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Dear Harriet ! !

This is the last day we are
in Vienna and tomorrow ^{morning} at ten
~~o'clock~~ we ~~will~~ leave for Stuttgart ^{from}
~~the station~~ Westbahnhof. Here during
these few days the Cause ~~is~~ well spread,
many people have become deeply
interested and ere long Vienna will
be one of the many Bahai' Centers.
~~in the world~~. The pure seeds of the
word of God ~~are~~ ^{were} ~~being~~ sown and
God shall cause them to grow through
the downpour of the rain of mercy
and the wafting of the gentle
breezes. We are all very hopeful
as to the future of the Cause

in Vienna

2 One of the most amusing reports which somehow has been given out innocently by someone was that Abdul Baha ~~reads~~ ^{was a fortune-teller} ~~reads one's fortune~~ and predicts the events which will transpire in the future of one's life. Therefore for the last few days most of those who came to have an interview with Abdul Baha inquired about their future. This morning two ladies arrived very early, each carrying in her hand a ~~bouquet~~ ^{large} bouquet of flowers and after the preliminary greeting, asked the Master what kind of progress will they make in the future?

"There are two kinds of progress."

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the Beloved said, 'Spiritual progress and material progress. Material progress is temporal and vanishing; for no matter how much man may advance his body, at last ^{he} shall become subject to death; but there is no limit to spiritual progress and its results are infinite and glorious. For you, therefore I desire this spiritual progress which is eternal!'

3 ~~Later on~~ Some one asked how can she better assist the world? The Master said: - Assistance is of two kinds: - Material assistance and spiritual assistance.

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Material assistance is limited to a
locality and place but spiritual
assistance is measurable. However
if a person is enabled to render
assistance in both ways, then
it is light upon light. But if he
cannot render material assistance,
he must not feel sad, because
he is not responsible. You must
not feel unhappy, because
you are not rich. I strive ^{then}
~~in order~~ to assist the world
spiritually. Consider how many
souls have assisted the community
with millions yet its result has
not been widespread, but those
souls who have arisen to guide
the people spiritually, their

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results are unlimited. Therefore
make ye an effort to gain this
power. In what way will you
gain this power? By entrance
into the Kingdom of Baha-Ullah. ^{Then}
~~It~~ shall be surrounded with
invisible confirmations. ~~There~~
are many women in Persia who
have no worldly possession whatever,
but they render spiritual assistance
to the people. You must likewise
make an effort so that you may
guide and educate the souls ^{giving}
truly. Do not attach your hearts
to the worldly possessions.
Attachment ~~is~~ always happiness.

There are some people who dream that if they had ~~ten~~ thousand dollars, they would be happy; but they do not know that those who have already 10.000 dollars are unhappy and ~~are~~ sad because they do not have \$100.000. and so on. If you want to be happy, attach your hearts to nothing. Be ye free, so that ye may be always joyful. Attach your hearts to spiritual principles. They are the divine virtues, heavenly perfections, the knowledge of God, the Love of God and the attractions of the Spirit.

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Someone asked: ^{what is} ~~about~~ the Bahai' Cause. The Master said:— The Cause of Baha-Allah is incomparable to any other cause, because it is the Collective Center of this age. This Cause regenerates the souls; Everyone receives a new baptism and attains to the station of the new birth. If he was a liar, he becomes truthful; Whereas formerly he was coward, he becomes courageous; Whereas formerly he was morally soiled, he becomes pure; Whereas formerly he was ignorant, he becomes wise. He is transformed entirely into the angelic state. Any person undergoing this process of

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purification, know ye of a ^{certainly} that he is a Bahai; otherwise he has only changed his ideas and is a Bahai in name. All the present communities do only change their ^{names} ~~ideas~~, but in the Bahai Cause, it is different. If a person was dark, he becomes illumined, ~~he becomes~~ characterized with the attributes of Holiness and Sanctity; he will be set aflow with the Life of the Love of God, ^{And} he will become a New Creation. The Bahai Cause is the fountain of Job. Whosoever enters ^{therein} will become freed from all the moral and spiritual diseases. I hope all the people

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will attain to this high station.
5 One of the Theosophists asked the
Master to write in her book.
On the page having the date of May
23d being his birthday he wrote
the following:—

"O Thou Sun of Reality! Cast
Thou a Splendor from the Light
of Reality upon the heart and
consciousness of this seeker of
Reality."

6 Someone suggested, it will be
very good if a meeting between
Abdul Bala and a prominent
Austrian ^{Count} ~~could~~ ^{could} be brought
about. The Master said:—
The thirsty one must run

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after the water; the fountain
will not run after those who are
thirsty.

Another visitor asked: "What
is the greatest duty of man in this
world?" The Master said: "To
enter in the Kingdom of God is the
greatest and most important
duty."

