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Dear Harriet!

The Bahai Cause is firmly established in Germany. No power on earth can even uproot it. It has attracted unto itself some of the best elements of this country. In Stuttgart we have many Bahais who are very prominent even from a intellectual standpoint. What I admire about them — men, women, children alike — is their deep earnestness and faithfulness in the Cause. They appreciate the value of the Teachings and unitedly they have arisen to promote them. They have done and are doing a great deal of translation and although the Cause is very young here, yet they have already a good Library on Bahai literature. The Master is most pleased and very happy over

the condition of the Cause ~~here in Germany~~
and has often remarked that the
Movement will be promulgated
far and wide ~~in this country~~. As this
morning a group of the friends gathered
around him, while closing his eyes as
though looking into the future, he said:—
At this time it ~~was~~ not known what
a bounty ~~has been~~ destined for Stuttgart. It
will be become evident in the future.
When the rain pours, the sun shines
and the Zephyrs blow, the bounty hid-
den in each is not known, but when
the prairies become verdant and trees
green, then everyone will see the
result! When the divine ~~Husbandman~~
comes along and scatters the seed,
nothing is visible except the bleak
soil, but when the harvest is
gathered, the success will be evident.
Similarly the Grace of God

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which has surrounded Stuttgart cannot be seen now, but ere long every eye shall witness the results! Last night I prayed for the people, the city and the government of Stuttgart, I begged of God divine Blessing. In reality Wurtemberg was an excellent country, its people were very progressive and its government fair, therefore I asked heavenly Confirmation for them. So that the Favor and Grace of God and the Supreme Bestowels of the Merciful may encircle them. Like 3 years ago the Germans arrived from Stuttgart to Haifa to lay the foundation of their colony, their leader who was known by the name of Abdul Baha's Hoffman Herteck became friend. He came and called on me. At that time Abdul Baha was

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a prisoner but he showed him much love
From that time on Abdul Baha became
a great admirer of the Germans and
an ancient friend. The Germans in
Haifa did not associate with any
one except with the Bahais. There was a
German carriage-driver who worked
between Haifa and Acca. Somehow
he was attracted to the Cause and when-
ever he came to Acca he would come
to call on Abdul Baha But as Abdul Baha was a
prisoner the guards would not let the Germans
speak with him fearing the latter may
communicate to the former secrets
dangerous to the State. So the
German Consul would stand far away and looks
at Abdul Baha and he would look at him
then smile and smile. Thus they
communicated with one another
many times. By this Abdul Baha meant
that the Bahais friendship with Scott For

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people was very old. Now to strengthen
this tie of friendship he has come
to pay the Germans a visit. In reality we are
the members of one family, because
the Love of Bahá-u'lláh has cemented
together all our hearts. He has already
sent many cablegrams to all parts
of the Orient and America that
he was now in Stuttgart. This news
will give them great rejoicing and
happiness. Then he spoke about
the devotion and the self-sacrifice
of the Persian believers. ——— As
regards the last night public meeting he said:—
It was a spiritual meeting, a heavenly
gathering. The lights of the kingdom
were shining upon it; the Confirmations
of the Holy-Spirit descended upon it.
Consider what a wonderful Bounty!

and Favor this was that a Message from the East and the German from the West have gathered together. The result of these greetings will be known later.

5 To another group of friends gathered he said:— We are all close relations. We are the members of one family and one household. We receive the lights of one sun, drink from the same fountain, walk in the same rose-garden, and are under the protection of one gardener, therefore we enjoy amongst ourselves the utmost of unity and unity. He hoped that day unto day this communication may increase. This age is the age of lights! This century is the century of love! This period is the period of the oneness of the world of humanity! This cycle is the cycle of the dawning of the Bestowels of God!

