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Dear Harriet!

The love of the German believers for the Master is the most remarkable thing I have ever witnessed anywhere. This love is shown toward him even by their children. Their sturdiest and strongest men have the greatest respect and veneration for him. As they enter his room, it is as though they are in the Presence of the Superior Being. Everyone kisses his hand ^{and} is silent, ever eager to listen to his words of wisdom and knowledge. The kissing of his hands is the most natural and spontaneous thing you have ever witnessed. No one has told them to do this and the Master discourages them but it springs from their hearts. It is the most interesting sight to see children of a very few years running to him with love and then kissing his hand. His love for the children is a source of never-

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failing joy to all those who come to see him^{which}
Immediately ~~they are~~ ^{they} put in touch with his
all-prevailing spirit of Kindness and tenderness.
For the last month or two the great prophecy
of Isaiah often comes to my mind: For unto
us a child is born; unto us a Son is given,
and the government shall be upon his
shoulder; and his name shall be called
Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The
Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. I
do not claim that the Master is the fulfilment
of this prophecy but I can say thus much
safely that all these qualities are found
in him to perfection. Any one who is
endowed with the spiritual perception
and stays one morning in ~~the~~ his
Presence and sees with his own
eyes all that occurs, he becomes
convinced of this statement. One
does not need to go out to see the world,
the world comes to him with all its
puzzling problems. All types of men
and women sit at his feet and in

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his heavenly environment all their seemingly insurmountable barriers are wiped away and they become as one. He carries them away into the empyrean realm of brotherhood and while living there, these people who were total strangers to each other - lo and behold they have become brothers! What made this sudden transformation possible? The Universal Consciousness of the Master. With the magic wand of spirit, he unfolds before our vision, the glories of human solidarity but often the light being too dazzling we turn away from it, preferring our dim ray of patriotism. He teaches his audience, he amuses them, he instructs them, he inspires their hearts with noble ideals, he fires their spirit with enthusiasm for greater faith, he consoles them, he guides them through the rocky path.

of life, he gives them sound^{est} advice⁴ regarding their affairs, he confers upon them happiness, he improves their minds, he exalts their thoughts. Indeed and word, he is the Great Example of divine Humanity. We must plan our imperfect lives after his Perfect example, the lesser must revolve around the Greater, the part must follow the Whole, the drop must emulate the ocean. The infinite possibilities of progress are before us, the trumpet has sounded the Great Call, the mighty rivers of knowledge are flowing, the Breeze of the holy Spirit is wafted, the doors of the rose-garden of Abba are open, the heavenly banquet is spread, the divine Beloved has unveiled his face, ^{and} the day of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~fraternal~~ brotherhood is close at hand. Now what our effort and our endeavor might accomplish remain to be seen!

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This morning before the friends started to
come he told us something about the
life of Bismark. He was the most
wonderful genius in statesmanship. He
was a wise, shrewd and most intelligent
diplomatist. First he conceived the plan
of the confederation of the scattered
German principalities into one great
Empire and then for long many years
he worked persistently for its realization
till ^{at last} his labors were crowned with
success. To accomplish such a great
task of union was superhuman. Now
all this German development and its
modern culture owe its origin to
the Confederation. Intuitively
all these services, all that is left of
him is a name in history and statues
erected in his memory here and there
But if he had served one thousandth

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port, the Cause of God, eternally, he would
have shone forth from the horizon of
everlasting Glory.

3 Then the believers started to come. Mr
and Mrs Häfner brought their son who is
a favourite of Our Beloved. Having not ^{enough}
seats, many of the friends were standing
all around the room. The Master took the
little boy in his arms, kissed him, played
with his locks and while he was nestled
in his lap he spoke:— The love of the
Children is pure, therefore you can see it
in their faces. All of us must have
~~the~~ love; especially this love, because
it is the Love of God. Our hearts
must be like the hearts of the
Children which are without ~~any~~ deceit
or dust. The susceptibilities of the
Children rule over their wills.
If the Children do not love some

