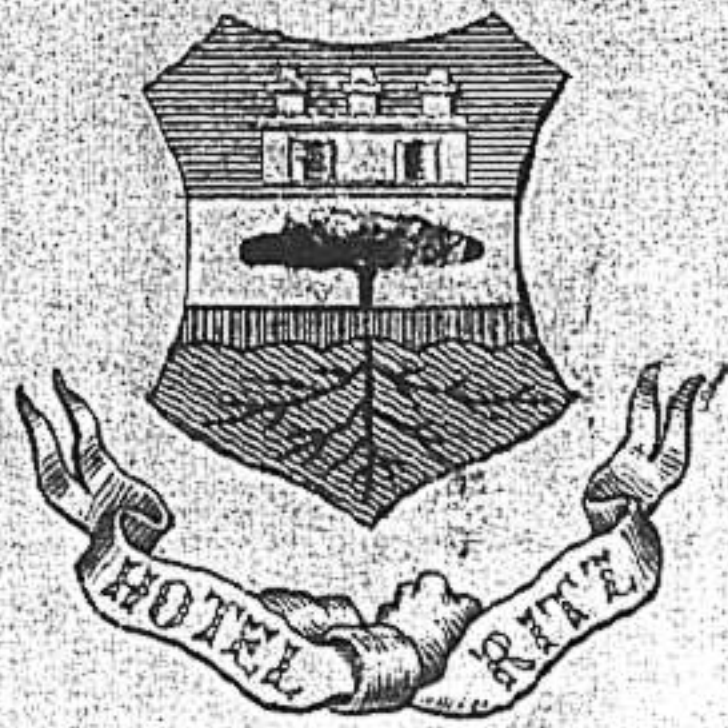




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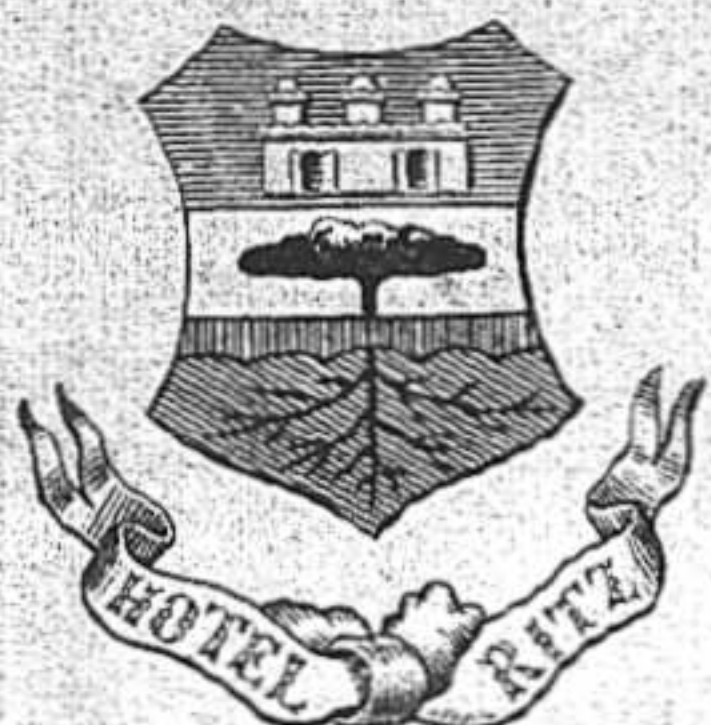
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Dear Harriet!

Although ~~some~~^{few} had heard about the Bahai Cause in Budapest before the Beloved's Arrival, for the last three days the interest on the part of the public has been growing in size and dimension. The papers have written interesting articles and today I mailed to you a big package of German and Hungarian newspapers containing some long and short accounts. They are uniformly dignified in tone and many people have come to the hotel because they have read articles in the daily and are very much attracted to the Cause. The Beloved seeing this

Manifest interest on the part of public
is very pleased and said that, the
future of the Cause in Hungary will
be very great and many people shall
enter the Kingdom of God. When
the seeds are scattered in a pure
and fertile ground they will
grow very quickly. Today I received
a letter from one of the City of
Hungary called Vác. The writer says
"I have read in yesterday's daily papers
something about "Bahaismus" which
greatly interested me. In fact, I feel
that "Bahaismus" is the real, true
religion which fills the mind
with real, lofty ideals and
assists mankind to develop
its better self. I would, therefore
esteem it a favor if you should
Kindly write me where I could



