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Dear Harriet: 1

I think Stuttgart will keep the Master ~~a few~~ days longer, ~~perhaps till the end~~ of this month. As he has received many cablegrams from Haifa that pilgrims from all parts of the Orient have arrived and are awaiting his return ~~for him~~ he is trying to make all the possible haste to ~~return~~ bring the Western pilgrims to a close. Unless something unexpected ~~may turn up~~ Paris will not keep him long. When we left America no one even dreamed that his European tour ~~journey~~ will run into so many months; but the unexpected has ~~happened~~ and many parts of Europe there ~~are~~ illumined with this light and many people are awakened to the importance of these Teachings. Consciously or unconsciously by word or by deed, ~~by praise or blame~~ they testify that this Cause is the spirit of this age the light of this age and the hope of this age.

This morning quite naturally the Master talked to us, three servants of his, for nearly one hour. There was no one else in the room. When he talks only to a few people, his charm and attraction as a divine conversationalist becomes more manifest and evident. His knowledge and varied human experience, as he goes on talking keep one hanging to every word which drops from his blessed tongue. One is never tired to listen to him. His most heavenly talks are always seasoned with a touching human story or a sweet demonstration of love towards the Children or some humorous remarks about some one in the audience or the stroking of the beard of a friend or slapping on the cheek of another. Thus the people are immediatly put in touch with his divine spirit of love and affection. They feel the beauty of his humanity and divinity at the same time.

Opening his remarks as he sat on the chair, he said:- If we could appreciate more the luxuries of this age, and the marvels of this century we would be more thankful to God than ever. For example, let us take this room. Even the great King of Persia could not enjoy the luxuries of a room like this. Solomon with all his glories did not have a mirror like this! (and he pushed me jokingly before the large mirror and said: look in it!!) Solomon had not an automobile, but only a wooden chariot carriage, a little gilded although. The audience Chamber of Alexander the great was not lighted with electricity. Now most everybody enjoys the possession of an automobile or his room is lighted with electricity.

4 Haroun-Er-Rashid who ruled over many countries of the East had not a clock like this one in his room. The first Clock was made during his reign

and it was such a novelty that he ordered another one to be made of [redacted] and sent as a great gift to Charlemagne the Great. When it was presented to him all the people were astonished that it worked automatically. The priests of the Court stood before it wonder-struck and could not explain to themselves the secret power which made it work. Finally after much reflection and consultation they decided that the Arab mechanist had imprisoned the devil within the Clock and it was the devil that made it work. Then they unloosed the various instruments of the clock and found nothing in it neither could they put them together. In those days one could not find a piece of paper to write on, but if some one could get a page of [redacted] he would consider himself very fortunate. All the verses of the Koran were written On the shoulders of the mullahs

6 and palm-leaves. God has opened the doors of ~~many~~ inconceivable bounties to the people of this age but many are thoughtless and never think to thank the Maker for ~~them~~. Stranger than all the rest is this that while God has showered His infinite blessings upon the people of this century yet there are some so-called ~~people~~ ~~who~~ who go to the point of denying His existence. God is very patient but even the patience of God has a limit. What wonderful gifts this age offers to the children of man! Like unto the flowers their fragrances are diffused to all parts of the world. Formerly they had houses built of mud, wood, reed and rough stone but the house of every well-to-do man to day is better equipped than the palaces of

of the kings of ancient Time. Consider
how the world has advanced that today
this one room has more modern
conveniences than the Great Halls of
Cyrus in Persepolis. When I was in Bagdad
I was invited to the palace of Egbal Dowleh.
He was an Indian Nawab, very wealthy
and rich. He had many palaces in
different parts of the Orient and would
travel all the year around. While
going through his palaces and decorated
rooms I told him that his palace
was more wonderful than the palace
of Cyrus. He said: "I must
be greater than Cyrus." I answered,
"You are not as great as Cyrus but
you enjoy more modern conveniences
than ever Cyrus did. One night
stayed in his palace. After dinner
we went to sleep. At midnight

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I got up as usual, went out, made ablution and came in the room and engaged my time in prayer and supplication toward God with the utmost joy and fragrance. Suddenly I heard Eqbaled-Doulet crying like a child and sobbing loudly. I went to him and asked what it [redacted] it Nouvab? why art thou crying. Why this weeping? He said 'Oh! nothing!' I answered: 'But there must be a reason for it! you are not crying without any cause. Tell me the cause, and I may at least consale you.' 'No!' he rejoined 'you cannot consale me, I am faithless but you are faith-ful. you have belief in God but I have lost all my belief. I took a trip to Europe. I carried with it just capitals and my conversations with the westerners made me an unbeliever. But this evening

