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Dear Harriet

Our Beloved Abdul Baha is the spiritual spring of this age. Around this fountain all the nations and peoples of the world have gathered to allay their thirst and quaff from this salubrious water. From this divine spring gushes forth the cooling water of life, irrigating the parched ground of the hearts and causing the growth of the hyacinths and anemones of love and affection. The supply of this heavenly fountain is inexhaustible, because it is connected with the most great sea of ^{divine} Knowledge and wisdom. Now, those people who have gathered around this fountain must not think only of themselves, but before starting on their pilgrimage, they must carry along their most capacious jars ^{on} so the eve of their return, they may fill them ^{with} fresh water for those ^{thirsty} who are at home. The jar is our capacity. We must present ourselves before Abdul

Baha with ^{free} ~~empty~~ minds, so that we may
 be able to fill ^{them} with the jewels of his
 spiritual conceptions. Otherwise we
 may ^{live} ~~be~~ with him for years and yet
 remain unchangeable. Day and night
 must we pray and strive in order
 that ^{our} capacity may be enlarged, our
 intelligence ~~may~~ become keener, ^{and} our
 minds ~~become~~ ^{freed} emptied of all ^{depraved} thoughts
~~save his~~, our will may become his will,
 that we may become purer and purer
 channels for the expressions of his
 lofty ideals and noble principles. In the
 Kingdom of Abha we are all his children
 and we must be willing to learn the lessons
 which he teaches us. § The greatest honor
 in this world is to be a Bahai and of course
 such a glorious faith carries with itself
 great responsibilities. May all of us become
 assisted to carry out at least one thousandth
 part of what Baha-Allah has revealed.
 The teachings of Our Beloved change the
 coal into diamond, ^{and} the darkness into
 light. His glorious mind is a scintillating
 palace of thoughts and his heart a
 clear heaven studded with countless
 stars of ideals. His head is a heavenly
 factory wherein universal principles
 are ^{shaped}



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~~are created~~ ^{fashione} and brought forth into the light of day. At all time he reveals to us the spiritual mysteries of the Kingdom and the deeper conceptions of the future humanity. His starry eyes pierce through the mist and fog of past and coming events, ~~and then~~ ^{portraying} to us the invisible images of truth, ~~and reality~~. He ~~observes~~ ^{sees} what we do not see, he hears what we do not hear. His heart is attuned with the infinite chords of life ~~of his~~ ^{his} consciousness ~~is~~ immersed in the sea of spiritual glories. From his tongue and his pen a river of light is flowing; world-regenerating ideas which would go into the make-up of a universal civilization and universal religion ~~are~~ ^{issued} from his inmost being. He stands on the height of the mountain of Divine Humanity and invites us all to ~~reach~~ ^{rise} to his attitude.

3. This morning Mon and Madame Dreyfus brought ~~from~~ a package of letters from America and after reading, ~~then~~ I gave ~~the~~ ^a synopsis of news to the Beloved. Your letter was a long, interesting one and its contents gave much happiness to ~~the~~ ^{his} heart of Abdul Baha, especially pleasing to him was the news that some of the sessions of the ^{pahar} Convention will be held in the Masonic Temple and the Common of the Columbia University. He said: "We have reconciled all the communities and sects together, because we are at peace with all and ~~are~~ at war with none." For the benefit of Mon and Madame Dreyfus he spoke about his trip and the significant meetings held in various cities. ^{He said:} Indeed the highest and most perfect form of natural civilization has pitched its tent in Europe and people are enjoying the fruits of culture and science. The German people are very civilized. They are serious and earnest. They are industrious and energetic. ~~Then~~ He told them about his ^{meetings} interviews with Prof Vambery and



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Prof. Goldzén in Budapest.

5 Mrs Alice Beede, then came with ^a bouquets of flowers from Mrs Lilianthal. She was of course very happy to be with the Master in Paris. God has brought about the means to bring her here. Then she told the Master about the meetings in Mrs Krugg, Miss Thompson, Mrs Kinney etc and presented messages from various Bahais and received answers. A name was given to the expected child of your sister — "Zeevar" — it means "Adornment."

6 Then Mr Scott called to inquire about the health of the Beloved. I have come again to Paris to see you. The believers of Stuttgart are blessed souls. They shall advance extraordinarily. I was most pleased with them. Today the Cause is ^{being} spread all over the world.

The severe critics have become the enthusiastic admirers. The scoffers of yesterday are praising the Cause today. Those who in former time went up on the pulpit and ~~upbraided~~ ^{censured} the Bahais are today lauding them to the sky. Those who were against it are for it. This change has come over the Bahai world through the Confirmations of God! May we all appreciate it and hold fast to the Cause!

