

HOTEL MARQUARDT

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on train toward
Budapest.

Dear Harriet!

1. With hearts full of love
with memories enriched by the
devoted services of the German
friends, with minds illumined by the
light of the hospitality they have shown
toward us we have departed from
Stuttgart tonight at 8 o'clock while
more than one hundred Bahais were
gathered ~~at~~^{at} the station to say God-
speed to Our Beloved. What wonderful
Bahais these people have made of them-
selves! It seems they are the possessors
of all the ~~great~~^{divine} attributes. It was ~~not~~
a ~~empty~~ compliment when the
Master said: "The German Bahais are
angels." During ~~the~~^{our} 8 days' ~~sojourn~~^{sojourn}
in Stuttgart, we observed every mark
of love from the Bahais and respect
from the outsiders.

2 This morning I ~~was~~ ^{awoke} ~~awake~~ at 4.30, and in Mergentheim
 looking out of my window I ~~saw~~ ^{felt} ~~what~~ the
 great calmness of nature which steals over
 one ~~at~~ ⁱⁿ such quiet and far away places;
 then I prayed for all the believers in America,
 that they may become ~~all~~ confirmed in
 the good-pleasure of our Master. Then
 I wrote a few letters and went out to
 see the Beloved, ~~because~~ ^{being} his room ~~was~~
 in another wing of the building. ~~As~~ I
 entered, he was also looking out of ^{the} window
 listening to the sweet melodies of the
 nightingales which are found in these
 enchanting woods and forests. They
 sing very charmingly and as the
 Persians are lovers of this bird, the
 Master remarked, they would give
 anything in the world to come here
 and enjoy this earthly paradise.
 He thanked Baha-Ul-Lah, he said, that
 He has established such a great
 bond of love and communion

between the people of the East and the West, otherwise what relation exists between Consul Schwarz and us! It is the power of Baha Ullah that has made possible this! You must appreciate the value of this Bounty so that day unto day it may become greater and more widely spread. Last night and yesterday ~~she~~ ^{he} was thinking all the time over ^{certain} news that ~~he~~ ^{he} had received

3/8 The weather in Morgenthau ^{was} cool and vitalizing and this morning's air was bracing. Consul Schwarz took us around to show ~~us~~ his mineral water factory. The water is bottled and dispatched ~~to~~ all over Germany for internal maladies. The ^{physician of the} ~~Doctor~~ ^{place was} introduced to ^{the} Master. He told him:
 ~~you~~ ^{He} must feel very happy because every ^{one} comes here to seek health and ~~he was~~ ^{channel through whom} they ~~received~~ ^{received} health. He was a ~~benefactor~~ ^{dispenser}.

of health! ^{He} I pray to God that ^{he} you may
 be always successful in ^{his} your mission
 and that this place prosper and
 develop! After breakfast the
^{special} book in which noted ^{guests} ~~persons~~ and
~~guests~~ write their names was
 brought to the Master. It was opened
 in 1911 by the Emperor of Germany
 and his ~~royal~~ royal train who stayed
 here for a few days. The following
 short prayer ^{in a different kind of an Emperor} was written in it
 "O Almighty! Abdul Baha
 arrived in this hotel and observed
 the utmost of consideration on
 the part of everyone. For one ^{night}
 he rested here. O God! make
 this hotel blessed and successful
~~Then~~ All maids and servants
 were called and the Master gave
 money to each one ~~of them~~. After
 taking a photograph in front of

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the hotel, we started our drive of 130 miles back to Stuttgart. ~~In the~~
~~latter I wrote 100 miles. It was a mistake.~~
 S^P This time we took ^{a more picturesque} ~~another~~ road
 and we saw ^{yet} ~~more picturesque~~, more charming,
 more beautiful, grand scenes of nature!
 Suddenly we observed that the other
~~car~~ ^{car} which was following us disappeared.
 We slowed down but no use. In
 order to wait for them ~~till~~ ^{to} catch
~~up~~, we stopped at the village of
 Weinsberg in a little hotel called
 "Casthof z. Franke v. Fr. Woforth".
 The Master rested in room No 10, drank
 a cup of milk, ^{visited} ~~collected~~ for a few
 minutes at the home of Theobald
 Kerner, a writer of great fame in
 these parts but dead for the last
 20 years. His home is a little museum
 containing his personal ^{belongings} ~~things~~.