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6. There was amongst those who were present a very old man with very long beard and a very young heart. The Master talked with him a great deal, kissed his beard and they became great friends. It is most interesting to observe the love and the respect that the German Children have for the Master; even the children who are four or six years old come into the Presence with such a reverence that is impossible to describe! They all bring flowers and fruits. The Beloved gathers them around him near the window and shares out them his blessings. To see him sitting on the chair near the window every morning and surrounded often with six or ten children

is the most ideal picture I have seen!
Now and then he gets up from his seat
takes a child by his two arms, lifts him
up and puts him on the bed to the delight
of the mothers and those who are
present. Some one said "If we have
worked in the Cause a hundred years
we could not attract so many different
elements to the Cause, only the
Baha can do that. He answered: "May
that each one of them may become
a divine former and each one may
cultivate a large blessed
real Bahai farm. The
May they become adorned and confirmed
with such deeds and actions that
they may become the pure seeds.
The Bahais must be known
by their deeds. That is why the
Holiness the Christ says: "Ye shall

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know the trees by their fruits. Dad hath
chosen the Bahá'ís from amongst the people
and has opened the doors of His Kingdom
before their faces. Therefore they must
appreciate the value of this gift so
that each one of them may become
a lamp lighted with the fire of the
Love of God; day unto day they may
be drawn nearer unto Dad in order
that their hearts be inspired with
divine Inspirations. May they become
as fruitful trees producing luscious
fruits for all the seasons. He has
decided this station for the
majority of the people are the
lovers of shells praise be to
Dad the Bahá'ís are the lovers of the
Kernel. The Bahá'ís are devoted
of reality and have reached
the house of Truth

A mother with three of her daughters who
were all good Bahais were presented to
the Beloved. ~~and the~~ After welcoming
them he said: I am very happy to have
come to Stuttgart and supplicate at the
Threshold of the Almighty to descend upon
you His eternal blessings. They were his
friends, his real friends and he shall never
forget them. He shall continually remember
them. You are my own daughters. He hopes
that in the orchard of God you may
become fruitful trees. Let them be glad
because ye have entered under the
protection of Baha-Ullah. You are even
all the sheep of God and the Blessed
Perfection is your shepherd. Let them
God and Baha-Ullah. Be confident
in the favors and Bounties of
Baha Ullah. His Everlasting Bestowals
shall surround them and shall
choose you for a great service

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from amongst this our maid servants
Their
~~Your~~ mentions will become eternal
in the Kingdom and ~~your~~ Their name will
be handed down to posterity and
in the divine world ~~your~~ Their will be
like ignited lamps and ~~you~~ they will
be related to God."

9 In short, I may go on writing many pages
~~three~~ about the Beloved's talks, in
the morning but these few drops are sufficient.
one o'clock we found ~~the Master~~ him
almost exhausted from the four
hours consecutive talk. He said he
was most happy to see the believers
of Germany so holy, so pure and
so united. They ~~are~~ were the angels of
the Paradise of Abha. You pray
that the Flame of Love ~~may~~ Their
may be ignited in all German
Then he had his lunch and took

his rest. At half-past two we had tea in his presence and at four o'clock Consul Schwarz with his wife and daughter came with their ~~automobile~~ to take the party to Esslingen where Miss Anna Kästle, a most devoted enthusiastic Bahai has prepared a children's party to greet Abdul Baha. Another auto was hired for the other Persian friends and after a few minutes we were driving through the most beautiful part of the country, all about us in a riot of colors and hues! We passed by rivers and falls, mountains and hills, all clothed in the joyful garments of Spring. Having finished the

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American friends could share these
hours in the divine presence of the
Master! This is the most beautiful
season and I am glad that we
did not come last month.
On our way to Esslingen we saw
many Vineyards. ~~saw the~~
mountains from ~~top~~ to summit
11 as Vineyards (changed) & Counsel Shuarz spoke
about the future events to come.
He answered:-
There will be a general war between
the European powers & Holland and
Germany of course will take a
prominent part. Baha'ullah
has predicted a war between
Germany and France and
this will be fulfilled!

Consul Lehmann is the Representative of the Norwegian Government and is the President and Proprietor of a Boarding institution which was founded by his father. As we sped along the road the Master engaging the wonderful Charms of Scenes of nature Consul told him about himself and his visions of life and the Master assured him that everything would be well with him. We were driven through the famous Black-woods of Sluttgort and were simply charmed with the beautiful panorama constantly opening before us.

