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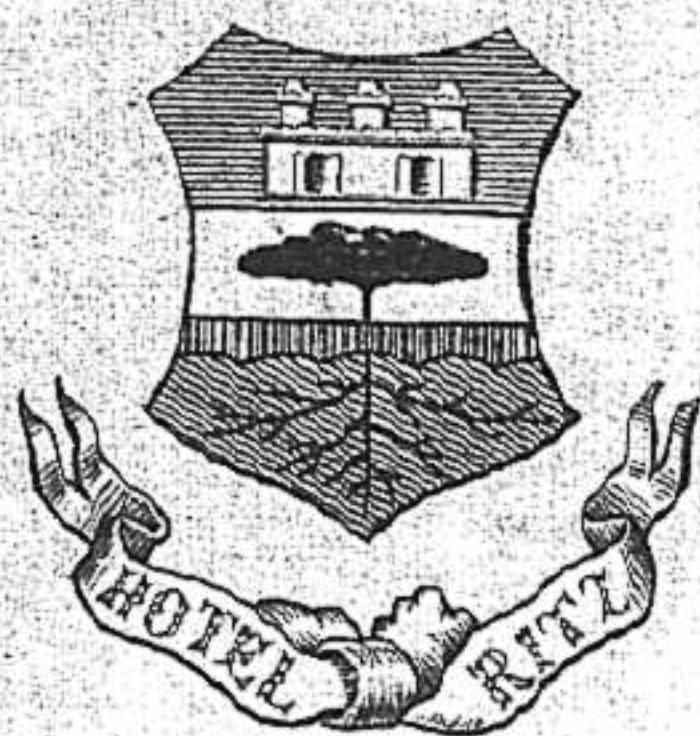
Dear Harriet!

"The lamp of God is in the utmost
of luminosity in the city of Budapest.
Large meetings are held and detailed
addresses ~~are~~ delivered." This was the text
of the telegram which was forwarded
by the Beloved to many cities of the
East and the West. I am sure all
the believers will be delighted to receive
this glad news of the spread of the
Kingdom of Abha and the further
spiritual triumph of Abdul Baha.
His power and majesty, his simplicity
and humility are witnessed ^{and admired} by all men
~~and admired~~. People are trying ^{right}
~~and left~~ to emulate him in every
(emulate?)

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station in life.

During the days of our passage from New York to England, the Master dictated a number of Tablets for the American believers, They were copied in turn by Mirza Mahmood and given ^{back to him} ~~to Beloved~~ for correction. For the last four months they were left in ^{his hands} ~~the~~ Beloved's hands till just a day or two before leaving Paris he gave them to me for translation. While in Stuttgart I was so busy that I could not ^{attend to this} ~~translate~~ but ~~them~~. Today finding few people coming to see the Beloved I availed myself of the opportunity and sat behind my writing-^{desk} ~~table~~ and translated them all. Apropos of this delay, the Master said ~~that~~ ^{he} never wrote to the people just for the sake of writing. ^{He} ~~I~~ had a definite, specific object in writing. ^{His} ~~My~~ letters ^{were} ~~are~~ the results of deep



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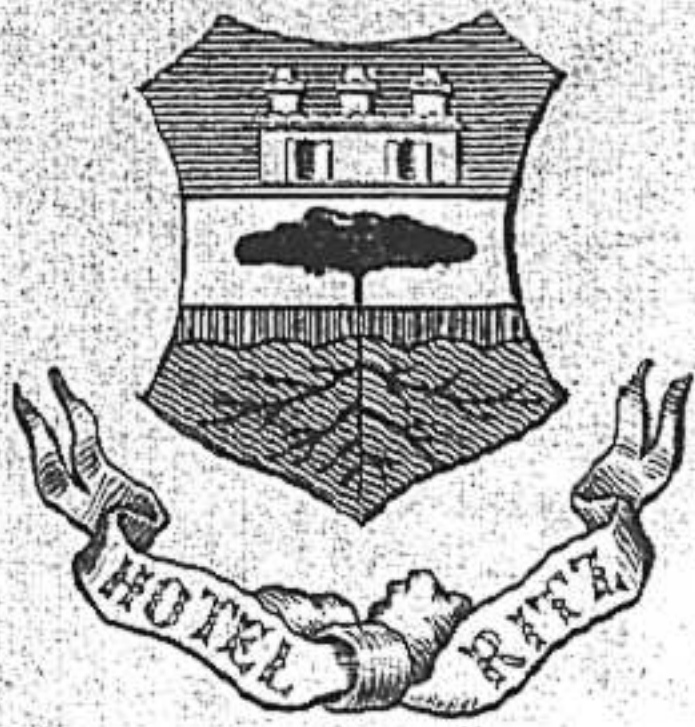
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Cogitation and contemplation. Often over
 one sentence in a letter ^{he} ~~thought~~ ^{thought} all
 night; even it had happened ^{at times he thought} that ~~it~~
 in sleep. Once ^{he} wanted to write a
 letter to a certain important person
 and ~~he~~ thought over it over a year. Another
 time ^{he} wrote a letter to a person and
 kept it in ^{his} ~~my~~ hand-bag for 6 months.
 The wisdom of these postponements
 have always appeared later. ~~My~~ ^{His} letters
^{were} ~~are~~ the results of deep thought and
 not the superficial expressions which
 appear today and disappear tomorrow.