The Master walked through the rooms and was interested in everything. Seeing ~~they~~ ^{our Persian friends} ~~have~~ ^{had} not caught ^{up with} us, we telephoned to two villages through which we passed to learn whether they had any accident. No! They ~~saw~~ ^{had seen} the ~~car~~ ^{car} passing by ~~safe~~. Of course we concluded that they ~~must~~ have returned to the city by the ~~same~~ ^{road} way we ~~went~~ ^{came} to Mergentheim. Starting again we passed by Beilingen where an enormous factory for generating electrical power is being installed by Consul Schwarz and a number of Capitalists. The factory will distribute electricity to 105 towns and villages and will cost 7 million Pounds when finished. The Master came down and blessed the ground. Hundreds of men were busy installing machinery ~~for~~ ^{and} digging

the foundation etc. It was 2.30
 pm when we reached at the house
 of ^{the} Consul and found the Persians
 already there 2 hours and half
 ahead of us. The Master was
 very tired and after a little rest,
 lunch was served. Bageroff
 and myself went out ~~afterwards~~
 to send away a few telegram
 7 to Budapest. According to ^{received from Budapest} telegram
~~already~~ there ^{have} been articles
 in Hungarian papers about the
 Beloued's arrival. Mr L. Stark^{is}
 the man, a Hungarian by birth
 who ~~was~~ ^{was} arranging the program.
 In one telegram he says: - "Everything
 ready. Lecture rooms. Translations.
 Reception. Newspapers. over one
 thousand invitations issued...."
 In another telegram he says: -
 "Thursday evening theosophical

Society; Friday evening ~~common~~ meetings of different Societies. Preparing every thing. all the friends are very happy. In another telegram he says: - "Newspapers announcing arrival and lecture"

Mr Stark is a good Bahai and full of enthusiasm. It is mainly due to his tireless effort and work that the Master is going to Hungary. This again will show how one sincere man can draw the Master with the power of his love. I told the Beloved ^{the sudden appearance of this man was} it seems to me ^{the most} ~~almost a miracle~~ wonderful thing! Where this man Stark ~~has~~ came from? He said: - God had sent him. He ~~is~~ ^{was} an angel in disguise. Wait ~~a few~~ ^{a few} years, after ~~the coming down of~~ ^{my} trip to America and Europe many great personage

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shall arise to serve the Cause -

8 At 4.30 the Master came out of his room and met several of the friends who had come to see him.

~~We told them that he was~~

~~He~~ most pleased with the behavior of Stuttgart. They ~~are~~ ^{were} attracted and

since. After ~~my~~ ^{his} departure ~~you~~ ^{they} must all arise to serve the Cause

~~of the Cause~~ with great firmness. ^{and}

~~Let~~ nothing on earth disturb ^{them} you.

To Mr Ekstein who wanted to go next year to Dresden, near

Saxony to teach he said: - This will be very good. ^{He} I will ever expect to receive good news from ^{him} you.

~~That~~ Miss Anna Kostin brought the photos of the Children's party in Esslingen. ~~They~~ ^{They} ~~was~~ ^{were} very ~~beautiful~~ ^{fine}.

~~A copy is being forwarded to you~~
~~If any of the friends desire~~

to have one it costs only 50 cents.
 and they can write to me w.
 ! Herrigel 35 / Helderlinstrasse, Stutt-
 gart. The other photos were also ^{brought} ~~sent~~
 and ^{they all have turned out to be} ~~were~~ very good. The Master
 was most pleased with them.
 * Everything in Stuttgart, he said,
 was excellent and now ^{even} their
 photos ~~also~~ ~~turn~~ ~~to be~~ ^{are} very
 good indeed. Miss Krahbeck
 and Miss Kostlin had a long
 interview. They asked several
 questions which were answered
 to their satisfaction. At 7 o'clock
 we were all ready ^{to leave} ~~for the station~~.
 The ~~automobile~~ ^{car} of Causal ^{took}
 us in ^{his car} ~~ready~~ and in a few minutes
 we ~~were~~ ^{arrived} at the station, the
 train leaving at 7.54. ~~With~~
~~the group~~ ^{Group after saying the friends}
~~each person~~ ^{carrying} ~~carrying~~ a