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one they do not approach him. Of double-
dealing, they know nothing. They are not hypoc-
ritical. Their outward and inward are
~~the same~~ ^{the same}. The Children must be well educated.
These children are like unto the tender
plants. If the plant is trained straight
by the skilful gardener it will become
straight and if it is trained crookedly
it will become crooked. From babyhood
the Love of God must be deposited ⁱⁿ ^{their}
their hearts. They will, then, be well
educated, they will become illumined,
they will be imbued with praiseworthy
qualities. I love the children very
much, because they are ~~meant~~ ^{meant} for
the Kingdom of God. I hope that all
these children may attain to the
stage of fruition because they
are Bahai Children. !

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 Then he got up from his chair and divided
 the many bouquets of flowers amongst
 the friends. Reaching Mr Ruff he
 stroked his face and gave him more
 flowers than the rest. "Because
 thou art my 'baby', therefore thy share
 is larger," he said and from that time
 Mr Ruff is proudly, although I
 suppose ~~40 or 50~~⁵⁰ years is nicknamed
 "Abdul Baha's baby." "Although in
 age thou art old, yet in spirit thou
 art young," the Master remarked
 with one tap on his shoulder and
 everybody was laughing with the
 humor of the King of Kings.

5 ~~Then~~ Another group of the ^{friends}
 were admitted into his presence.:-
 He said:-
 Affairs so shaped themselves that
 I may stay longer in this city

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In this there lies^a consummate wisdom.
It will become evident in the future. There
is no doubt that the believers of Stuttgart
have ability and capability. Although I got
the ~~catch~~^{call}, yet you are the ones to be
profited by it. Your sincerity in the cause
has caused these delays in my departure.
When I leave this city I ever anticipate
to receive good news from you. I hope
to get the glad-tidings that you are
enkindled with the fire of the Love
of God, day unto day ye are advancing
along ideal paths. Whenever the
heat of the sun is diffused and the
rain pours down, then the tree
shall grow and develop. Likewise
may you grow and develop through
the divine Bestowment and

exercise toward each other the utmost of affection and love.

To another group he gave a long talk about the Crown of Everlasting Glory ^{which} Baha-Ulloh has prepared for all his friends, how this station is not appreciated today just as they did ^{not} appreciate Christ and his Teachings. I give you the glad-tidings * he said towards the end, * that ye are accepted at the Threshold of God and the doors of the Kingdom of Abha are open before your faces. Ever long ye shall obscure the traces of this ^{world} ~~world~~. I shall never forget Shiffort; for in this city I ^{shall} ~~smell~~ the fragrances of spirituality.

There was a man in the audience who had very long moustaches

He ^{was} the father of Mrs Herrigel. The
Master looking at his mustache ^{said}
jokingly: - You are like a lion. People may
become afraid of you. Lions are of two
kind. The lion of the jungle and the
lion of God. The former takes life,
the latter confers life. Now then at
the lion of God. Both lions are ^{courageous}.
The courage of one comes from the
brute force, the courage of the other
from heart. He is not afraid of
any danger; in the field of self-sacrifice
he is ready to give up his life. This
is real heroism. ^{the lion of God} ~~the lion of God~~ ^{the lion of God}
^{father said was} now a Bahai and ^{he could} ~~he could~~ testify
that these teachings have entirely
transformed ~~him~~ ^{him}.

The Master said:— And so it must be, otherwise a person is not a Bahai. It will be only the change of a name and not the identity. There ~~are~~^{were} many ~~Bahais~~^{people} in the East who have been formerly ~~vicious, tyrannical and dark~~^{but having become Bahais}, ~~now they have become~~^{as} strong, sanctified, just and humorous ~~through the acceptance of the Bahai religion~~.

8 ~~Later~~ A Bahai father and mother with their three little radiant boys came in. The Beloved called them to himself and gave them fruits and candy. ^{He said:} "How I love these children! How pure and innocent they are! They are the embodiments of light. Look at their blue eyes, how beautiful they are! How lovely their ^{looks!} ~~hears~~! Oh! How I love them!"