3 One of the interesting personalities
 that came this afternoon to meet the
 Master was a Jewish Rabbi. He had
 heard last night ~~the~~ ^{his} talk of the
~~Beloved~~ and he came today to argue

with him that the equality of the ~~seals~~
 and universal language ~~are~~ ^{were} not necessary
 and that Christ of whom he spoke
~~last night~~ with such reverence did
 not bring anything new into this
 world ~~and he~~ ^{for rather he} caused the dispersion
 of the Jews to the four corners
 of the earth. The Master listened to
 him with a twinkle of amusement
 in his eyes. Then he started to speak
~~with him~~ and step by step ~~he~~ ^{the Ruler} was
 forced to accept the logic of ~~the~~ ^{the}
 Beloved and ~~at last~~ he left the room
 happy and satisfied. The wonder of
 the Master lies in the fact that no
 one leaves his ~~presence~~ ^{presence} with ^a bitter
 sense of defeat, but ~~he leaves it~~ with
 a happy heart, happy, because he
 has been able to learn something
 he did not know or ^{that} he knew
 it only very dimly. ~~After~~
 The President of Touranian Society



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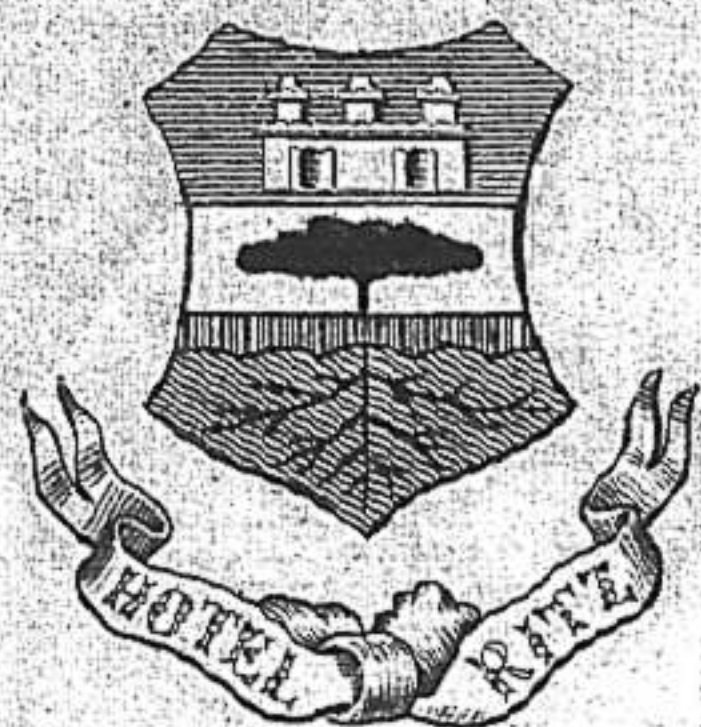
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came and another long discussion on the subject of international peace was carried on. "Your aim, of course is the realization of universal Peace," ^{Abdul Baha} said, "but with what power or ^{with} what executive force will you be able to bring it about? I hoped that ^{the President} ~~you~~ will find this propelling power so that ^{you} ~~you~~ ^{would be} may become assisted. In the matter of universal Peace, a great, universal Power ~~is~~ ^{was} necessary, which we may name a "Universal Collective Center." In the past there have appeared several "Collective Centers." These "Collective Centers" not being general in their ^{various} aspects have given only limited results. One of the "Collective Centers"

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has been and is yet considered the spirit of nationalism." This "spirit" has brought together the various individual members of different tribes and communities into one "Collective Center" called "nation." For example the different petty principalities of Germany for a long time worked against each others interests, jealously protecting their so called "freedom." The "spirit of nationalism" which was meant to become a most powerful "Collective Center" was born through the genius of Bismark. Again the birth of this "spirit" was evidenced in America in the union of ^{the} states through the wisdom of Washington, Franklin and Jefferson. In like manner other nations have come into being at various period of human history when the "spirit" of nationalism was born and the existence of the "Collective Center" felt essential.



