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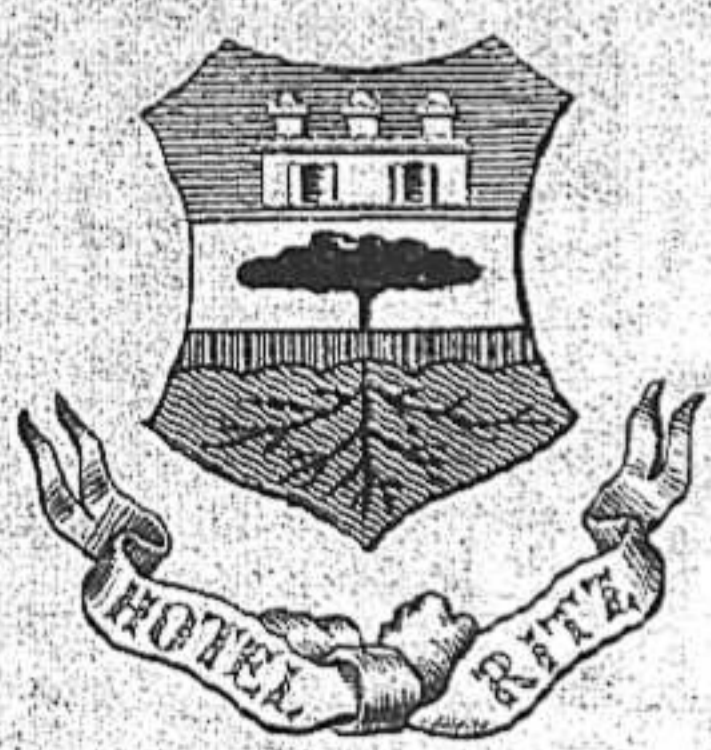
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Dear Harriet!

As I looked out of the window this morning my eyes beheld a wonderful scene! It was snowing! but how? Already one foot of snow had covered the field and the air was filled with its fleecy white particles! The wind was blowing ~~very~~ violently, carrying the snow ~~fast~~ rather and thither. (all day) (The snow fell ~~uninterruptedly~~. At this time of the year the snow may not be considered as unusual in Hungary but I looked at it with much interest. ^{In reality this year} This winter we did not experience the severity of ~~the~~ winter but for the last

Three days we have felt it in Budapest. Early in the morning the Beloved called us to himself and gave to each a cup of tea. Come here, he said, and look out of the window, How all nature, the trees, the mountains, the houses, the Danube, the streets are wearing the white garment of the angels! Snow is the sign of purity. Just as this snow is ^{consciousness} white so man ^{is} must be adorned with the mantle of purity. This is also a token of the Mercy of God to the people ~~of Budapest~~. The future of the Cause in this city will be as white as the ^{garment of the} snow ^{with} which Budapest is clothed by God.

2 Speaking about last night's meeting the Master said: If the speaker's intention ^{is} pure if his heart ^{is} transparent, no matter

