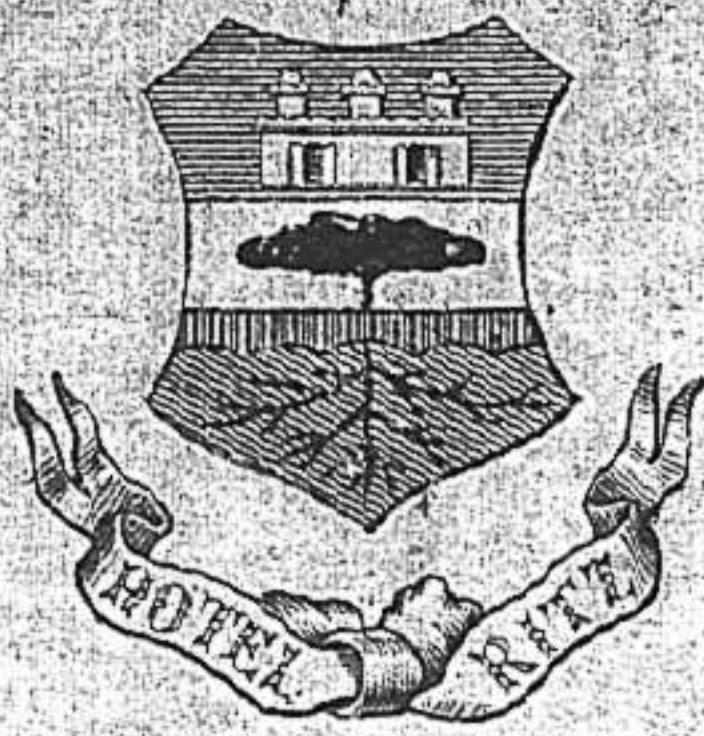




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Dear Harriet

The falling of snow is ~~being~~
continued and the wind is blowing. The
air is filled with cold. It seems this
is a general condition all over Europe.
Reports are being received from Germany,
Austria, France and England that
in many parts of those countries
king snow is reigning supreme
and expressions of ^{deep} ~~great~~ regret
are being heard right and left
of the great loss which shall be
entailed upon the farming
communities. ~~Al~~ ^{Abdul Baha} ~~felt~~ ^{is} sorry for
all these ~~manifest~~ losses but ~~I feel~~
he assured ^{me} that God ^{from} in this great
Treasury ~~many~~ shall compensate them

with the wealth of the Kingdom 2
~~out of his infinite treasury~~

2 Mr and Mrs Leopold Stark who have become the pure channel of introducing the Cause ~~in~~^{to} Hungary are most interesting people. Mr Stark is a cultured, learned Hungarian, who speaks seven languages very well and his wife speaks six languages very fluently. She is charming, sympathetic, very attractive. Her face is ~~slighted~~ with tenderness ~~and~~^{her} eyes radiate spiritual rays. She is most talented and active. The very first time I looked into her face, I was attracted to her. Her smile is most pleasant and winning^{some}. She has ~~a great deal~~ of soul-quality. As Mr Stark says: "the success of these meetings chiefly belongs to ~~her~~^{my wife}, because when she is interested in a Cause