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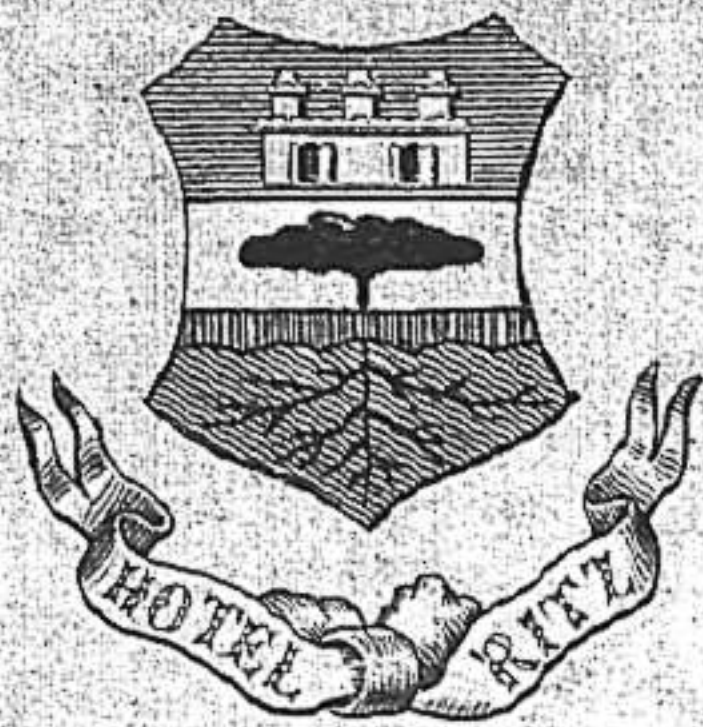
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Another "Collective Center" is ^{the} patriotism, the watchword and the battle-cry of the present nations. A third "Collective Center" is politics. It is evident that the interest of one nation is ⁱⁿ the loss to another and we can see that as long as these three "Collective Centers" are dominant in the affairs of the world, Universal Peace will not be realized. These "nations" look upon each other ^{with the eyes of} ~~as~~ differences; they try to improve the conditions of their native countries at the expense of others and their interests clash and come within the range of conflict. Therefore all these

"Collective centers" instead of helping
 the cause of international Peace ~~to~~
 prevent its realization. Consequently
 in this illumined Century, the
 intellectual evolution of humanity
 has advanced far enough as to
 create a "Universal Collective
 Center" around which all the
 nations may revolve, thus
 sacrificing their petty interests
 for the progress of the whole.
 Then the Beloved went on speaking
 of Baha-Ullah and the "Divine
 Universal Collective Center" which
 He has created and how all the
 nations and religions will
 ultimately come under its ^{influence}.
 The ^{audience} ~~listener~~ was astonished at
 the wonderful felicity of the
 Beloved's ideas. "I am really
 astonished" he said "to hear



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such^a marvellous exposition of universal Peace from an Easterner and I am more than glad to know that such a universal Cause has appeared in the Orient."

The Beloved dined in the hotel and at four o'clock, after ~~dining~~^{having} tea, he called at the ~~General~~ office of Consul General of Turkey. He ~~is~~^{was} a polished gentleman and was last night in the meeting. He was most pleased because the Master referred to the Balkan situation in his speech. After two hours of ~~conversation~~^{continuous} talk ~~the Master~~^{Abdur Baha}.

by invitation attended the meeting of members of the Star of the East in the headquarter of ^{the} Theosophical Society. There were a large number of bright-looking men and women, very intelligent and full of animation.

The Master sat in a large chair and the meeting was opened by 5 minutes silence after which the President read the following prayer in Hungarian for the coming of the Universal Teacher.

Master of the Great White Lodge,
Lord of the Religions of the world;
Come down again to the earth that
needs Thee.

And help the nations that
are longing for Thy Presence.
Speak the word of Peace that



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the people may cease from quarrelling.
 Speak the word of Brotherhood that
 the warring Classes and Castes
 may know themselves as One.
 Come in the ~~the~~ Night of Thy
 Love
 Come in the Splendor of Thy
 Power
 And save the world that is longing
 for Thy Coming
 Thou the Teacher alike of
 Angels and of men."