I observed with what radiant hope, what heavenly spirituality, what strong faith, what divine assurance you were praying to God. I envied you! I wished I could give away all my wealth and get one grain of your faith. I know I am going to die after a few days or years and it is the greatest mortification of my life to think that I will leave this world without the radiance of hope and faith in my heart.' I told him. 'Well, let us talk together. Let me give an exposition of divine philosophy!' He said. 'No! There is no use. You cannot put any faith in my heart. I wish I was as poor as the beggar in the street and had the faith you have. What can I do with all this money!"

This Nawab was extremely wealthy. In his palace he had many rooms and in each room he had piled sacks of money belonging to various nationalities

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His Library contained the richest collection of books and rare manuscripts. One room contained the precious stones diamonds, ruby, turquoise, amethysts etc. Once the English Consul wanted to buy 700 rubies and did not have any ready cash. He came to the Nawab and borrowed the amount. The money was weighed in sacks. He has been to Persia, ~~and~~ was presented to the ~~the~~ Shah and and had no favorable opinion of him. ~~From the Nawab~~ He told us many stories about him and his ~~cruelty~~ rule in India. ~~The Nawab~~ He told us the story of another Indian, a philosopher and a thinker but a poor man who lived at the same time in Bagdad. He was perfectly contented with his lot and never complained. He believed this world ~~was~~ a theatre and in it he ~~was~~ a spectator. Whenever we asked him what art thou doing he would

answer, 'I am watching one of the scenes of the play.' Often we found him in deep contemplation. 'What art thou doing now?' 'There's an intermission, so I am thinking over the situation of what I have just seen.' Some one inquired of him 'what is your opinion about the Westerners?' He answered. 'The people are parts of their machinery. Just as the machinery are constantly working in a factory automatically without knowing why or wherefore, so these people are working. The machinery is oiled once in a day to run smoothly. The westerners are oiled three times a day.' Another person asked him 'what do you thinks of the Eastern and western nations?' He rejoined. 'They are all laborers. Some are working, others are out of work. Some are employed, others are unemployed, some are busy, others are lazy, but all of them are plain workmen.'

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This Hindu Saheb was much attracted to Baha Ullah. They asked him "what do you think about Baha Ullah?' He answered: 'He is the greatest of the world of humanity. He is peerless. He is beyond my limited knowledge. I cannot describe him. Do I want any miracle? His very existence is miracle; his walking is a miracle his speaking is a miracle. I have seen many people in this world. I have associated with the most important, learned men of India and Europe. I have discussed problems of this life with all of them but I have never been drawn to any one. But no sooner I met this man, I was attracted to him. All his deeds, his words and his conducts are standing miracles. Were you to observe carefully you would realize no one can do

exactly the same thing.' This man was really free and detached. He had a small room. From the ceiling many packages were hanging. These packages contained rice, beans, bread etc. He cooked his own simple food and then setting in a corner he was drowned in a sea of reflection. He had the greatest power of concentration. For hours he would concentrate his thoughts upon one definite object. Finally he became a Bahai and went to India to teach this Cause. While there he was stricken down with a peculiar malady and his spirit ascended to the Kingdom of Abha.

Thus I can go on writing all the wonderful things he told us this morning. I have not written even half of them but this sample will show you what a glorious hour we had with him, all alone to ourselves.

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Right after our heavenly hour with the Master Mr Eugene Diebold and Miss Helene Wieland who are engaged ~~to get married~~ came to the Beloved to received his benediction. They are a fine, loving couple. He smiled at them the smile of approval and joy. He said! — I have head you are engaged to get married. It will be a blessed union. A marriage performed according to the religion of God will be very blessed. A young man cannot appreciate fully the blessings of marriage. When he graces older he will realize its supreme importance in life. When he sees that through the sacred bond of matrimony, he has formed a beautiful family, he soars into the heaven of bliss, especially when he is laden with gems. Marriage is the greatest fortress for the preservation of man's purity. It shall protect him from immoral deeds.