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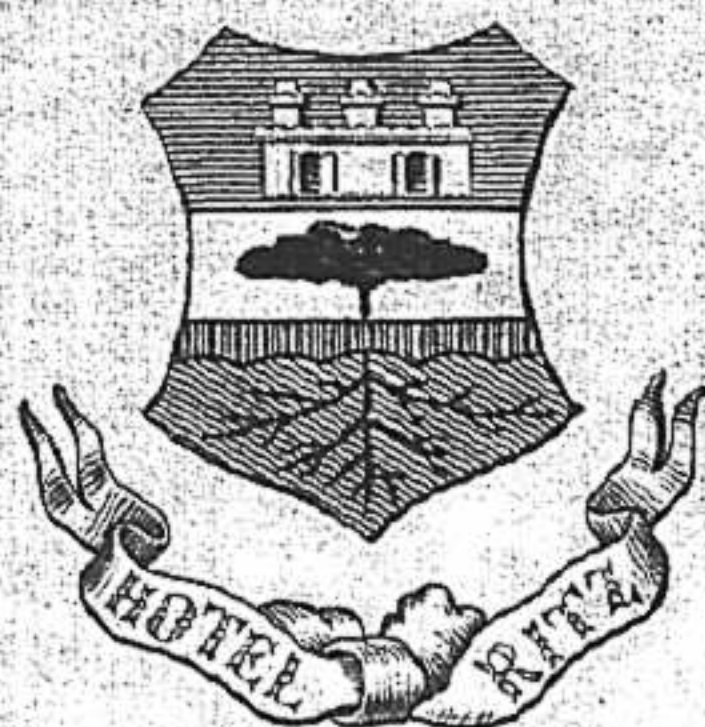
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she works untiringly and enthusiastically. I have done very little. I am a busy man. "And when you look into the face of Mrs Stark you are convinced that she is a very rare woman and has exceptional virtues. "We will do everything we can to spread these teachings in Hungary" she impulsively yet deliberately declared to the Master. "Oh I am so very happy to see the Master so pleased with our humble effort. Really I am myself astonished at the interest manifested all around. People before the coming of the Master were

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surprised at our daring to invite him
to a country wherein no one has
heard ^{anything} about the Bahai revelation.
I was afraid a little myself that
perhaps the public and the press
will be indifferent but, I said,
I will do everything possible and
leave the rest in the hands of the
Master. Now I am so glad, so
happy that the Cause is received
in Budapest with such seriousness
and dignity. We could not do
this in a hundred yrs. " And
~~there~~ ^{here} she is a noble, fine, heavenly
woman, full of Bahai spirit,
courage, hope, optimism and
her eyes dancing with a happiness
which is not of this world.
I may write pages and page, praising
her qualities and beautiful



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spirit but if you could see ^{her} for one ^{hour} ~~minute~~ you ~~could~~ ^{would} realize that which is impossible to write!

3 Mr Stark lived 9 yrs ago in London for nine months. As he has been always a member of Theosophical Society he became a friend of Mr A. P. Cattanaack who was at the same time interested in the Theosophical Movement. This link of friendship once established between them, they keep in touch with each other through correspondence. About 2 or 3 yrs ago Mr Cattanaack heard about the Bahai' Cause

and accepted it immediately. Soon afterwards, he sent a package of Bahai literature to his old friend Mr Stark in Hungary. Mr Stark having read these writings became greatly interested and studied Baha-Allah's Tablets & other books. When he heard last December that Abdul Baha was again in England he wrote without delay to Mr Cattanaack, whether he ~~can~~ ^{could} direct him to one with whom he may correspond about the possibility of Abdul Baha's trip to Hungary. Mr Cattanaack gives him my address and then he wrote to me at that time, inviting the Master on the part of various Societies and offering to pay all the expenses of the trip. The Master told



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me to write him that he had not
accepted anything from any one
for his lectures and travelling ^{expenses}
that he ~~was~~ ^{was} trying to follow the
injunction of Christ "freely you
have received freely you give";
that although he could not promise
at that time whether he could go
to Hungary but it will be well
for him to correspond further
on the subject when we arrived
in Paris. While in Paris I ~~had~~
received again Mr. Stark's ^{counters}
letter and again the answer was
postponed to Stuttgart. Upon
our arrival in Stuttgart his
letter and telegrams were

awaiting us and kept us busy till
the Master yielded to his ^{urgent} invitation
and told me to send him a note
that he ^{was} coming. This was in
brief the account of the introduc-
tion of the Cause ^{to} Hungary
which I thought may be of
interest to record herein.