One inquired: "How can the heart be
consoled?" The Master said: "The
greatest consolation for the heart
is the Love of God. This is the
balm for every wound and the
remedy for every ailment. This
world is full of pain and afflictions.
Therefore the foundation upon
which ^{the} eternal consolation of
the human heart is based."

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is the Lane of God. Every ^{new} day
bring in its train new difficulties,
and ordeals. The world is very
dark and the only light which
is capable to penetrate through
this darkness is the Light of
the Lane of God and entrance ^{into}
the Kingdom of Baha - Ullah.
This is the Cause of happiness,
This is the means of consolation!
The Glory of man is through the
Lane of God, entrance ^{into}
this Kingdom and being ^{imbued}
with His divine Characteristics.
9. All morning a stream of
callers received the encouragement
and inspiration of the

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Master. As one of the ladies said:-
"I don't know why I came here
but I feel so happy to be near
the Master. Since I have
seen him, I like to fly with
happier wings. With a look, a
few words and a smile, he has
entirely transformed my life. I
feel in my heart the springing
up of new hopes, new inspirations,
the stirring up of new ideals."

In the afternoon several
Sessions came and the Master
spoke about the wonderful
blessings which will descend
in the future upon Persians
how that country will become
very beloved, because the
Peace-maker of the world

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has been born there.

Arrangements were made that
Baroness Bertha Von Suttner,
the great austrian pacifist may
call on the Master at 3.30 p.m.
Before her arrival, the Beloved
sent^{to} her a large bouquet of roses,
blossoms and life of the valley. She
has written many books on
Universal Peace, one of her
most famous ~~books~~^{works} is "Lay down
the arms."

As she entered the room she
expressed sorrow over the events
of the past few months, a note
of pessimism and ^{of hopeless ness} despondency
on her tongue. The Master
came back with hope. Ah, he

~~the~~ the day of hope hath dawned.¹⁴
After every sorrow there is joy, after
every night there is the glorious day.
God willing through your efforts,
we will succeed. I have heard
much of your name and your
unselfish service to the Cause
of Peace. I trust that you
are a lover of humanity.

Baroness B. von Suttner: I am
very grateful for your words
of encouragement and inspiration.
I have done very little and with
less results.

A. B. You have sown the seeds
and God shall cause them to
grow.

B. S. I hope so.

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A. B. I have been looking forward to this visit. While I was in Chicago and Omaha you were there at the same time but it was not destined that we meet each other. I had to come to Austria to pay you a visit.

B. S. I was very sorry that I could not meet you in America for I have always heard of this movement.

A. B. ~~Agreed~~ ^{Yes}! One of the greatest teachings of Baha - Allah is ~~the~~ regard for international Peace. We must not lose our hope and courage. The beginning of a

downpour of rain is only a few drops. In the early dawn, the sun rises slowly, giving us here and there a few feeble rays but it is sure that before long it will be stationed in the meridian of its glory. Truly I say, the spirit of this age is universal Peace. In ~~each~~ ^{every} age of great, impelling ideas has been born and developed. There has been an age of scholasticism, ~~and oratory~~, another age belonging to the development of philosophy and natural sciences. The last age was the age of freedom and the march of democracy throughout many lands. But this is the century is the century of the promotion of international

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Peace, the proclamation of the
 oneness of the world of humanity,
 the brotherhood of man, the
 union of religions, the solidarity
 of various nations and the
 universalization of all the great
 ideals, common to the children
 of man. All the people are the
 sheep and God is the real
 Shepherd of this flock and
 is kind to all. The earth is one
 sphere. These geographical
 boundaries are made by ^{man} ~~us~~,
 calling one piece of land Austria,
 another Germany, a third French,
 a fourth English and so forth.
 The dogs in Oriental cities instinc-
 tively divide the various quarters

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amongst themselves and if by chance
one ~~of the dogs~~ crosses the boundary
of another, he will be attacked.
But these boundary lines are
all imaginary. They have no real
existence. *

B. S. I had never heard this before.
But I suppose these dogs are
not aggressive. They are satisfied
with their own domain and do
not carry fire and sword in
their neighbor's home. "

A. B. You are right! Aggression
is the attribute of man and the
ferocious beasts but the
domestic animals never
fight. *

Much more I could write
on the interesting conversation
of ~~the~~ the Master and the Baroness

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but space forbids. Towards the
 end ~~the Master~~ ^{he} invited her to come
 to the Orient because the Bahais
 who are the servants of Peace
 will be glad to see and hear her.
 She thanked the Master for
 the lovely flowers. They were not
 flowers he said. They were
 the expressions of my esteem
 and admiration for your noble
 services to the Cause of humanity.