It will be the means of his chastity and sanctity. In the estimation of God there are no greater attributes than chastity and sanctity. The greatest virtue of man is his chastity. The most wonderful Bestowal of God is sanctity. These two qualities are specialized in man. Their absence means animalism and the ascendency of brute passions. Therefore marriage in the estimation of God is very much beloved so that man and woman may live together in the utmost union of the soul and the highest degree of love and the purity of the family atmosphere. Whenever I see a man and wife love each other and are united together I am made supremely happy. Therefore I hope you will live together with the sweetest affection and tenderest

feelings and will soon a blessed family with joy and happiness.

10 Then Mr J. Wörnle, an artist came and made a most life-like painting of the Master. This will be photographed and forwarded to America as soon as they are made ready.

11 By this time many friends had come in and were welcomed by the Master. His voice was not yet clear from cold, so he spoke in his quiete undertone musical way. His Eyes were shut all the time he was speaking. Now and then he would raise his right hand in the air with his blessed fingers far apart, or take off his turban and put it on again or stroke his head. He said in part: — "your meeting yesterday afternoon was very good. I did not feel well but for your sake I came. The gathering of the believers is the assembly

of the spiritual ones. The spirit of God descends upon the assemblages of the friends. They are the spiritual pauses-houses and confer bliss and joy. During the last days of his life His Holiness Christ held one meeting for the apostles, for all of them sat around the same table. From that time it has been called the Lord's supper, because they discussed subjects pertaining to the kingdom of God. Therefore if a meeting is held, the general discussion of which is spiritual undoubtedly that meeting is God like. Strive day and night that your assemblage may become radiant and the hearts be illumined. Consort unto eachother so that your spirits may be stirred into cheerfulness through the glad tidings of the kingdom. If these conditions are fulfilled, Rest ye assured that your assemblage is merciful; it is

the cause of the illumination of the world of humanity and it shall bestow everlasting life to all the people. I hope many such meetings will be held in Stuttgart. Consider how many meetings have been held in the past. The results of none have been eternal except the meeting of his Holiness Christ. Two thousand years have elapsed and yet its beneficient fruits are evident. Consequently the result of every divine meeting is eternal. Show ye an effort that your meeting may become the meeting of the Kingdom. Whenever you desire to enter a Holy meeting first purify your hearts from all outside questions, put aside all the material or physical emotions, be ye in the utmost holiness and sanctification, be ye the channels for the

love of God, then be ye occupied with the
mention of the name of God, hearken
to the heavenly words and advice of His
Holiness Baha-allah, deliver eloquent
and inspiring addresses — so that ye
may become abstracted from ought else
save God; your spirits may take
higher flights, the sphere of your thoughts
may be widened, the spiritual sensi-
bilities become predominant, the
material emotions be entirely forgotten
and all be submerged in the luminous
sea of the Breaths of the Holy Spirit.
I desire this station for you. Then
you shall attain thereto.

12 That he spoke about the marriage
of Mr and Mrs Gregory very beautifully
and of the meetings of the white &
and Colored friends and the great

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power of Baha'ullah and of the harmony which He has established amongst the races. He said in a reminiscent mood, half to himself, half to us:- "Truly I say those meetings in America were most marvellous meetings. They were strange and mystical events, colossal in their proportions and miraculous in their aspects. Later on, the significance and result of those meetings will become manifest."

13 A blind believer was brought in and introduced to the Master. He was an elderly man. The Master said: "Praise be to God that thy insight is open and thou art witnessing the realities with the eye of perception. Spiritual blindness is worse than material blindness. That is why Christ says: 'These people have eyes but they see not.'"

14 about correspondence with America

Someone spoke the receipt of letters from
Bahais
America. He said:- It will be very beneficial
to the Cause if a tie of correspondence
is established between the German and
the American Bahais. Spiritual Correspon-
dence must be continued not for
a month or two or a year and then
drop off. Complete affection and amity
must be established between them.
This is very important."