bouquet of flowers and before
 all the people, ^{unembarrassed they were} kissing the Master's
 hand. By half past seven ^{more}
 than ~~the~~ ^{one hundred} ~~five~~ had gathered
 the railroad officials and
 the passengers wondering at
 the strange spectacle! The
 train being ready, ~~to~~ the Beloved
~~st.~~ with the rest ^{of} started to
 get on the platform. The
 largest bouquet of flowers
 was ~~under the arm~~ ^{brought by one} of one
 10 of the friends. Miss Knabbe,
 Miss Kostlin, and Mrs
 Schuniger and a Bahai young
 man requested the Master
 to ~~accompany~~ ~~accompany~~ ^{accompany} with us for a few
~~several~~ stations! It
 was a most ~~moving~~ ^{moving} scene
 of departure! Many were
 weeping, kissing fervently the

him of his journey!

~~The Beloved~~ ~~had~~. When the train pulled out of ~~the station~~ all the hands, handkerchiefs and hats were up in the air waving farewell, farewell till we meet again! The Master's Compartment was ^{a rose-garden} ~~full of flowers~~. The farewell scene of ^{the} Stuttgart friends, I shall never forget, because it was so genuine, so heartfelt, ^{so spontaneous} such a great reality, showing how these people ^{of the North} although ~~conservative~~ ^{were} ~~set~~ ^{set} of low with the fire of the Love of God!

11 I think one of the most original ideas ever conceived was that of Esslingen, Bahab. ^{was going to} ~~our~~ train ^{through them} ~~pass~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~station~~ but ^{would} ~~not~~ ~~stop~~ ~~there~~. ~~Nevertheless~~ ~~however~~ all the friends

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was in the secret and

there just the same. Miss Kästli
 knew all about it; ~~she~~ ^{she} was their
 representative but she did not
 tell us anything ^{about it} ~~to us~~ tell our
 station before ~~the~~ ^{the} crossing.
 Then she asked the Master to
 come near the window for
 a minute or two and as the
 train rushed forward by the
 platform, ever so many white
 handkerchiefs ^{and flowers like birds} were waving ⁱⁿ ~~the~~
~~the~~ ^{the} air! At that very moment,
 the Master realizing the
 situation ^{and oh his radiant, surprised, happy face!} waved back his
 blessing ^{to them}. It was
 only ^{for} one second, but its memory
 will last with ^{me} ~~to~~ all
 through my life! ~~And~~ I did
 not see their faces but it
 seemed each one of them was
 an angel of light ^{winging through the air} and love.

One station after Esslingen our friends left us to return to their homes and ~~tell~~^{relate} the wonderful story of Abdul Baha's ~~appearance~~ surprise and love for man they could feel happy that they also surprised him. ~~Beloved~~ on his departure ~~the way~~^{the way} ~~surprised~~^{surprised} him on his arrival! It was about 9.30 and the rain

was going on rapidly when the Master called me to his compartment and for half an hour I spoke to him about the latest news of the Cause in America and the letters received.

Then ~~he~~ being very tired, because the extraordinary extra trip of the last two days, he desired ² to sleep and I retired. I slept and at 2 am the Austrian custom officials awakened us to ask whether we had anything liable to duty. Having had ^{my sleep} ~~no sleep~~ ^{would} ~~not~~ I thought I ~~will~~^{could} start to write ~~you~~^{this communication} now. It is 4 am

Sayad Assadollah Mirza Mahyar
 and Mr ^{who accompanies the Belong} Herzog, are sleep and I
 am writing. At 8.10 we will
 reach Vienna and after one
 hour will start for Budapest.
 I believe on our return the
 Master may stay a day or
 two in Vienna.

~~Love from all to all~~

Ahmad
 P.S. I enclose one of the
 white roses that the
 Master had in his hands

Please excuse this writing.
 With the movement of the
 train I cannot write better