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Dear Harriet!

Since our departure from Paris I have not received any news from America, neither have I received a letter from you. I suppose my mail is awaiting me in Paris. It may take us at least one week before we arrive there, so I have written to forward my mail in case there are any. I am so eager to receive the news and the Master too, because he asked me the other day in Budapest, whether I have received any letters from America. Travelling from one place to another has this disadvantage but I suppose our travel in Europe is coming to a close.

As the Master was invited last night to dinner by one of the "Persian" friends in Vienna, he slept there and came to the hotel early morning. As the present Turkish Ambassador ^{is} an old friend of the Master ^{so} he asked me to go and call ~~on him~~ and inform him of his Presence in Vienna. Having heard that the Master is in Budapest he had written to the Consul General of that city to let him know when ^{he} the Master arrives in Vienna. The Turkish Embassy is at IV Ring Eugenstrasse 34, five minutes walk from our hotel. When I called at ^{I was} the above address ~~they~~ ^{was as yet} informed that the Ambassador ^{was} asleep ~~yet~~ so I left a card, ^{with the} ~~writing~~ ^{message} my object on it, and ~~returned to the hotel.~~

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When I ~~arrived~~^{returned} at the hotel the Master told us of ~~the~~^a meeting in which the present Ambassador with a few other Turkish officers ~~was~~ were present in Acca ^{continued}. When I entered the meeting the Beloved ~~said~~ I observed they ~~are~~^{were} all looking askance at me. They just ~~conversed~~^{saluted} ~~to me~~ and started to speak amongst themselves as though I was a stranger and intruder. Then one of them ^{raising} his head asked the governor of Acca about the theory of a writer in regard to Trinity just published in a book. The Governor not knowing what to ~~answer~~^{say} moved the question aside. I ~~saw~~^{realized} the questioner's aim ~~was for me to answer~~ ~~at me~~ and not the Governor.

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~~Then~~ I spoke at length on the significance
of Trinity; the Manifestation of
God, the holy Spirit, the Father, the
Son ~~and the Holy Ghost~~ ^{next day}
~~Tomorrow morning~~ before
sunrise I was awakened from my
sleep that the present Ambassador
and his friends ~~are~~ ^{were} down stairs and
desire to see me. He ~~is~~ ^{was} one
of the wisest men of Turkey. He had
been twice the Grand Vizir and
he had carried out all the missions
entrusted to him successfully. He ~~was~~
a diplomat of the first rank, learned
and intelligent. In those days it was
rumored that his political prom-
ments were given serious attention
by the Cabinets of European Powers.
Once he was appointed as the
Governor of Yarmouk. Thinking
that the inhabitants ~~are~~ ^{were} very

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fanatical he wore a big turban ~~on his~~
~~head~~ and ordered all his staff to ~~do~~ the
same so that he may be able to
assuage their anger against any
innovation.

3 After awhile Mr Cordes and the
Secretary of the Theosophical Society
with a few others came to welcome
the Master to Vienna. Mr Cordes
said, the first time ^{he} I heard about
the Bahai Cause and was immediately
attracted to it was two yrs ago in
Adyar India, the headquarters of the
Theosophists. ^{He} I heard a lecture given
by a Bahai traveller. This lecture
stood just ^{in the same spot where} ~~there~~ Mrs Besant stood
every time she delivered an address ^{and}
~~as~~ the result of this many people

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became interested in the Bahai Movement. This instance again showed us how the wonderful Cause of Baha-~~Ullah~~^{was} ~~is~~ being permeated everywhere. There ~~are~~^{were} some hidden, invisible forces that ~~are~~^{were} constantly working to spread the Teachings of this Movement but ~~cannot~~^{could} be seen by the outward eyes.

4 In welcoming them the Master said:— I have not come to Vienna ^{see} as many tourists do but I have come to see you. I am longing always to see perfect souls. Wherever I see noble men and women I am made happy, even if it is in prison. I hope that as a result of my trip to Vienna, the light of Guidance ~~shall~~^{may} shine, the eyes ~~shall~~^{may} receive a new sight, the hearts ~~will~~ be gladdened and the spirits rejoiced. For the realization of this object, I have

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Came to Vienna. ~~Then~~ The question of nationality and language was touched. The Beloved said: - "The Persians, the Austrians, the Germans, the French, the Italian and the English people belong to one common stock of Aryan race. Originally this sturdy race lived along the river of Ganges in India. This people grew rapidly in number and strength. Having become too numerous they migrated to the plateau of Iran - (Persia). From the tableland of Iran, a second migration was set in motion toward Caucasus. After many ages of expansion, the third migration started westward. Then a stream of migration

at various periods flowed toward
Europe, each one, inhabiting a portion
of the land. Lack of intercourse and
communication created differences
of language and customs. Little
by little they were more and more
stranged from each other. Now my
hope is this: just as originally these
various nations belonged to one
family; may they again return to
their primal unity. Formerly they
were one as regards to their physical
life; may they become united in
this age ^{as regards} their spiritual life.