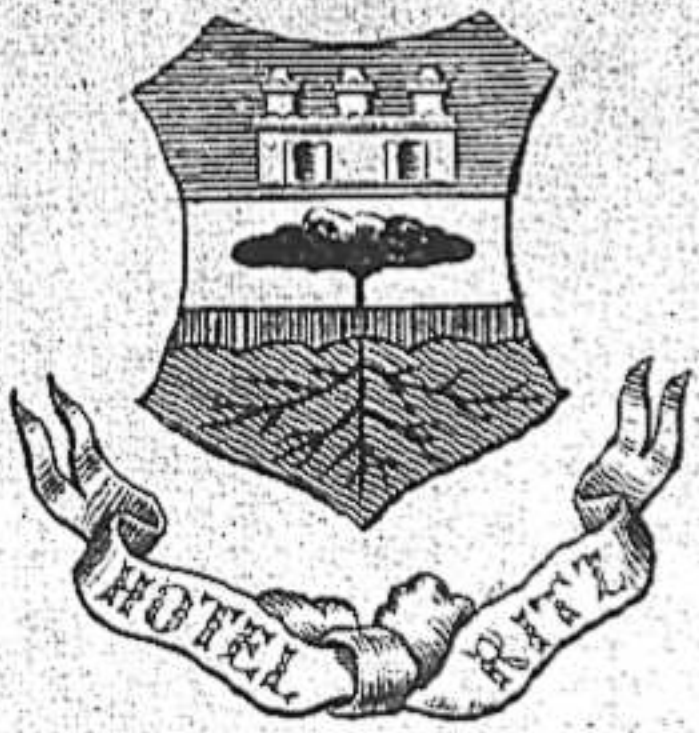
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obtain the 'Bahaiismus' literature".
3 As a result of last night's meeting in
the Theosophical Society at 20
Iranyi Utca many people came
this morning to hear the Master and
ask questions on various puzzling
problems which today are occupying
the minds of the public. A Hungarian
who spoke French fluently asked
about Love and God. ^{The Master promptly told him} If ~~you~~ ^{he} desires
to love God ^{let him} love ^{his} fellowmen. In
them ^{he} can see the image and
likeness of God. If ^{he} ^{was} eager
to serve God, ^{let him} serve mankind. ^{let}
^{him} ^{lose} ^{his} ~~himself~~ self in the Self of
God. When the aerial man

steers his airship skyward, little by little, the inharmonious and incongruity of the world of nature are lost and before his astonished ^{Eyes} ~~vision~~, he sees, unidespread, the wonderful, harmonious panorama of God's creation. Likewise when the student of the Path of Reality has attained to the loftiest summit of divine Love, he will not look upon the ugliness and misery of mankind, he will not observe any differences, he will not see any racial and patriotic ^{misfits} ~~differences~~ but he will look upon humanity with the glorified vision of a seer and a prophet. Let us all strive that we may attain to this highest pinnacle of ideal and spiritual life.

4 ~~Then~~ Some of the newspapers



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Containing articles on the Cause were
~~translated~~ ^{read} to the Master and although
he did not make any comment, ~~he~~
was pleased with their contents.
5 ~~A little later~~ Prof. Germannus and
a friend of his who ^{was} going to the
Orient came and the Master spoke
to them on the Eastern customs
and ~~then~~ it was arranged that
the Master ^{he would} be taken away
to the Parliament building at 7
o'clock ^{that evening} ~~to night~~ where he ^{was} going
to address a public meeting in
the house of the Representatives
of the Hungarian nations.
6 Then a large delegation of the
Theosophists belonging to the

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White Lodge of the Star of the East
were presented to the Beloved with
~~large~~ bouquets of flowers in their
hands. Their leader, a bright and
intellectual woman asked the Master
what ~~the~~ ^{were} the conditions for the coming
of the Great Master. "We are taught",
she said, "that soon the Saviour of
the world shall come and once
a week we gather together and
contemplate on the coming of the
Master. Our next meeting will
be tomorrow at 6.30 pm and we
will be greatly honored if you
could come." The Master accepted
graciously their invitation and
then said: "Praise be to God that
means were brought about that
~~He~~ ^{He} may come to Budapest and associate
with ~~you~~ ^{them}. I was very pleased
with ~~your~~ ^{their} last night meeting



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~~meeting~~. It was a most ideal gathering. The spiritual susceptibilities had encircled the hearts. ¹¹⁰ I hoped that day unto day these feelings and communications may increase - so that the City of Budapest may become the center of the appearance of the principles of the oneness of the world of humanity and the lights may be spread from this place to all parts of Europe.