15 A number of children were brought,
all beautifully dressed. They had bouquets
of flowers in their hands. Reverently they
approached their Father and kissed his
hand. To one of them he said: "I do not
speak German but our hearts are
one!" The face of the little tot
brightened up and gleefully cried
out:- "Don't I know it!" His mother
told us he was crying all the

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morning because he heard the Master was going to leave Stuttgart. There was another little girl of 5yrs old who at first cried and did not want to go to him but little by little with that divine patience of his he tamed her and after 10 minutes she was contentedly sitting in his lap and eating candy from his hand. "I have tricked her." he said laughing. "In Turkey when you go to see a Pasha and to attend to your affairs quickly, you must give him some gift. This is called "Bakhsheesh". Now I have given some "Bakhsheesh" to this little German Pasha." Her parent wanted to take her to him several times, but the Master said "Let her be free. Don't interfere with her freedom." It was the greatest example of training

through the Power of Love. The Father
all the children around himself, some sitting
on his lap, others sitting before him on the
floor, some standing on his right and
left and all smiling; their hats filled
with candies, oranges and bananas.
The Master was also very happy. It was one
of the most beautiful pictures of his
divine fatherhood. Now and then he
stroked their heads or kissed their
cheeks or hugged them close to his
breast. "I am going to put you in my
trunk and take you to Syria. Will you
come?" he said to one. "Of course!"
the child answered, his eyes dancing
with joy. "I will buy you a pony" he
said to another. "You can play with
the lovely children on Mount Carmel"
he addressed a third.

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Then the Beloved spoke:— "From amongst these children blessed souls shall arise. These children must be instructed in the wisdom of reality; they must be given divine education." The plants which are trained by the hand of the gardener have a different growth and development. The system of education must be so thorough that day unto day their intelligences may increase, their minds be developed, their spiritual qualities become keener. The education of the children must begin from the early childhood, not by cramming their heads with dead formulas and historical dates which they cannot understand. This is a mistake. The elements of sciences, arts, crafts etc must be taught to them through object lessons, as though they are

playing and amusing themselves. With sunshine, with music, with happiness they must learn these things. There should be no suggestion of hard study but all their plays must form part of their studies. Again, the children must be encouraged to convey their thoughts in simple, direct words. The teachers must speak with them intelligently and respectfully as though they spoke with grown-up people. Everything must be explained to them in the most fascinating, simple language. In turn, they must let the children speak those things they learn, amongst themselves, ask questions from each other and the one who gives the best answer receive a reward - so that others

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may emulate him. For example one child may ask questions quite informally from another on Geography, mathematics etc and the other may answer. These simple questions and answers must be learnt by heart and as the knowledge of the students increase in any branch of learning they questions may be ~~asked~~ spontaneously. Similarly all the divine questions must be taught to the children in questions and answers. With happiness, joy and delight they must learn these things. The abstruse and spiritual subjects must be put in as simple language as possible.

18 To another group of believers he said:- We are very happy here because the Power of Baha-Ullah has gathered us together

although our countries are wide apart
from eachother yet we are closer together than
relatives. Although the sun is far away
from the earth, yet its rays are shining upon
it. Although Germany is remote from Persia
yet the lights of the Orient have illumined
it. That is why Christ says the Children
of the Kingdom shall go out and people
from the four corners of the earth shall
enter. Now although the inhabitants
of Persia are from the land wherein
the Blessed Perfection appeared, yet
many of them are heedless. But you
who are from Persia have taken a share
from the Bestowels of Baha-ollah.
You who were remote, thousands of
miles, became near and those who
were near to him remained far away.
This is through the pure Mercy of God.
Thank ye God that ye have attained

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thereunto. I hope that day unto day you may be drawn nearer to the Kingdom of Baha-ollah, be enkindled more unto the fire of the Love of God, receive a goodly portion from the Breaths of the Holy Spirit and day unto day you may be more imbued unto the virtues of the humankind. I shall beg of God for you invisible confirmations.

19 Afterward a minister of the Church was presented to the Master who received a wonderful Confirmation and went away inspired with the words of the Beloved. ~~He was suffering~~ At 12 o'clock Dr Kahlbas called on the Master, examined his chest and advised him not to go out for the next few days and not speak much. These suggestions were timely and the believer obeyed the Doctor's orders in going away earlier today.

In the afternoon he was ~~kept~~ quiet with ~~many calls~~ but
several friends called on him and
received refreshing words from the
Garden of his knowledge. In and the
Merciful prepare his food in their home
and bring it to the table. They are so
happy the Master has given them this
service.

These are busy days for you in
Newyork with the full swing of the
Convention activities. Everyday I
mention these facts to the Beloved
so that he may remember you
in his spirit.

My Bahai love and greeting
to all the friends of God

Rhea