Then Another fine minutes of
 silence and then the President
 requested the Master to teach
 us. We are all Thy pupils

and are now sitting at thy feet
 to learn the Mysteries of the Kingdom
 and of life. Then the Master ^{stated} ~~stated~~
^{as much as they} ~~As you~~ have heard ⁽²⁾ already the name ⁽¹⁾
 of Baha-Allah ^{he would} like to relate
 to ^{them} ~~you~~ tonight the history of
 his life. It ^{was} ~~is~~ most wonderful
 to hear ^{him} ~~the Master~~ speak about
^{his great Father} ~~Baha-Allah~~. He is the only Person
 who can speak about him with
 emotions and holy feelings.
 The address was translated into
 English and then by a very clever
 and cultivated lady into Hungarian.
 She did it very well and I
^{was} pleased. The audience listened
 with the rapt attention seldom
 witnessed anywhere. They were
 interested deeply, movingly. When
 he finished his touching and



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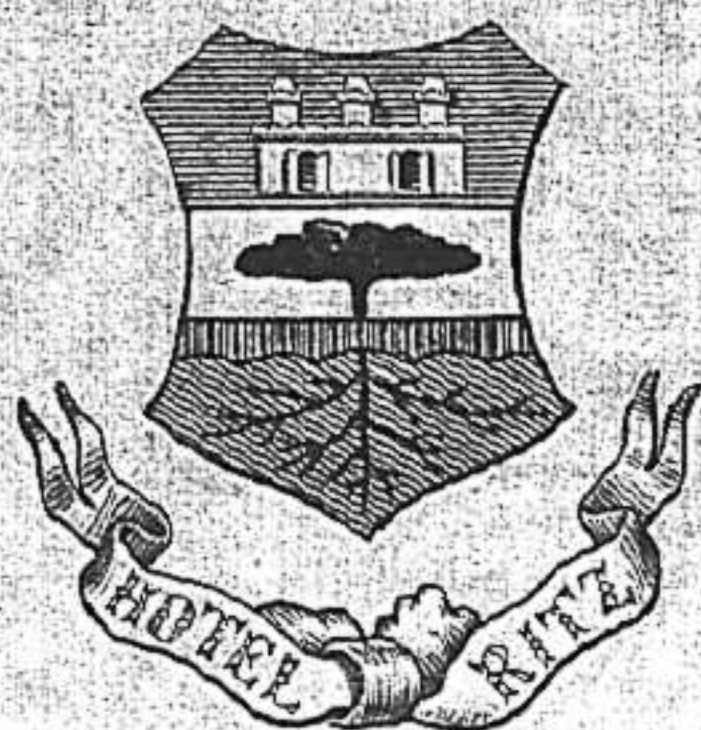
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heavenly address, he delivered a ~~very beautiful~~ invocation in their behalf. Now I give you a translation of prayer: -

O Thou Compassionate Lord! Illumine these hearts with the light of the Most Great Goodness! Confer life upon these spirits through Thy divine Glad tidings! Enlighten these eyes by beholding the splendors of Thy Sun! Make these ears hearingly hearkening Thy Most Glorious Call! Suffer them to enter in the Kingdom of Thy Holiness! Resuscitate them through the Breaths of Thy Holy Spirit!

Grant them eternal life! Bestow
upon them heavenly perfections! O
God! Sacrifice our lives for Thy
Give us a new Spirit! Clear
our visions with Thy spiritual
Power! Surround us with Thy
eternal joy! Confirm us in
the service of the world of humanity
Make ~~us~~ us the cause of good!
Fellowship between the heart
O God! Awaken us from
the deep slumber of neglect
Suffer us to become ^{mindful}
and aware! So that we may
become informed with
the Mysteries of the Holy
Books and comprehend
the allegories of the spiritual
utterances. Verily Thou art the
Powerful, Thou art the Great! and Thou
art the Kind.



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Alidul Baha

The President thanked ~~the Master~~ for his wonderful address and the heavenly benediction of his prayers. "This day will be remembered during all our lives and we request the Master to remember us in his prayers."

After a few more words from the Beloved they all gathered around him, kissing his hands and expressing such deep love and respect that one ~~can~~ ^{could} never express in words.

8 On his return to the hotel Sirdar and his wife called on him. Our Sirdar, the Indian gentleman has a very charming Hungarian wife who speaks

English fluently and is very talented.
 They are living happily in Budapest.
 The Sidor met her in India and
^{they were} married. ~~Both of them~~ are
 very much attracted to the
 Cause and love the Master ~~very~~
~~much~~. They invited the Master
 to have tea in their apartment
 tomorrow afternoon so that
 he may bless their two
 month's baby. "I want to
 bring her up as a Bahai"
 She said. "This is the only
 religion in the world that
 I would like her to believe
 and practice"

Love to all
 Ahmad

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