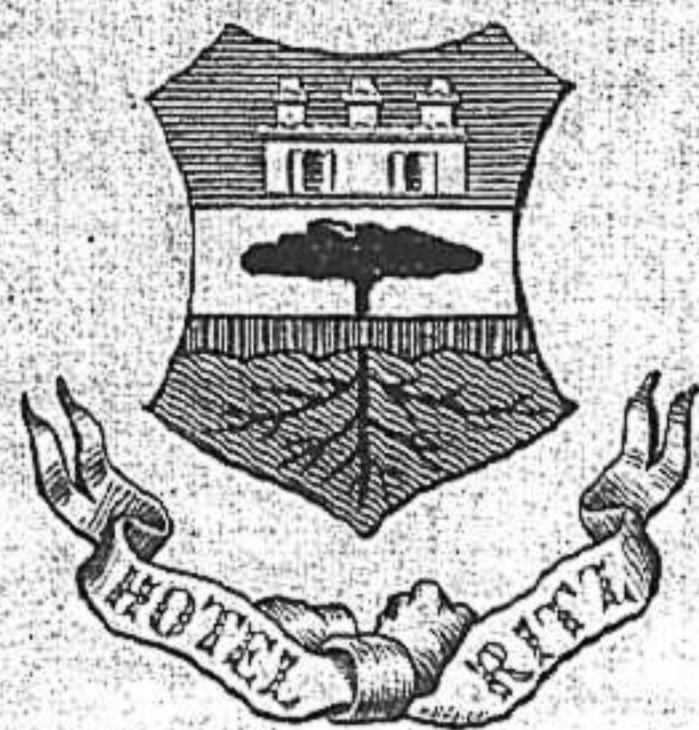


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Through how many translators the words may go, the audience ^{will be} touched. After Mohamad, many great orators appeared in the Islamic religion. One of these orators who wielded ~~together~~ ^a ~~such~~ tremendous power over his audience swaying their emotions towards any direction ^{he intended} was Hassan Khaqani. This orator had a son who had studied philosophy and sciences and considered himself secretly greater than his father. He marvelled at the simple words of his father, playing such wonderful effect upon ~~effect upon~~ the hearts of his hearers. Then he said to himself, if these people ~~were~~ ^{were} so touched by the simple

preaching of ~~my~~^{his} father, how greatly
 will they be affected if ~~my~~^{he} preach to them.
 Then he asked his father to give him
 permission to go out to preach ~~and~~
 in his stead. The father gladly
~~permitted~~^{assented}. The son, then ~~going up~~^{ascending} the
 platform took as his text one of
 the most difficult verses of the
 Khoran and round it ~~collected~~^{he won}
 subtle interpretations, philosophic
 axioms etc. The audience, was not
 only ^{not} moved but ~~was~~^{to distraction} bored at such
 a dry sermon ~~that~~^{and} the ~~people~~^{people} instead
 listening to him ^{they} began to speak amongst
 themselves. He was disgusted and
 leaving the platform went home
 angry with himself and the stupid
~~people~~^{people}. The father knew this but
 did not say anything. ~~For~~^{Next day}
 he took the hand of his son



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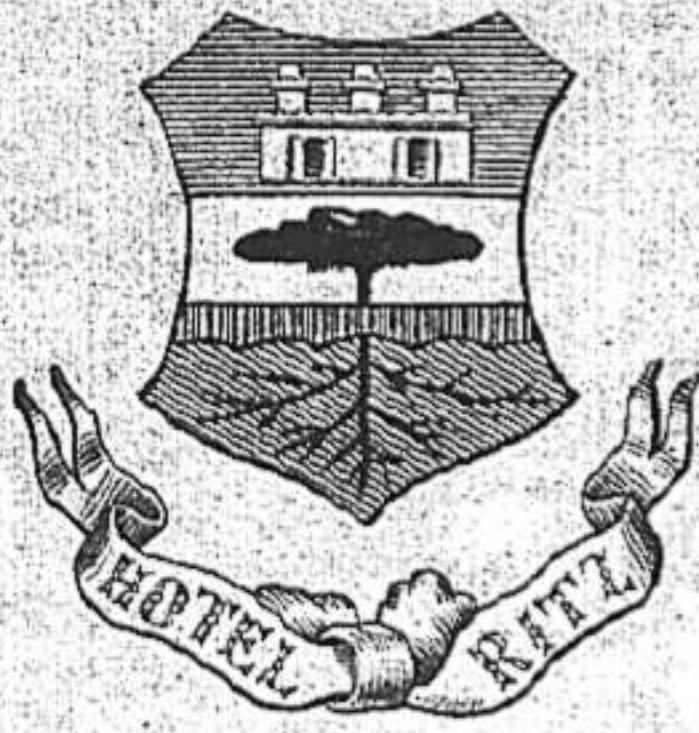
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and went to the Mosque to preach. As soon as the people saw Hassan Kharzou ~~was coming~~ ^{going} to preach, a deep ~~burst~~ of silence fell upon the ~~audience~~. Hassan went up the pulpit and after looking tenderly into the eyes of his audience, he said: - My friends! Last night something very important transpired in our quarter. We have a neighbor ~~in the form of~~ a very old ^{woman} man. She is eighty yrs old, laden with age. She is a holy woman. She prays all night and ~~does~~ ^{serves the people} ~~charity~~ all day. She had a ^{she} goat and her milk was the source of her livelihood. She had no other visible means of support.