Now as to the coming of the great Master. His appearance is dependent upon the realization of certain conditions. Investigate the reality and in whomsoever these

Conditions are fulfilled, know ye of a certainty that he is the Great Master. Firstly: That great Master will be the Educator of the world of humanity. Secondly: His Teachings must be universal and confer illumination upon humankind.

Thirdly: His Knowledge must be innate and spontaneous and not acquired.

Fourthly: He must answer the questions of all the sages, solve all the difficult problems of humanity and be able to withstand all the persecutions and sufferings heaped upon him.

Fifthly: He must be a joy-bringer and the Herald of the Kingdom of Happiness.

Sixthly: His Knowledge must be infinite and his wisdom all-comprehensive.



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Seventhly: The penetration of His Word and the potency of influence must be so great as to humble even his worst enemies.

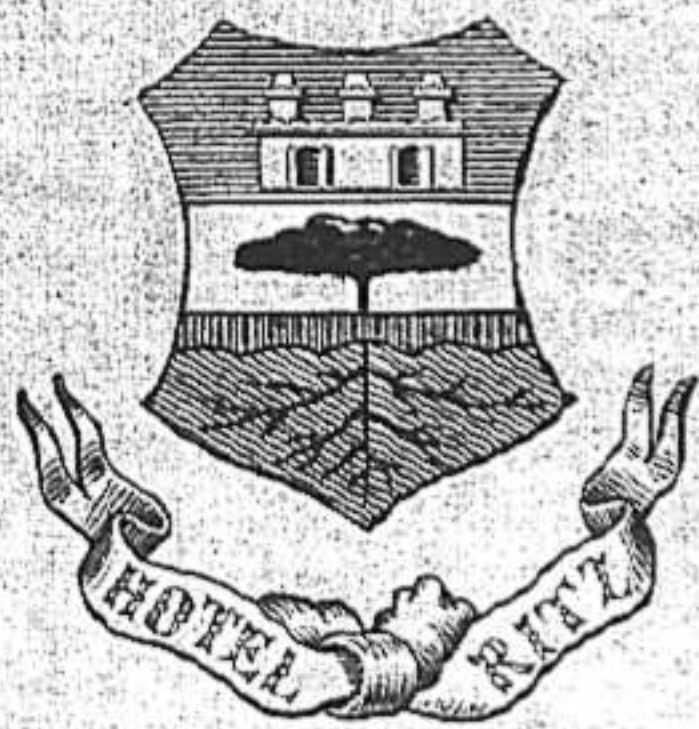
Eighthly: Sorrows and Tribulations must not vex him. His courage and conviction must be godlike. Day unto day he must become firmer and more zealous.

Ninthly: He must be the Establisher of Universal Civilization, the Unifier of religions, the Standard-bearer of universal Peace and the embodiment of all the highest and noblest virtues of the world of humanity. Wherever you find these Conditions

realized in a human temple turn
to him for guidance and illumination

The listeners were touched ^{extremely}
But if I had my way, I would have
cried at the top of my voice, that
that person, that Great Master they
are so anxious about his coming
~~was~~ before their very eyes. The desire
of their hearts hath come, why
this needless expectation?

Then — Mr O. M. A. Frosell who
met the Master the other day in
the street came to see him with
his brother. They are two very excellent
young men and are much attracted to
~~the Master~~. After welcoming
them he said:— "It is very good that
we made each other's acquaintance
without any formal introduction, right
in the street. This was much