6 After this the Master went out
to walk in the City Park ^{not far away} ~~which~~
~~near by~~. ~~As~~ This is the Flower
Day in Vienna, all the young
girls have little imitation flowers
baskets.

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in their hands with a small deposit
boxes, ~~they~~ selling ~~the~~ flowers for
Charity. As the Master was walking
many came to him and instead
of dropping ~~ten cents~~ ^{small coins} in the box he
would drop ~~for~~ ^{one} ~~Krona~~ or two Kronas
There were literally thousands ^{of people} in the
streets and park and everybody stopped
to look at the Master, wondering
who ^{was} ~~is~~ this strange man! I have
seldom seen anywhere people
standing still and looking ^{continently} at him.
Thousands of eyes were upon him.
This brought to my mind the
story he told us about Baha Ullah
that his person was so majestic
and so glorious that as he walked
in the streets ^{of Bagdad} all eyes were upon
him turned to him.

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When in the park a little girl run to
him to sell the flowers. ~~The Master~~ He
got hold of her and Kissed her and
filled her pocket with many Keronas.
Her mother who was watching this
~~lovely~~ scene came to her and asked
to kiss the hand of "Monsieur" ^{because}
he was so lovely to you. Very ^{grateful}
she bowed and kissed the hands,
the blessed hands.

8 ~~One thing that~~ surprised me ^{very}
much was to see young ~~and~~ girls
working as brick and hod-carriers
on the buildings. Over their heads
they carried ^{heavy loads of} bricks and mud. This
was most astonishing and it ^{explained} ~~related~~
to my unaccustomed eyes the
sad story of social indifference.
To gain a livelihood by the fairer
sex must be extremely hard

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otherwise these ^{I. Kärntnerring?} young girls ^{and old} women would not have ^{to become} ~~pushed to~~ ~~work as~~ had ~~carriers~~ and stone-carriers.

9 ^{morning} The Master on his return about ~~12 o'clock~~ took with himself Sayad Ahmad ^{Bayer} and called on the Turkish Ambassador. ~~There~~ He was kept for ^{lunch} ~~dinner~~ and it was about 3 o'clock ^{that} he returned extremely fatigued by speaking. At four ~~o'clock~~ Mr Alexander Engelhardt called on the Master and made a model clay of ^{his} ~~the~~ face of ~~the~~ ^{the} Beloved. This morning he met ^{the} Master down stair and being attracted by his extraordinary Countenance, pleaded him to

to come and make a model. He lives¹²
most of the time in this hotel
and makes ~~models~~^{statuettes} of important
personages. For twenty minutes
he worked and out of the soft
clay he brought out the wonderful
face of the Beloved. He ~~is going~~^{will}
~~to~~ have another sitting.

As the day was full of sunshine
the Master with all the Persians
took another walk through the
public park. Again he was
stopped by the girls and dropped
many a Krommas in their
boxes. I enclose one of the
imitation flowers which were
given to me by him.

10 Having returned he rested
for a few minutes and

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then Mr Cordes came to take him to the home of Prof. Stern, Kärstnergasse 11 where the Theosophists will be gathered to hear ~~him~~ ^{the Beloved} speak. ~~It took us little time to get there~~ ^{After a few minutes we} ~~were there~~. Mrs Stern conducted the Master to a private room. At half past seven the meeting opened ~~and~~ ^{the} ~~The~~ Master came in and everyone got up from their seats. There were about one hundred people present. The Theosophical Society has just been formed in the month of October and is therefore quite ~~young~~ ^{new}. There were many young people in their midst and

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and ~~therefore~~ greeted ~~the Master~~
with enthusiasm and warm
feeling. The English address was
translated into German by Mr
Cordes. His theme was the dogmas
which exist in the present day
religions, the freedom of the
Theosophists from such super-
stitions and the presence of three
realities in man. After the
meeting he shook hands with
all the people and retired to the
other room. Here many people
were presented for private
interviews and each person
received new hope and new
courage. They were all ~~very~~
attracted to the Cause, ~~and~~
~~were~~ are glad to receive the

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light from the ^{I. Kärntnerring} source and not
 from ^{via} a second hand. ^{was} There we met
 a Persian girl who ^{was} studying in
 Vienna. I was surprised to hear
 her speak in Persian in the first
 time but was glad to find one
 "from my native land." After
 the meeting the Master was
 driven in a carriage to the
 house of ^{the} a Persian friend
 to take his supper. We were
 also invited. Many delicious
 Persian dishes were served.

This hotel is so big that our
 rooms were quite far from
 the elevator, so we have
 again moved to another

part ^{on} ~~of~~ the same floor. We ¹⁶
have ~~now~~ an excellent suite
of three connecting rooms Nos
46, 47, 48. The Master is living
in front room No 46 overlooking
the broad avenue. We are pleased
with our place now and I
don't think there will be ^{rather} ~~no~~ change.

Now that the Master ^{was} ~~is~~
here, the Cause will be spread
along ^{spiritual} ~~correct~~ lines; there will
be no mistake and a good
foundation will be laid
for the future.

~~Love to all~~

~~Always~~