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Now, my dear friends, she is sorely
tried, because ~~her~~ ^{the} she-goat died
~~last night~~ and she is left all alone
and helpless in this world. Then he
went on to picture her saintly life,
~~and~~ her ~~good~~ unselfish deeds. The audience
was ^{so} moved by this ^{simple} story that not only
many wept but ~~many more~~ ^{a crowd came forward} came
~~out with~~ offerings of aid and assistance.
When Hassan left the Mosque with
his son, he turned to him and said:
Did you see how ^{a simple story} ~~a good story~~
stirred the audience to its depths? You
must purify your heart. This is the
most important thing, otherwise
all your learning and philosophy
will not assist you ~~at all~~ ^{at all}. Now
in Budapest the confirmations
of God are with us, otherwise
how could a large audience

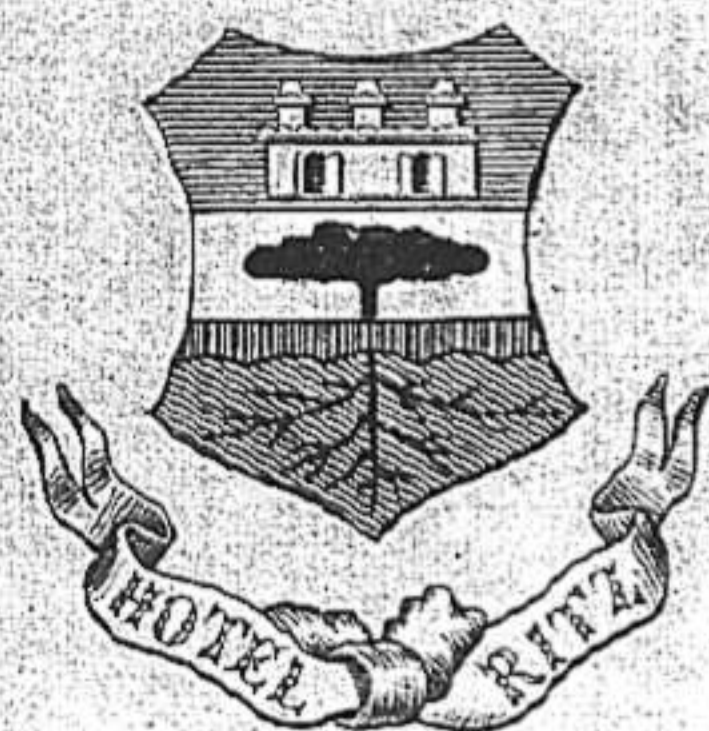


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like last night he moved and
 interested through two translators?
 3 ~~Later in the morning~~ Although the
 snow was falling heavily, many
 people from the Esperanto Society
 and the Theosophical and Peace
 Societies called on the Master. Almost
 everyone ~~of them~~ had either a photograph
 of Bahá'u'lláh ^{or a card} from Vahav, ^{to be} ^{photographed}
~~signed~~ ^{by him} ~~on a card~~. I believe it is
 a fashion here to request ^{important}
 personages to sign their names
 on the back of ^{ones} ~~your~~ card. In
 speaking with the President of
 the Soc of the East he said:
 I was most pleased with

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the last night's meeting. I spoke to you
on ~~the details~~ of the history of the
life of Baha Ullah. Now is the beginning
of the progress of the ^{Bahai} Cause in Europe;
it is the hour of the early morn-
ing. Ere long the sun shall rise and
station itself in the zenith of its
glory. During the life of Christ,
people did not accept his Cause.
They ridiculed him and his disciples.
It was only after 300 yrs that
Christianity was established in
some parts of Europe but
the Cause of Baha Ullah during
the last 60 yrs ~~it~~ has covered
the East and the West. While
in America we travelled as far
as Los Angeles and everywhere
we found Bahais, even in the
Island of Honolulu there is