6 This morning the Beloved was
going to call on Mr and Mrs Hart
but as the weather was extremely
cold last night, he caught a slight
cold and therefore he sent Mr
Herrigel to them ^{with the message} ~~and~~ that
he could not go today but will
^{visit} ~~go there~~ later. Soon Mr and Mrs
Stork and Mr Moore came
and spoke about the future
of the Cause in Hungary. The
Master said: The Cause ^{will}
^{be} spread very much in this



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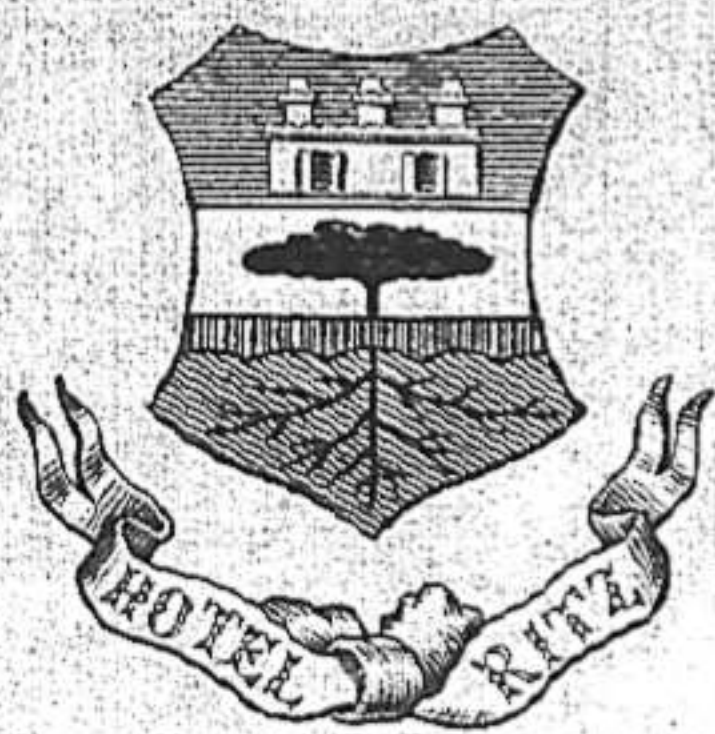
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country. Blessed souls shall arise to serve the Bahai revelation. They will be the means of the happiness of your hearts. The banner of the Cause shall be unfurled over the cities of Hungary. For the present those amongst you who are interested in the Cause, gather together once a week, read the Tablets of Baha Ullah, speak on the Cause and whenever you find a thirsty soul, offer him the Cup of this Salubrious water. Rest ye assured that Baha-Ullah shall confirm you and you shall be

assisted by God in this work!
The Stark asked the Master
what books he ~~can~~^{could} translate
in Hungarian so that he may
~~print~~^{publish} and ~~spread~~^{circulate} them among
the reading public. He said:
Translate the hidden words,
the words of Paradise, Tajalliyat
Tarazat, ^{the} Bahai Proofs and other
small pamphlets containing
short historical accounts.
You and your wife have
rendered already a great service
to the Cause of Baha'ullah.
I will pray to God that you
may always be surrounded
with his benedictions. When
I leave Budapest you ^{correspond}
with me and let me hear
your news.



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To Mrs Stark who came in the afternoon
to inquire about the Master's health he
said: - I love you and your husband
very much. You are my daughter
and he is my son. You are the
first ~~one~~ ^{apostles} to introduce the Cause
of Baha Ullah ^{to} Hungary and
this honor shall be handed
down to all your future
posterity. The members of
your family shall glorify in
you. God shall confer on you
always. Rest thou assured
I will be always with ~~thee~~ ^{you}
and ~~thy~~ ^{your} husband. I will
spare no effort and shall strive
all the time to promote the

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these spiritual principles in Hungary
and will do my utmost to serve
the Cause" she answered

9 ~~Later on~~ Mr. Tarkent Alajos
of the Touranian Society came
to see the Master and brought
two beautiful books of the views
of Budapest. He spoke on the
objects of ~~the~~ ^{his} Society and left
a pamphlet in French detailing
its course ^{He said to Alfred Balaizy} behavior. "This Society is
eternally blessed because it had
the honor and distinction of
receiving you. Your words of
praise and encouragement will
inspire all the future workers
of this society." "I will pray
to God," the Master answered
that the circle of the influence
of your Society may increase
daily and may render great
services to the world of



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humanity.