7 A very curious illustrated article was brought to the Master. It contained the photo of the Master with his two hands upraised to heaven, standing on the stairs of a Mohamadan Mosque in Constantinople with many turbaned and fez Muslims kneeling before him. Under this serious-comic illustration was written "The New Prophets of Islam: Allud Baha, teaching the relinquishment of prejudices and ^{the holding to} fraternity in a Mosque in Constantinople"



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The paper is called "Le petit Journal" and a copy of the same I am forwarding to you. The photographs of Stuttgart were in full evidence and shown to all those who came to see the Master. "you must have had a wonderful time!" was the expression on every lip. By the way I forget to tell you that on the morning of our departure from Stuttgart, I mailed to you a set of six ^{group} photos ^{autographed} signed by the Master and also an album of Stuttgart and some newspapers. It is needless to tell you, how much I value that set of photos. Take good care of them.

9 About 4 o'clock Mrs Lillian Thal and Mrs Beede were presented to the Beloved and he took them to his own room. For nearly one hour conversation continued and the Beloved emphasized ^{the fact} that

to day every Bahai must teach the Cause
 and spread the ~~supreme~~ Glad-tidings of
 the Kingdom. One Bahai must stand
 firm before the whole world and
 gain victory ^{over} ~~of~~ them. Any soul who
 enters under the protection of Baha-
 Allah ~~day unto day~~, his receptivity will
 increase. He is akin to ~~the~~ ^a tree which
 comes under the training of the sun.
 Day unto day, it ~~will~~ grow and develop.
 Consider at the time of Christ, The ^{Souls}
 who became believers were either fishermen
 taxgatherers and a peasant woman.
 But as they received a divine education
 day unto day they advanced and
 received a share from the Breath
 of the Holy Spirit. When we are
 surrounded with the confirmations
 of the Kingdom, God will confer upon
 us also the receptivity. Then ^{spiritual}
 and beatific consciousness shall
 be obtained. ~~§ Speaking about~~
~~teaching~~ he said: Teaching the Cause
 is of two kinds. By words and
 by deeds. If both are found in



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one ^{person} ~~soul~~, then it is light upon light.
 Mrs Lichenthal said going through a cathedral,
 she brought ^{a few} ~~some~~ candles and lighted them
 on the altar ^{for} ~~for~~ the Master. He ~~laughed~~
 and said:— God has put in your hands
 a candle whose light is inextinguishable
 and is eternal. That Candle is the candle
 of divine guidance and that light is the
 light of the Love of God. Be ye happy!
 Be ye fearless! Be ye joyful. Do not
 let anything worry you! Let your
 light shine! Teach the Cause! Do not
 tarry one moment. Raise your voice!
 Throw tumult in the hearts! Unfurl
 the banner of the Kingdom! This is not
 the day of silence! This is not the
 day of slothfulness! Awaken the
 people out of their deep slumber!
 Awaken the heedless ones. And Conquer

life upon the dead!

11 The Master was very happy today because he had received ~~some~~ letters from Teheran giving the glorious news of the promulgation of the Cause. There are ^{holding} meetings full of the Love of God. Some of the gatherings are attended from 700 to 2000 people in which the principles of the Cause are publicly proclaimed. The doors of these meetings are open to all and all the strangers are welcomed. Just think of these wonderful events in the capital of Persia where a few years ago the Bahais were martyred and hounded to death!

12 In the evening all the Persians attended Mr. Dreyfus meeting. They were holding the Feast of Ridwan. The Master did not go, as he had to take care of his health. There were many people ^{were} present. Although they were all happy to hear of the Beloved's return, yet there were expressions of regret that he could not

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gladden their hearts with his holy Presence.
 Mon Dreyfus read some Tablets and then
 asked ^{me} Ahmad Sohrab to give them an
 account of the last month's experience
 which ~~he~~ ^{my} did to the best of ~~his~~ ^{my} ability.
 After the meeting I spoke with Mr ^{Holly}
 Holly. The publishers both in America
 and England are printing his book
 on the Cause serially and
 and will be out on the market
 before long. Miss B Erwin's two
 articles are accepted by a London
 magazine and will ~~be~~ ^{come out} published
 this month. Mrs More, a French
 Bahai is writing a pamphlet ^{on}
 the Cause, especially adapted to the
 French Temperament. Mr Scott's
 meetings have been continued during

our absence and new faces were seen,
indicating the growth of the Cause.

§ Rezwanieh Khanom, the Persian woman
who is with the Master's daughter ^{Charles}
very sweetly one of Baha Allah's prayers.
Every one was interested in her and she
was envied by the inquiring women.

§ Rouha Khanom is yet in the hospital
but her general health is improving.
The Doctor has advised her to stay
one month longer in the hospital.

§ Mirza Mahmood and myself walk
home with Mrs Lelianthal and Mrs
Beede. The latter told me the news
'at home.' We are all very glad to
have them with us. They live in
the hotel International which
is only a few minutes walk from
our hotel.

Bahai love to all

Ahmad