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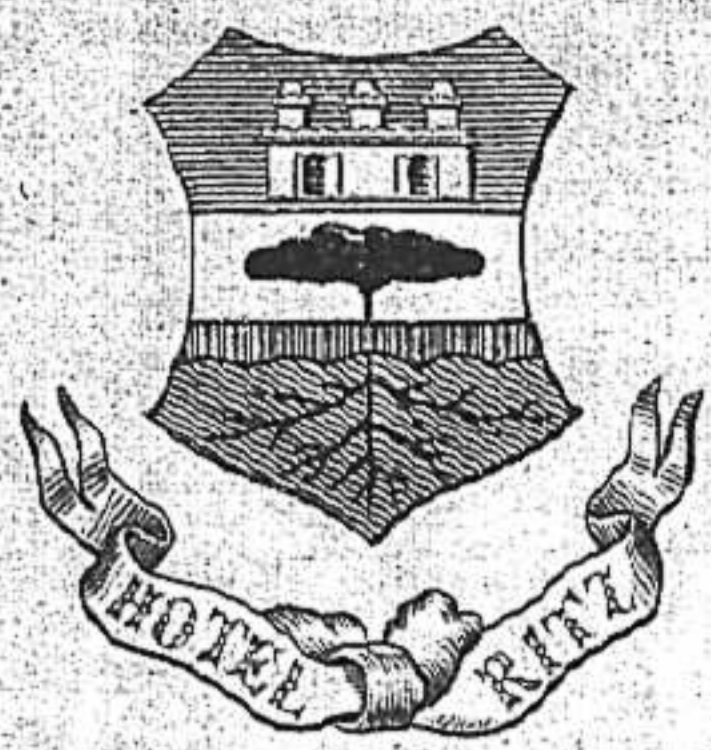
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a Bahai' Assembly. ~~Everywhere~~ ^{wherever} you go you find these souls working for the progress of humanity and the promotion of international Peace. Now this light is embodied in Budapest; these seeds are scattered in this field. We ^{have} brought this torch of ~~fire~~ to Hungary to ignite the hearts and transform them into palaces of lights. We have carried with us these seeds and have already sown them. I hope they will grow and develop. This great tree was once within a seed.

To the members of the Star of the East he said: - If the

Confirmation of Baha W llah surround
 your society, it will develop very
 quickly and you will be enabled to
 render great services." ~~Then~~ ^{Several}
 Turks, Arabs, and ^aPersians, came
 see ~~the~~ ^{the} Master. Here in Budapest
 we have only one Persian, a merchant
 of ~~the~~ by the name of Abbas Aga.
 He has been here for several yrs
 and speaks Hungarian quite well.

At half past two, the Master
 accompanied ~~with~~ ^{by} myself, although
 cold and snowing called on Mr
 Nadler Robert in the College of Art
 to give him another setting for
 the very wonderful painting he
 is making of the ^{Alidul Baha} ~~Master~~. As
 he lives on the fourth floor
 and the building had no ^{elevator}
 it was very fatiguing to mount
 the steps



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On the way he spoke of the strength of his youth: - you are young and strong. When I was at your age I never felt the cold. I loved the snow. I was strong enough to wrestle with a bear. How with my fist I would have liked to go for him!

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After spending more than one hour in the studio we took a carriage to call on our Indian Sarda and his wife at Szilagyi Dersator

4. On the way, in the carriage the master spoke very tenderly about Baba-Allah! - For sure you he did not see a green

leaf. He loved nature. His sensibilities^{and} powers of observation were ^{un-}in-
 aculous! the tips of his fingers ~~were~~
 were the most sensitive parts of his
 holy Temple. The power of his ^{sense of} smell
 was most keen. If he walked along
 this avenue although, his mind ^{was}
 occupied with other thoughts, he
 would on his arrival home relate
 most profitably every small
 detail of the throbbing life.
 Often he would order us ^{to go and} to prepare
 tea five or six miles away
 from the city, because one could see
 there a patch of green or ~~a~~
 pine ^{tree}. He would cut the cucumber
 into two pieces and smell
 only its odor and enjoy it as
 though he had eaten it. While
 dictating Tablets to his Secretary
 at a rapid ~~pace~~ rate, the



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had papers in his hand writing on some entirely different topics and now and then carrying an interesting conversation with those who were present and suddenly he would raise his head and point to us from the window a wonderful tall, noble tree in a garden far away. One occupation ~~would~~ ^{never} not prevent him from attending to other things.

10 Our Indian Sardar had a beautiful apartment, part Oriental and Western. The Master and the rest of the guests were served tea and refreshments. He looked around the large rooms

and after blessing the little baby returned to the hotel.

In the evening an American and his wife from New York who are travelling through Europe with a few Hungarians called on the Master and spoke to them about the ^{gross} materialism of the French people and how the Americans are a noble nation of investigators of Reality. They enjoyed his talk very much; for the materialism of the agnostics was likened into the materialism of the cow who does not know any thing about ^{God} and is out of touch with His Kingdom. The materialists believe in what they see, so does the cow. The farmer sees the flower and believes in it the latter sees the meadow and the cooling spring and believes in it.

Love & all

Almas