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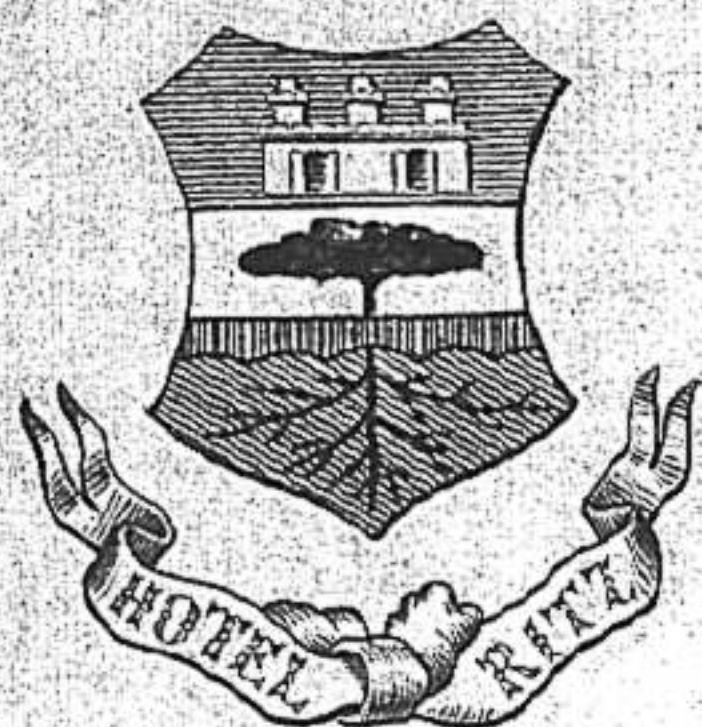
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better. you have a very progressive city. It
is very delightful, the inhabitants
also are wide-awake. Praise be to
God that in Budapest one feels the
spiritual emotions; many people
are investigating the fundamental
realities of life; their desire is to
reach at the core of everything. Hun-
gary has given us many thinkers
many linguists, generals and
dramatists. I hope they will become
informed with the world of God
be acquainted with the Mysteries of the
Kingdom. May they become radiant
illuminated and Merciful! In short,
I ^{he} have grown to love Budapest

and its inhabitants, Stuttgart and its people. Just as there ^{are} political treaties between European nations, may heavenly treaties bind them eternally together. The heavenly treaties are inviolable and cannot be dissolved but political treaties may be broken roughshod ^{within} a few hours. It ^{was his} ~~is~~ ^{was} hope that these indissoluble treaties may be created between all the people. Now in European countries, materialism is stalking abroad, seemingly victorious, then the ideal powers of spirituality will gain the ascendancy! *

9 He asked whether the Master had seen any ^{of the} sights of the beautiful Budapest. ^{He answered that he had} ~~I have~~ come here to see men and not ~~to~~ piles of stones and clays. These buildings you



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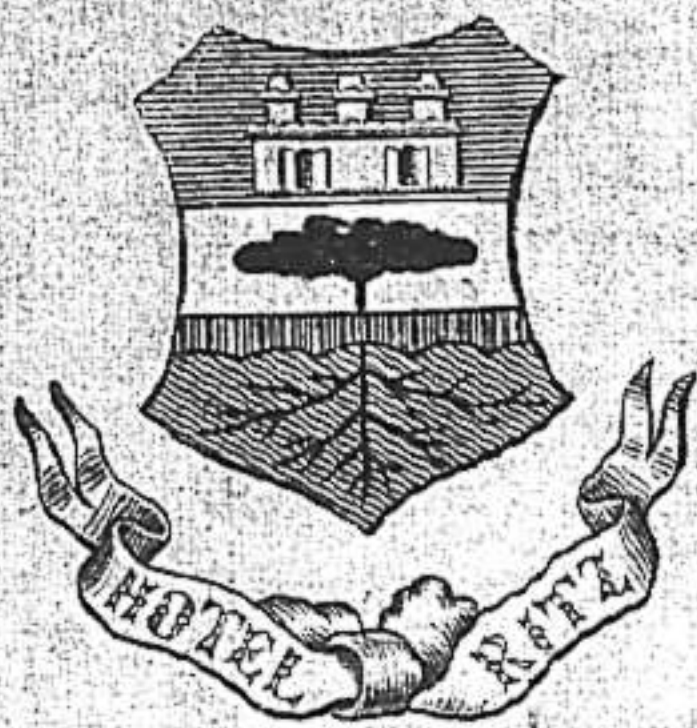
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can find everywhere; for ^{his} ~~my~~ part ^{he was} ~~I~~ searching for men. Buildings are many, men are few. There are ever so many palaces in this world. There have been great palaces built by the ancient kings and to day not a stone has been left to tell the sad story of their ~~fall~~ ^{decay}. The present palaces will go through the same process of ^{destruction} ~~decay~~. When you lay the foundation of a wonderful palace, at that very moment you must think that a day shall come — it may be ^a hundred years, one thousand years — ten or 20 thousand years — when not one stone of your palace will be left.