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~~Let~~ Mr Herrigel presented the love and greeting of many German friends and appropriate messages were sent to each. Mr Herrigel asked how they should conduct the meetings in Stuttgart. He answered: Gather once a week in a public meeting. Before the meeting ^{begins} ~~opens~~, one must read a prayer, or ~~supplication~~ from ~~Bahá-ólláh~~; afterward they may sing together an ~~all~~ them or a song. This is optional, they may do it or not. According to their tastes. Then ~~some~~

one may give an address, on ~~some~~^a Bahai subject. Then they may read Tablets or extracts from the writings of Baha Ullah such as the hidden words, Farajat etc. or the news or letters received from other Bahai Centers. Then with another supplication they may close ^{gathering} ~~the meeting~~. The object is: let the meeting be spiritual and productive of unity and harmony, so that ^{when} you leave ^{it} ~~the meeting~~ you ^{may} feel much better than when you entered ~~it~~. Let the meetings be as formless as possible. Crystallization of forms will kill the spirit. Let simplicity, ^{progressiveness} naturalness, beauty of ideas, love and fellowship emanate from your meetings. The mother of



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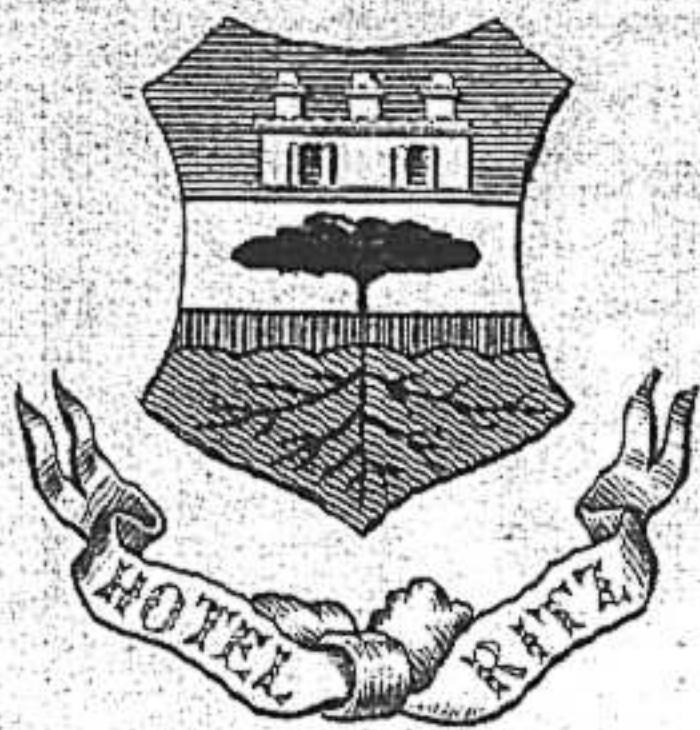
all the questions is to promote the Cause and spread the Teachings.

~~Afterwards~~ Prof. Goldziher came and the Master talked with him at great length in Arabic, on the knowledge of divinity the four criterions of knowledge the transference of the single atom through all the Kingdoms of life. The talk was very long and the Professor listened with rapt attention and delight. A few

2/3 Then ~~two~~ ^{a few} Arabs and Turks had interviews and the Beloved spoke to them, although

he felt very tired.

§ By chance Mr. Stork dropped in and I gave him the addresses of the Bahais of the various Eastern and American Bahai Centers so that he and his wife may keep in touch with the friends of other parts of the world. The Master then advised him to correspond with as many Bahai Centers as he can. § At this time the Correspondent of "Az Est" came in to have an interview. The Beloved gave him the objects of the Bahai revelation with fifteen principles and also an outline of the economic Bahai plan. The Correspondent was extremely interested and went away.