- 9 Till 12 o'clock the room was filled and emptied, group after group. Consul Schwarz, with his daughter were waiting for one hour to take the Master for a ride in their ~~automobile~~. They had another auto for the rest of the party. At last we were free and ready to start out when another group arrived and for a few minutes the Master entertained them. Many of the friends brought their German Hidden words and ^{Abdul Baha's} photos for ^{him} ~~the Master~~ to sign ~~his name~~. Miss Olly Schwarz, the daughter of Consul had her ~~book~~ brought for the Beloved to write something and he wrote the following beautiful prayer:—
"O Thou Beauty of Akha! Master
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Then this maid-servant of Thy Threshold
a radiant lamp so that like unto a
star she may shine with the Light
of Thy Lane."

"We had more than one hour drive
through the royal Park called the "Solitude".
There were many old trees, lovely lakes, and
innumerable deer. On our return ^{the} Consul
was showing the Master the palace belonging
to a Baron. "This is the best private residence
in Stuttgart" he said. "No" the Master
^{immediately} answered "The best ^{private} residence in Stutt-
gart is yours, because we have been
there and have raised the mention of
God."

12 Again, ^{Consul Sahwag} expatiating on the antiquity of a
noble family the Master answered:
"The noble family will be the one
which you will find, because
you are a believer in Baha-ollah"

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~~The~~ Consul also showed us the Bismarck Tower high on a hill, having a commanding view over all the city. On the 21st of June, every year, during the night, a great fire is lighted on this Tower in commemoration of the Confederation of German Empire. On the way the Master called at the office of Doctor Fisher, stayed there for a few minutes and as we were all invited for lunch to Consul's house we were taken to 3 Alexanderstrasse. Here the Master rested for awhile before lunch and then told to Frau Consul the lovely story of "the" Thorn-seller of Bagdad who invited him to his ~~cottage~~ ^{cottage} 20 miles outside of the city. The dinner consisted of baked dough and dates but the delicious ~~taste~~ ^{has set} of it remained

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in his palate because he had coated
it with love. At four o'clock many
prominent men and women of ^{the} royal
Court of the King of Württemberg were
invited to meet the Master. Happily
they all understood English and the
address of the Master could be made
more interesting to them. Many of them
were Counts and Countesses, Barons ^{and}
Baronnes and of the cabinet of the
King. It was a very significant meeting
and the result of it will be far-reaching
for the Cause in Germany. Consul and
his wife were very glad because they
were enabled to bring about such a
brilliant gathering. They were ^{without exception} all ~~most~~
attracted ^{to} ~~with~~ the Master's address.
While the Beloved was speaking ^{the}
young son came to him and sat ⁱⁿ Consul's
his lap. Some photos were

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taken ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ that natural position. At
five o'clock ~~about~~ the Beloved ~~met~~
to Frauenclub, Kaulzleistr 24 to deliver
an address before the Bahais at their
19 days Feast. Four rooms were thrown
open to each other and ⁱⁿ all of them
many tables were arranged over
which cakes, flowers, fruits etc
were served. As this feast was ^{decided}
upon only yesterday, ~~therefore~~ all the
Bahais did not know ~~anything~~ about
it. ~~Notwithstanding this~~ there were
more than 150 ~~friends~~ ^{present}. The Master
gave an eloquent address which
imported happenings to the hearts
of all ~~those~~ who were present.
Amongst those who were ~~present~~ ^{invited}

there were many important men
and women in the social life of Stuttgart.
After this meeting the Beland came
to the hotel. In the evening Counsel
Schwarz came and begged the ~~master~~^{host}
to decide upon a date so that they could
have another public ~~meeting~~^{gathering}. This time
the meeting to be held in a larger hall.
The ~~master~~^{host}, however, could not accept the
kind invitation because he expects
to leave ~~soon~~ for Paris. Beside he
must rest for two or three days before
~~leaving the city~~^{he starts}. Consequently he hoped they
will excuse him. We have had already
many heavenly meetings, the seeds have
been sown, now the friends must
arise to water them.

Bahá' greeting to all the friends
Ahmad