But the divine Palace shall never be
destroyed, its traces are eternal. ^{He}
desired ~~you~~ ^{them} to see that palace.

That everlasting palace is the reality
of man which reality is indestructible.
Therefore ~~I~~ ^{he was} searching throughout
the world to find men and
women in whom the divine
palace ~~was~~ ^{was} completed. In the heart
of every man and woman the
construction of this heavenly
palace ~~was~~ ^{was} going on. Praiseworthy
deeds and philanthropic actions
~~are~~ ^{were} the materials with which
the palace ~~was~~ ^{was} built. Vices and
negligence of God's laws
~~the degeneracy of morality~~ ^{were} ~~are~~ the
axes with which the very
foundation of this eternal palace
laid by the hand of God ~~was~~ ^{was} uprooted.



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10 Amongst those who were present was a young man who had travelled a great deal throughout the world and spoke many languages. The following conversation was carried along between him and the Master to the delight and profit of all:

A.B. Now that you have seen many parts of the world, I hope you will also make a voyage to the Country of Baha.

M.F. I have never heard the name of such a country in my life.

A.B. How strange! There are thousands of people who have been there and upon their return have given glowing accounts of their experiences.

M.F. Have they written any books?

A.B. I think they have. But they

could not find adequate words to describe their impressions.

M. F. Have you seen any of these travellers after their return from the city of Baha.

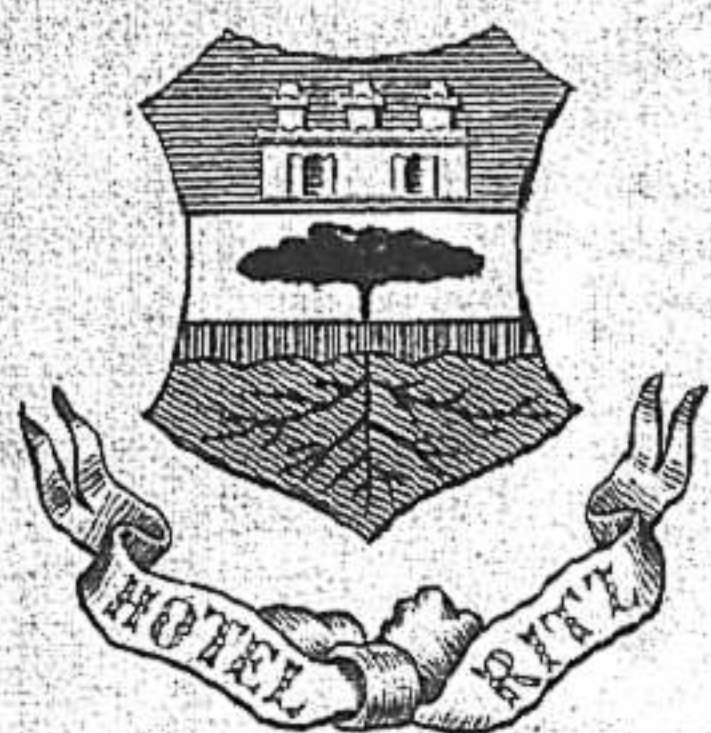
A. B. Yes.

M. F. What do they say?

A. B. They say, the country of Baha is the most beautiful and artistic city they have ever seen.

M. F. I would like to get some particulars about it. When could I inform myself? I may decide to go there if it is worth while.

A. B. They have reported that the country of Baha has the most equitable weather, perennial spring reigns throughout all the seasons; there is neither the heat of ^{the} summer nor the forlorn outlook of autumn or the frost of the winter. Its gardens



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are ever abloom, its fragrant flowers are imperishable, its fountains are at all time flowing, its birds are always singing, its happiness is not alloyed with sorrow, its sun is never set, its stars are ever twinkling, its day is not followed by any night, its moon is eternally full.

M. F. Oh! How wonderful! I would like to go there! It must be an ideal country!

A. B. It is a very extraordinary country. Its inhabitants are all angels and they speak one universal language.

M. F. Then everybody understands each other? It is not like

Hungary where one must speak many languages? How can I reach there ~~quickly~~?