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It was as though we were driving
through a fairy land. At last we
arrived at Esslingen, a quaint
lovely town. Here are a large
number of young men who
have become Bahais. Jun
Kostin, the hostess who always
smiles and laughs and is a
charming young lady was dressed
in beautiful white silk. She
was radiant with happiness
and bubbling over with joy. She
and a large number of friends
were waiting at the door of the
Cafe hall to welcome the
Royal King. As our Beloved
ascended the stairs, they
followed him reverently

Now we are in a spacious
hall, in the large room
just before entering the Hall.
What is this enchanting scene before our
eyes? More than one hundred children
boys and girls, most of them
dressed in spotless white, each
one a bouquet of flowers in
his or her hand, waiting with an
as a welcome to the King and
suddenly the Chorus of Alla
Alla was raised from all
was overtaken with surprise
emotion, joy and could not
contain myself! The tears
filled my eyes! I saw the
most beautiful, the most
heavenly, the most artistic
picture that I have ever

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seen in all my life. Then the Beloved walked in their midst, touching the head of this, looking into the radiant face of that and even while talking the words of light. He had brought with him half candies in small decorated bags and he divided them amongst them. Then he entered into the large hall. The floor was covered with dining tables. Here and there were small decorated with flowers and candies and fruits. All the children and their mothers and sisters sat at the tables. A long table at the upper side of the hall was prepared for the Master, the playground

decorated ~~was also~~ was with large palm and orange trees. Oh! It was so beautiful! I cannot describe them things. One must feel them, see them! It was a glorious day indeed for three people in a far away town of Germany to see with their own eyes the desire of all nations! What love! What attraction! What enthusiasment these German believers have! It is Kathrin' She was serving and looking after the wife of the friends. I have seen few girls who are as happy and as radiant as this really remarkable girl!

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The Master and his friends sat at the table and later Rolf delivered an address which was translated into English and then by Dr Eckstein into German. When the Beloved finished Pfleiderer tea and refreshments were served and afterwards all the children and the mothers and fathers were called to go out to be ready for a photographer to be taken with the Master. When the Master came out in front of the Hall everybody in the large

gathering had a flower in his
or her hand. It was a lovely
idea! The Master sat in a
chair and I begged him to have
a ~~sweet lovely~~ red rose in
his hand ~~which I could~~ to
use for your collection.
Two pictures were taken and
I am sure they will turn out to
be very ~~favorable~~. After
this the Master had ~~gone~~ through
to every one and ~~gave~~ walked
his ~~Comfortable~~ chair. Everybody
gathered around him and
~~the~~ offered their flowers
~~which~~ their hands to the
Master. Others holding their flowers
hands, waved in the air

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While the picture was being
taken more than 500 men and
women and children as curious
seekers had gathered on flank
of the Hall because they had
been dispersed Suchon
Bennett in all their lives. Before
the ~~Ensemble~~ Con started on its
way the Master called Miss
Kathi and thanked her
and her associates for the
splendid arrangements of the
least. She was overwhelmed
with joy with two words
Hochverehrter Herr Professor
with a heart full of thanks
the borders of our heart
inundated with a

flood of emotions. For our
return, they took another road
and again we beheld the constant
changing scenes of the beautiful
country and Vineyards. Arriving
at the hotel the Master invited
Council his wife and daughter
to come up. As the daughter
studying art, the Master
asked what the best
for her children to take up
The Master said, The best
let the children study that
which they like best.
If your daughter loves art,
she can devote her time
to it and Reach the well
Succeed. Painting a lovely

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art and must refuse. She
have an artist in Newyork. Her
name is Miss Juliet Thompson.
At first, she ~~said~~ laughed
or two sittings & the ~~picture~~ found
my picture. I consented. but
the one or two sittings became
many. I wondered whether after
all the got all the sittings there
the Maestro laughed) "It was the
daughter of Bonaparte asked
whether she would be
permitted to paint the Master.
"all right" the resigned answer
came with a twinkle
in his eyes. "How many times
do you require?"

"About three hours." "24
"Fifteen minutes, do?" "Oh no!
This is not enough." "What shall we
have do?" At last it was
arranged for Monday that the
Fraulein may [illegible] the
Herr. "I hope you will not
walk in Miss Thompson's foot-
steps." He left us laughing.
The Belmonts rested this morn-
ing and Mrs Kerrigan called.
and we served them tea
with his own hands.
Our trip to Budapest at
last decided. We will leave
for that city on Tuesday morn-
ing of Munich and Vienna
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