She left the Presence of
 the Master much impressed
 and I am sure this interview will
 be of incalculable benefit to the
 Cause in Austria.

11 Then the Master dictated
 two Tablets for Mr and Mrs

Stark and Mr Moore of Budapest.

I was standing near the window writing and ~~the~~ Master was walking back and forth. As he dictated he became so excited that several times he ~~came very near to me~~ ^{approached where I stood}, shouting the words into my ears and his eyes were ablaze with the fire of divine enthusiasm. I could feel through the very fibre of my being his wonderful spirit and energy. Suddenly he ~~came to me~~ ^{whirled around} again and before finishing the sentence, he slapped my face so powerfully that not only I was dazed but the reverberating noise brought other Persians who were in their adjoining rooms.

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The Master laughing heartily asked them: "Did you hear it? Did you hear it? I was giving Kurja Ahmed just a lane-pot or rather his daily wage." and again he broke forth into laugh and continued dictating. While he was dictating Mr. Noble's Tablet I got my wage, so if for no other thing you ought to receive a copy of this remarkable document.

12. In the middle of all this ~~Later~~ the bell was rung and Mrs. Stark rushed in. "What! Mrs. Stark here in Wien? She was bubbling over with life and spiritual power! The Master was so pleased to see her, ^{He told her} I have just dictated a Tablet to you and your

husband. I have a special attachment
 to you and Mr Stork and will always
 pray for you! She said she ~~was~~ ^{is} now
 on her way to a summer resort for
 a rest of ^{ten} ~~10~~ days. Already 25
 people in Budapest have expressed
 their belief in Baha Ullah and on
 her return they will have their
 first meeting and start to translate
 the Word into Hungarian language.
 "Every body speaks about the Cause"
 she said, "~~in Budapest~~" with the
 greatest reverence ~~and respect~~.
 They respect us more than ever
 before because we are Bahais.
 We will do everything to spread
 the Cause. She brought ~~to us~~
~~with herself~~ copies of a Hungarian

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Magazine containing the picture of the Master ~~alone~~ and also a group picture taken in Budapest. Yesterday I mailed it to you with the Asiatic Quarterly Review and other papers containing articles about the Cause.

13 Then at five thirty the Master called on the Persian Ambassador with Ahmad Bageroff and it was about 7.30 when he came to the Theosophical Society directly from the Embassy. We were all there waiting for him, meanwhile the Revue was speaking in German about the Cause to the assembled

audience. On his arrival he said:—
 I am so ^{very} fatigued. I have been talking
 for two hours and now I must
 talk again. Let me rest at least
 for a minute or two.

After a while the ^{high} master
 entered the large hall. At his entrance
 everyone arose and as he spoke a
 great silence of attention
 fell over the audience. He
 spoke ^{on} how all the Manifestations
 of God have ever come from
 the East, gave a resume of
 the principles and the life of
 Baba Allah and finally ended
 his address by delivering a
 wonderful prayer in Persian.
 The prayer was not translated.
 The people preferring to hear

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the voice of the Master without interruption, ~~thus a higher~~ ^{spiritual intonation} I will bring this ~~letter~~ to a close with a translation of the same:-

O Thou King of Existence! O
Thou Kind Beloved! The members
of this meeting are the lovers of Thy
Face. They seek after Thee and they
long to converse with Thee. They
are the investigators of Reality and
~~they are~~ the users of Thy Countenance!
They are thirsty for Thy salubrious
Stream and they have turned
their attention toward Thee.
O Thou Kind Beloved!

Illuminate the world of humanity! En-
 lighten the hearts with the Effulgence
 of Thy Love! Perfume the nostrils with
 Thy Sweet Fragrance. Confer upon
 us a new Bestowment! Give unto us
 a strong power! Open the eyes!
 Make the ears hearing! O God!
 Thirsty are we, Thy Grace is the
 cooling Spring! Homeless and Shelterless
 are we, Thy Court is the asylum for
~~the~~ ^{the} poor ones. Indigent are we,
 give unto us the Treasury of Thy
 Kingdom. Prisoners are we
 free us from aught else save
 Thee. Nameless and travelers
 are we, accept us at Thy divine
 Threshold! O God! Do not look upon
 our desert. Have mercy upon us! Be compassionate
 to us! Grant us Thy Favor And guide us to
 the right Path. Verily Thou art the
 Powerful and the Mighty. "

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Dear Harriet!

This is the photo of the
Hotel in which our Beloved
lives. Tomorrow morning
at ten o'clock we will
leave for Stuttgart and
stay there probably for
two nights and then for
Paris. In half an hour
Baronness Bertha v. Suther
the celebrated Austrian
Peace advocate will call
on the Beloved to talk
with him. It will be a
significant meeting

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