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Dear Harriet!

One of the most precious souvenirs of our sojourn in Vienna is the delightful little bust made of the Master by Mr Alexander Engelhardt, the artist. Unconsciously, he has eternalized his name in the Bahai history. He is a young man, ^{with} a fine face, keen eyes, ample hair and altogether a very nice fellow. The clay model was finished in two sittings, each sitting taking from ^{twenty to thirty} ~~20~~ minutes to half an hour. He is a native of Dresden and his father is the Editor of an influential paper in that city. You may call him a travelling artist. He has made

busts of King Edward and other
 famous men. From the clay model,
 a few busts are being made ~~now~~ in
 imitation bronze and ^{they will be ready} in a week ~~will~~
~~be ready~~. The price which he charges
 will be a nominal one. I think
 it will be ~~between \$2 and \$3~~ or three dollars,
~~probably~~ three dollars. I have ordered
 two for myself - myself in the sense
 of sending one to you and the other
 to Washington - and if the friends
 desire to have any, they can ~~all~~ put
 their ~~first~~ order together and I will
 see that they will get them in
 time. I believe it is one of the
 best heritages to posterity. How these
^{matters} ~~things~~ come ^{up} one after another quite
 naturally and yet all these events
~~are~~ miraculous when you look upon
 each ~~separately~~ ^{incident} from an isolated point of
 view.

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X This morning a reporter from "Die Zeit" called on the Beloved and asked many questions and received satisfying answers. As the Master has spoken in this City only to the Theosophists, the reporter asked whether he is the leader of this Society?

A. B. We are Bahais but on certain questions we find ourselves in agreement with the Theosophists.

Reporter. In which part of the world this Cause is more spread?

A. B. In Persia, although there are many of them in America.

Reporter. Is this a Mohomadan Sect?

A. B. This movement is neither a sect nor an ~~Mohomadan~~ ^{is called} denomination. It is the religion of love and brotherhood toward all humanity!

R. I have read the principles of your⁴ movement and find everythingⁱⁿ it reasonable.

A.B. In these parts no one as yet is completely informed of the Bahai Cause. If a person learns all the teachings of Baha ~~Ullah~~ he will acknowledge that they are the spirit of this age, the light of this century.

Rep. Are there Bahais all over the world?

A.B. Yes.

Rep. Where do you come from?

A.B. I come now from Budapest. I have been in America, where I have travelled through many large cities and spoke in many churches. After nearly 8 months, returning from California to N. Y. I sailed for Liverpool.

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Then London, Bristol, ^{I. Kärntnerring 9.} Edinburgh, Paris,
 Stuttgart, Morgenthau, Budapest
 and now in your delightful city.

Rep. you are wonderful to travel so
 much at this age!

A.B. The power of God assists me.

Rep. How long are you going to stay here?

A.B. I will leave for Paris in a day
 or two.

Rep. Do you find many people are
 interested in your Cause.

A.B. Now it is the beginning of
 this movement in Europe but it will
 be soon spread to all parts.

Rep. How long have you been
 travelling for the propagation of
 your principles?

A.B. It is now 2 years and half.

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Rep. Will you tell me something
about your Teachings?
Then the Master told him how
previous to the coming of Baha - ~~Allah~~^{Ullah},
darkness and ignorance prevailed
amongst all the religions and nations
of the East, how Baha ~~Allah~~^{Ullah} like ^{into}
a glorious sun appeared and established
certain Teachings. Then he enumerated
these principles, 1st Investigation of
Reality. 2^d the oneness of the world
of humanity, 3^d Religion must be
the Cause of love and Amity, 4th
Religion must be in accord with
science and reason, 5th Universal
Peace. 6th Economic plan. 7th
Equality of man and woman etc etc.
Then he gave him an exposition

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of natural and divine civilization. The reporter asked a question about the American people. The Master answered: - They are very progressive and well-established in modern civilization. They are the investigators of Reality and ~~are~~ ^{are} thirsty for every salubrious water. They have a vast and unlimited continent, capable of undreamed of development. They are ever pushing forward. One must move and push and be alert and active in America, otherwise it is not his place. The reporter smiled and said: "How well you understand them!" Then there was more talk about the exile and imprisonment of Baha Ullah, the limitation

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of material civilization. The reporter
left the Presence of the Beloved
impressed not only with the
Teachings but with the wonderful
personality of the Master.

4 Later Many friends came to see
the Master. They were all
gathered around him. One woman
asked "how should we gain eternal
happiness?" Answer: - You must
enter in the Kingdom of Abha.
In the Kingdom of Abha, there
is light upon light. The darkness
of sorrow and pain is banished
forever from that region. His
Salvific Baba Allah today has
opened the Doors of the Kingdom
and people are receiving mission
of that far-off palace

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of happiness. They are made
 so happy that they sing and
 dance under the sword. Eternal
 happiness is all-inclusive. In it
 is embraced material happiness.
 This world is like unto ant-houses.

Have you ever observed how the
 ants are ever busy to gather provisions,
 sometimes carrying heavier loads,
 than themselves? But once in a
 while some of these ants grow
 wings and soar away. I hope
 you will be like them!

Then a few of the Persians called
~~on the Master~~. There are I think
 about 20 Persians in Vienna
 who have ^{called} ~~been here~~ for the last

few days to meet the Master, ¹⁰ either
through curiosity or interest.
5 At ~~twelve o'clock~~ ^{noon} the Master
and all of us accompanying him
went out to take a walk in the
National park. After half an
hour walk he rested in a cupola
in front of the Lake to watch
the ducks and geese and
swans. They were very pretty
and of many colors. He was
enthusiastic in his praise
of them. ~~Then~~ He went out
of the Park with our brother
Bagruff to dinner to the
house of a "Persian friend".
6 As we were walking back
~~to the hall~~, a young man

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approached and inquired whether we are Persians. After some conversation it turned out that he ^{was} a Bahai from Tabriz and he wanted to come to Paris to see the Master. ~~Mr~~ Mirza Ali Akbar had given him the address of Man. Dreyfus; ^{so} he ~~was~~ ^{so} ~~very~~ glad when he heard that the Master ^{was} ~~is~~ here. About five o'clock he came to the hotel and was presented to ~~him~~ the Beloved of the world. I incidentally may state that ^{Mirza was with Abdul Baha in America} ~~our American~~ Mirza Ali Akbar has returned to Haiffa and is awaiting ^{his} the arrival of the

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~~Beloved~~ and ^{the other} ~~one~~ Parsi Nurja Ali
Akhar has gone from Lyonne
to London.

Another thing: Mrs Isabel
Graser is a special friend of mine
and during our journeying
together in Europe she has
seen a few of my letters and
for her Bahai newspaper work
she is very anxious to get
copies of these letters. I have
told her to write it to you.
The Master has great confidence
in her newspaper work and
you will assist the Cause
if you send to her copies
of the Diary as you
receive. She wants me

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to send these letters first when
then she would copy and forward
them to you but I did not
accepted it. However any
assistance you give her in
this matter will be greatly
appreciated. We have arranged
with some of the important
weeklies and monthlies in
England to give to them
for publication weekly and
monthly articles - a continuous
publication propaganda -
These Editors are glad to
publish these articles if
we have them ready. Now

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Mrs Fraser could not write
articles without some foundation
and these letters seem to her
just the right kind of foundation.
Please help us in this matter.
It is impossible for me
to write to her all the news
as I have ^{been} writing them to you.
So the only way to do is as you
receive these letters you will
be good enough to have some
one typewrite them and send
one copy to her.

Please remember me to
all the friends of Dad

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