A.B. Come! Come! I will be thy guide. I will take thee through its broad avenues shaded by verdant, never-fading trees. I will unfold before thy vision, the most heavenly panorama, the like of which thou hast never seen. I will little by little teach thee the secrets of the ever-changing hues of its flowers, the murmuring of its breezes and the divine notes of its music. I will take thee through its imperial palaces and will show to thee the most wonderful scenes.

M.H. When should I make myself ^{ready} to start with you.

A.B. Now ^{believe}

M.H. I ~~think~~ ^{believe} my brother would like to accompany us. May I go and fetch him?

A.B. All right.



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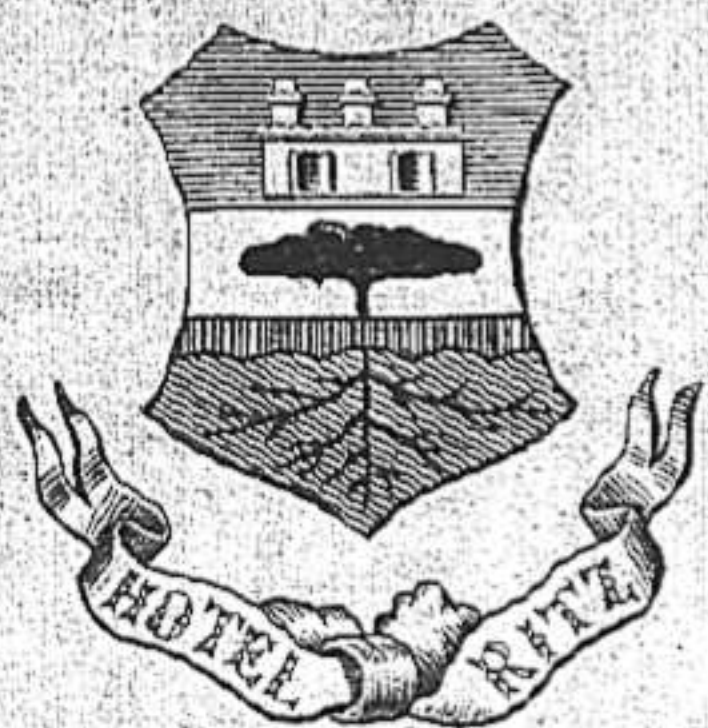
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When these people left a delegation of more than 25 young men from the Oriental Commercial University headed by a very excellent orator entered the room. He had a nosegay of roses in his hand and while all the rest were standing behind him he delivered a very powerful address greeting "Our prophet from the Orient" in the warmest and sincerest terms and then offered the nosegay into his hands. The Master delivered in turn a strong speech on the closer relations between the East and the West and hoped they will do their share in this great service.

12 ~~The~~ ^{the} President of Touranian Society
with a high military officer and
several others ~~persons~~ were presented
after hearing the Master speak on
the two essential aspects of Uni-
versal Peace Mr Fairbairn Alajo's
requested ~~the Beloved~~ to deliver an
address on Monday at 6 pm before
the members of Touranian Society
in the Senate Chamber of Hungary.
13 Many more people were presented and
at last it was long after one
o'clock before the Beloved could
free himself to go to the Studio of
Mr Nadler Robert in the National
School of Art so that he may
make a painting of him. The
Robert was with us and when
we arrived he had everything
ready and started to work.
After one hour, we returned



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14 ~~to the hotel~~ the Master ate his lunch and retired to rest to be ready for four o'clock to go out with our Indian nobleman to call on Prof. Vambery and Prof. Ignaz Goldziher. We found Prof Vambery home. He was waiting. He ~~was~~ is a famous orientalist, is 82 yrs now, has travelled throughout Persia, Turkey, Russia etc for many years. He written many authoritative books on Eastern question speaks Persian and Turkish like natives and has been in Persia for more than 14 yrs under the guise of a Mohamadan servant. For one month

he was the guest of the chief of the ²²Ulemas of Esphahan and nobody detected him that he was a European. He considered this day as the greatest day of his life, because the Beloved called out him. They talked together more than one hour on Persia, on America etc. He showed us the photograph that was taken of him when he was travelling as a Mohamadan Mallah. Prof Camberg is very famous throughout Europe for his services and his works and his word has been always accepted on Eastern questions as authoritative. From there we drove to Prof Goldziher. Mr Stark and Prof Lermann were waiting at the door to greet the Master. He was taken up stairs and introduced to



