,
 what ^{could} ~~can~~ she ~~say~~ say when people asked

^{her} ~~me~~; ~~Whom~~ did you go to see? ^{He said} ~~He said~~

then I went to see Abdul Baha, the

Spreader of the religion of Baha-Ul-Lah,

the Standard-bearer of universal

Peace, the Crier ^{to} of the Kingdom of

God, the Servant of God and the

servant of humanity. ^{groups arrived} Many, many more people came
 and the Beloved talked and talked.

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It was as though the sea of his utterances
was set in motion. ~~One~~ ^{Within one} hour ~~afternoon~~
Mr Herrigel and Mr Ekstein who were
assisting ^{me} in translation left the hotel
exhausted and at the same time delighted
to see the results of the Cause. ~~Then~~
The Master had his lunch and he told
us of a dream he had ^{last} night: ~~I~~ ^{He} dreamed
~~he~~ ^{she} was in Tiberias. Along the shore
~~she~~ ^{he} was living alone in a small cottage
which was built with mud bricks
but ~~she~~ ^{he} was most happy and ~~surrounded~~ ^{surrounded}
with a spiritual atmosphere indescri-
bable in its beauty and calmness. There
was Esmael aga with ~~him~~ ^{him} too. As
~~Abdul Kader~~ ^{Abdul Kader} talked with him, he was silent. Then
~~she~~ ^{he} told Esmael aga that
cottage ~~was~~ ^{was} really that small, humble
cottage ~~is~~ ^{was} more beautiful and
exquisite than the palace of the
King. ~~Abdul Kader~~ ^{Abdul Kader} answered, in reality it is so,
it is so.

At 3 o'clock Consul ~~Stutz~~ Schwaib
 came to the hotel with his ~~automobile~~
 and took the Master for a ride.
 He drove us through most beautiful
 country, ~~the~~ valleys covered with
 the blossoming trees, ~~the~~ forests of
 pines and the prairies carpeted with
 wild violets and flowers. We ~~could~~
 inhale their sweet odor bringing to us
 the messages of spring. We drove
 as far as "Schloss Solitude" a
 wonderful palace built 200 yrs ago
 by one of the Kings of Wurttemberg.
 The palace is now empty and ^{open to} the tourists
~~can walk through it~~. Napoleon lived
 in it for more than 2 weeks as he was
 in friendly relation with the then
 King of Wurttemberg. He was there before his Russian
 Campaign and had in ~~his~~ ^{his} Russo-Grand
 Army nearly 30,000 of the men

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of this King; but only 800 returned. It
 was also this King who persecuted Schiller
 the great poet and he had to fly by night
 from Stuttgart. The Master walked
 through the whole palace, was greatly
 interested in ~~some~~ all the historical events
 connected with ~~the palace~~ ^{it}, especially
 the room in which Napoleon ~~had~~ ^{had} slept.
 When he came out of the palace many
 children were gathered there from a
 nearby village and he gave to each one
 a mark. I enclose a few photographs
~~postal cards~~ of the palace. Sayas
 Ahmed Begeroff wrote on ~~the~~
~~wall~~ the day of the Master's visit
 to the palace on the wall, facing the
 Grand Stair Case. The palace ^{was} built
 on a hill and overlooked a wonderful
 valley for miles and miles ~~the~~.
 The panorama ~~was~~ most unique.

On our return the Master spoke about the future of Stuttgart, that it will progress extraordinarily because the Call of the Kingdom of Alpha ^{was} first raised here in Germany. He was very loving to Consul Schwab. He held his hands all the time, kissing him and calling him: "my son, my son I love you very much!" The ^{car} ~~automobile~~ brought us to 3 Alexanderstrasse, the home of the Consul. At the threshold the Master kissed his both cheeks, ~~and~~ his wife, his daughter and two sons were waiting at the door to greet the Master. ~~All of them~~ ^{only} kissed his hands and with the greatest joy they took him to ^a ~~the~~ room to rest ~~a little~~ before the meeting. The Minister of the Church of the King will be present at the meeting. After a few minutes the Beloved

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entered the large parlor. Prominent
men and women of Stuttgart ^{were} ~~are~~
present. Ruseel Schurz has his own
special stenographer to take down
the address. As Mirza Mahmud was
not ~~there~~ ^{here} of course its Persian could
not be preserved. The Master delivered
a wonderful ~~address~~ ^{talk} on the fundamental
unity of religions, the oneness of the world
of humanity and toward the end he made
a dramatic appeal that this century is
the century of brotherhood, this day is
the day of love, this period is the
period of conciliation.