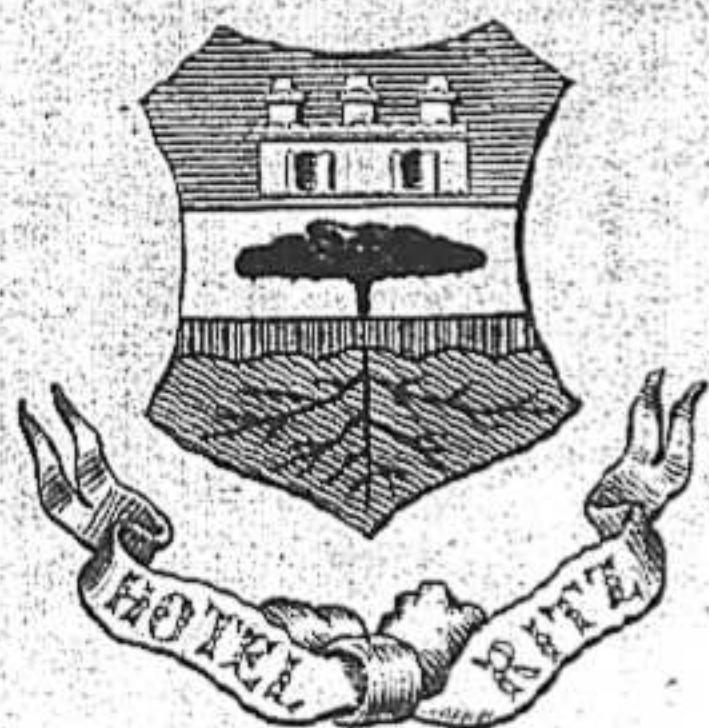


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was
convinced that this ~~is~~ is a wonderful
spiritual movement. Mr Stark
translated for him into Hungarian
the talk of the Master.
13 Today I received a nice letter from
Consul Schwarz of Stuttgart. It ~~was~~
full of love for the Master and I may
let you have a glimpse at the sincerity
of the man by ~~quoting~~ quoting here a portion
of ~~his letter~~ ^{it} ~~letter~~:- My wife and myself
as well as my children were sad when
the train left the station of Stuttgart.
But we are so extremely happy having
been together with the Master the
last week and are ^{still} quite under
the divine influence of His Presence.
We speak of him and the wonderful
influence he has made on us
and the deep love we felt for

him as well as the love he has for us,
so we feel very happy. We would do
so also without the signs of love
he has given us by taking on him
the troubles of the trip to Mergerheim
and the blessings he has given to the
paths will be of enormous influence
on its future. I am quite deeply grateful
to the Master for this great kindness
and love. He is all to me, my
wife and my children and my
whole family. We can only try to
give him back a little bit of the
great love he has shown us by telling
to all our friends of him and
the holy mission he is fulfilling
so that Stuttgart may become
a firm and strong fortress for
his wishes and teachings. We
all live here in the thought and
love of him. My wife and



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my children and myself are at all time remembering the Master and the fulfillment of His High Mission. We are his pupils and will work so that we may become as he wishes us to be and tell others in order that they may take a share of the happiness and blessing which are coming from him. Tell the Master that we love him and that we beg him for his blessing.

This is a letter written by a German of a very high standing in the community; strong, practical, solid man, and it shows how

the Beloved affects even the ²⁰strangest
mind with his divine love.

14 Mr Moore ~~has~~ brought his gramophone
to the hotel and Mirza Mahomed
Chanted through it the beautiful
prayer delivered at the Theosophical
Society for their future Bahai Meeting.

I forgot rather a very important
point in writing the story of the
Country of Baha. In the place ^{where}
the Master says "Come, Come and I will
be thy guide" the following sentence
is to be inserted: - "I have come from
that country. I am a native of that
land and will return to it. All
the Bahais are the denizens of that
country."

Mirza Mahomed, Sayad Assadollah,
Mr Herrigel and Sayad Ahmad Bageroff
join me in sending to all the Bahais
loving greetings
Ahmad