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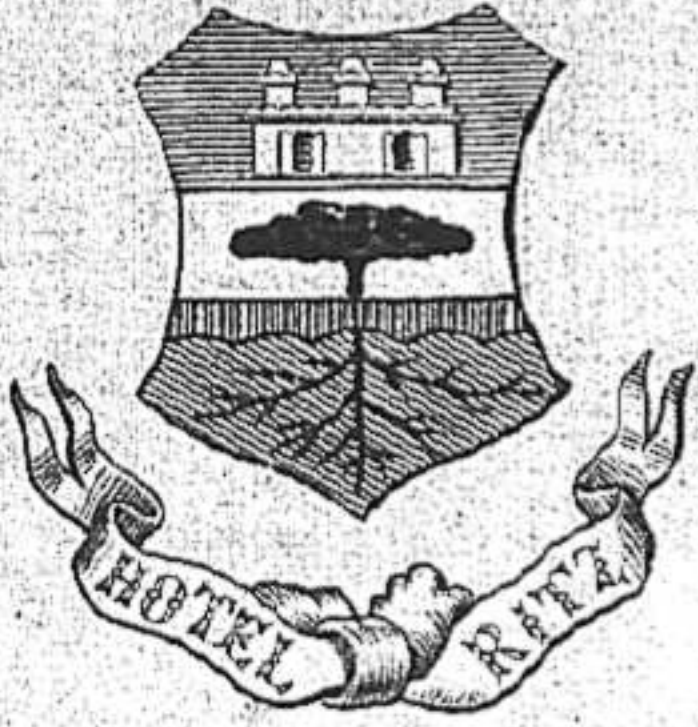
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Prof. Goldziher. He is an Arabic scholar of great erudition and his library of the Bahai literature ^{was} quite unique. Here we found several works of Baha Ullah translated into Russian, especially the Ketab-e Akdas; here I saw a copy of the Star of the West having the article on the departure of The Chose; many newspapers clippings, especially the one containing the Master's letter to Carnegie and then a letter from Mrs True giving a short account of the Master's Akbar!

Prof Goldziher has delivered a series
 of lectures on Islam and one of these
 addresses is on the Bahai Movement.
~~These lectures have been already published - a book~~
 The book is in German and as he
 told me, a Philadelphia lady is
 now engaged in ~~its~~ ^{its} translation into
 English. The Master carried along
 with him a most interesting
 conversation in Arabic on the
 early history of the Cause and he
 was so happy to have the Beloved
 in his home. From here we drove
 to the old Parliament building.
 At first the Master was taken
 into one of the Committee ^{rooms}
 and the Chairman of the meeting
 was introduced. Doctor Geeswein
 is a most prominent Catholic
 priest and is the President of
 the Peace Society of Hungary.
 When the Master entered



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the Parliament there were more ^{than} 800 people present and everybody spontaneously arose from his ~~seat~~ ^{his} seat. After the introduction by the President, the Master delivered ~~his~~ ^a powerful address on international Peace, Esperanto, Suffrage and the closer relation between the East and the West. When the Master spoke on suffrage the audience ^{became} so wild with enthusiasm and applauded again and again. It was a remarkable demonstration considering the fact that the words of the Beloved had to be translated by two interpreters.

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and our Hungarian translator was not
at all equal to the task. Mr. Stark
translated much better than the other
night. When the Master finished his
talk they ~~clapped~~ ^{applauded} hands for a long time.
They left their seats and crowded
around the platform in front of
~~him~~. Again the Beloved spoke
a few appropriate words of thanks.
~~Coming~~ ^{Entering} the private room many
prominent men and women
came in to thank him for his
encouraging words. Then the
~~Beloved~~ tired and fatigued from
the excessive amount of talking
^{we} returned to the hotel, had ~~supper~~
dinner and went to sleep.

I would have liked to include
other points in this letter but
it has already grown too
long. Love to all
Ahmad



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Invitation.

Abdul Baha, Abbas Effendi, the leader of the most important modern ethical movement of the East will deliver a public address by the Invitation of several Hungarian Societies. On April 11th. Friday evening 7 O'clock at the Great Hall of the Old Parliament.

You and your friends are cordially invited.

No entrance fee.

The Persian address will be translated