After the meeting, tea and refreshments
were served and the Minister of the
King who speaks English fluently
had a private interview with the
Beloved. The Master, then retired
to the bed room and from ^{the} window

he watched the whole valley suddenly
 illumined by thousands of electric lights.
 It was a magical transformation of
 darkness into light. ~~At~~ At eight
 o'clock we were taken to ~~the public~~
 hall where the first public meeting
~~was going to be held~~ ^{was to} be held. As we entered
 the place, there was no room to move.
 Hundreds, probably ~~500~~ ^{five or six} hundred
 Bahais and friends were gathered. With
 much difficulty the ~~way~~ ^{a lane was} ~~was opened~~
 for the Master to ~~go~~ ^{ascend} to the platform.
 All arose from their seats. Mr
 Herrigel introduced the ~~Master~~ ^{him} but I
~~am sorry I could not understand~~
~~his German~~. Then the Master spoke
 I translated ^{his words} into English, Mr Ekstein
 translated ^{my English} into German. It was a
 very interesting scene! When Mr
 Ekstein could not remember

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the exact word in German, dozens of ^{voices}
~~would~~ ^{were} be raised from different corners,
giving him the English word; showing that
there were quite a considerable number
who could understand English. Here are
the opening remarks of the Master:-
"I ^{he} ~~have~~ ^{has} come to ~~you~~ ^{them} from a very distant
land. I ^{he} ~~have~~ ^{has} travelled back and forth
more than 20,000 miles to reach to
Germany. I ^{he} ~~have~~ ^{has} been in prison for 40
years. Young ^{he} ~~he~~ ^{he} entered the prison; ^{he} ~~he~~ ^{he} came
out as I ^{he} ~~stand~~ ^{stood} before ^{them} ~~you~~. Notwithstanding
the vicissitudes of prison life and the
weakness of the body I ^{he} ~~have~~ ^{has} accepted
the hardships and inconveniences of
travelling, covering such long distances
to come here and behold ^{them} ~~you~~
illuminated faces. My ^{his} ~~my~~ ^{was} aim ~~is~~ ^{was} that
perchance the world of humanity

~~the world of humanity~~ may be illumined.
 Praise be to God

that the Radiant Century hath come. Praise
 be God ^{that} the spiritual springtime hath
 pitched its tent. Praise be God this is
 the age of the discovery of the realities
 of things. ^{Verily} Verily ~~to God~~ ^{unto}. This
 age is the age of lights. This age
 is the age of sciences! This age is
 the age of the appearance of Truth.
 This age is the age of the extension
 of the sphere of thought! This age
 is the greatest divine Age! This
 age is the age of Everlasting Life!
 This ~~is~~ age is the age of the
 Breaths of the Holy Spirit!
 This age is the age of the ^{bringing}
 forth of all the hidden virtues
 of the world of humanity!

Then his thoughts flew toward the spiritual realm and brilliant pearls of wisdom, he displayed on the benefits of divine civilization. ~~Then~~ ^{Then} he desired to offer a prayer at the Threshold of the Almighty in ~~your~~ ^{their} behalf:—

O Thou Kind God! This congregation are the sheep of Thy flock and Thou art the real Shepherd! These souls are Thy children and Thou art the loving Father! O God! Envelope them with the Glances of Thy Mercifulness! Open before their faces the doors of Thy Guidance! O God! descend upon them Thy heavenly Confirmation! Make their eyes seeing, ^{and} their ears hearing! Quicken their hearts and gladden their spirits! May all

us of ~~the~~ take a portion and a share from
the Sea of Thy Providence! May each
of us be sheltered beneath the
Tabernacle of Thy Protection! O
God! We are poor, unlock ^{before} ~~for~~ us
the doors of the Treasures of Thy
Kingdom! O God! We are humble
children in Thy Realm! O God!
Establish affiliation between
the hearts and attract the spirits
to each other - so that all humanity
may enter beneath the all-
inclusive Tent of the Oneness of
the world of humanity! May
wars and rumors of wars be
entirely forgotten! May mankind
attain to the highest summit
of felicity! O God! Answer
our prayer! Verily Thou art

the Kind! The Giver! The Generous!
and the Bounteous!

After the meeting there were so many people who wanted to shake the hands ^{with} of the Master that it was impossible to move ^{around} ~~any way~~. Every body rushed ^{forward} to kiss his hands, yet in all their movements there was dignity and respect. As the Master came out they ~~all~~ filed like a regiment of soldiers and ~~the Beloved~~ shook hands with almost every one. Outside around the ^{car} ~~automobile~~ of the Beloved ~~all~~ of them were ^{again} gathered ^{together} and as he entered it, there were hundreds of hands with hats and handkerchiefs waving farewell to the Beloved of their hearts!

17 We were again driven back to the
 house of Consul Schwart for dinner.
 At the table there was a ^{physician} doctor
 who was quite corpulent. The Master
 joked with him: - ~~you~~ ^{he} do not need
 to say that ~~you~~ ^{he} was a ~~doctor~~ ^{physician}. ~~you~~ ^{he} look
 it! If anyone doubts ~~your~~ ^{his}
 efficiency in keeping the body whole
 tell him, look at me! Several
 courses were served, and at half past
 eleven we were back again to the
 hotel. The Master prayed before
 leaving Consul Schwart's house that
 divine blessings may descend
 upon him and his family. They
 are really wonderful Bohemians, ^{Swiss}
 and devoted to the Cause.

Love to all

Alma