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Dear Harriet!

✓ Day unto day we realize to a greater degree the spiritual station of the Master and his wonderful prescience in all things. His thought encircles the universe! His ideal embraces the world of creation. His ethereal music enraptures the hearts. His presence inspires the souls. His conceptions rekindle the fire of youth. His divine vitality regenerates the old. His sun quickens into full activity the latent ^{of nature} forces. His stars shed lambent and soft lights of reality. His breeze stirs into motion the branches of the trees of life. His words bring order out of chaos. His principles, giant-like, march ^{on} throughout the surface of the ^{earth}, making conquest at every turn. His Presence is a joy. His ^{his} smile is a benediction! His ^{his} truth is triumphant and his life is light and love!

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2 This morning the Master received many people, among them was Mrs Henry T. Fraser from Johannesburg, S. Africa who is a great intimate friend of Mrs Ella Cooper. She is a California woman but married to an Englishman and is now living in S. Africa. She ^{told me that she} is the first — ~~she said so~~ — spiritual child of Mrs Cooper. She was taught by her ^{mother} ~~12~~ yrs ago. She has been always longing to see the Master and often expected to go to Acco. When she arrived in London and heard that the Master ^{was} is going to be in Paris, she asked the permission of her husband to come here and see him. The Master inquired from her about Johannesburg and whether there were any Bahais there. ^{He said} I will pray to God that you may receive a great power whereby to teach many souls and convince many people about the validity of this truth. Be confident that Baha-Allah shall assist you and confirm you.



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The meeting of the Bahais is based upon spiritual susceptibilities but the meeting of other people is evoked from physical emotions. The attraction of the Bahais toward each ^{other} is divine and spiritual. ^{When} I heard thy name this morning, I felt a sweet fragrance and as I look into thy face now, I see thou hast great receptivity. Some people are like iron. They are hard, cold and black; others are like unto the wick and oil. As soon as the two are ^{brought} into contact with the fire, they are illumined. Then shalt receive the breaths of the Holy Spirit and thou shalt become assisted to teach the Cause. About

Mrs Goodell and Mrs Cooper he said: - They are very spiritual souls. They are the brilliant jewels of the Kingdom of Akha.

4 Mrs Lihanthal and Mrs Beede had an interview and permission was granted to them to come to Egypt, where the Beloved is going to sojourn for awhile and later on they will go to visit the Holy Tomb of Baha - Ullah. Permission was granted to them to sail on the same steamer with him but this was cancelled and now they can leave for the East as soon as they have arranged their plans.

5 To Mr Richard and a few other French Bahais he said: - You are welcome! We have returned to Paris to see what the believers have been doing; whether the fragrances of the Kingdom of Akha have been spread. We have been travelling last month through Germany, Hungary and Austria and in each country we found souls who were ready to hearken to the Call of the Kingdom. Many large meetings were held and addresses



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were delivered: A number of souls became informed, and turned their faces toward the Kingdom of Abba. During the few ~~days~~^{weeks} we were there, extraordinary progress ~~was~~^{was} made by them."

6 To a few others he said:— We have come to Paris and are sowing the seeds. Can you arise and irrigate them? When the divine farmer ploughs the ground and scatters the seeds, his heart is attached to it. Day and night, he is watching his field to see when the ^{tiny} seeds push out of the earth. Then he trains them, waters them till they grow, reach to the stage of fruition and his labors of many months is crowned at last with rich harvest: but if he sees the field ~~is~~^{was} barren, the seeds ~~are~~ not germinating, ~~and the hard work is wasted~~ he feels sad and the labor lost.

despondent, I desire you to become the ideal farmers and irrigate the trees of existence.

1 All the ^{inhabitants} ~~people~~ of the world are farmers. The difference is in the application. Some are farmers of commerce, others farmers of industry, a number of people are farmers of politics, but these farms only become verdant and do not yield any fruits. However, there is a heavenly farming whose fruits are eternal.

Look at the farm of Christ which yields harvests every year ^{increasingly} and has done for the last 2000 years. His holiness Christ was himself a farmer, for he said: - I scatter the seeds. Some of them fall by the way and they are wasted, others fall on the rock, they grow for a day or two and then wither away, while others fall upon pure ground. They will grow and develop and bring many harvests. We must sow ^{seed} seeds in the blessed ground of the hearts. His Holiness Baba



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allah has given us such wonderful seeds
that they will grow in spite of all the
contrary winds and hurricanes! He
is our heavenly Agriculturist. He
teaches us how to do this spiritual
farming.

To a French Bahai who has been giving
a few lectures in the meetings he said:
"I am most pleased with you, because
~~you~~ ^{you} are attracted to the Kingdom of
Abha and are uttering the words of
God. ~~Then~~ ^{you have} ~~become~~ become an active
soldiers who is in the thick of fight
and are gaining victories for the King of
Kings. The Supreme Commander
looks always with solicitude towards
the battlefield, desiring of the
protection of his courageous
army, but the Reservists who

stay behind in the barracks do not receive much ^{of} his attention ^{until} till they also ^{enter} the field of action.

9 Mr Hally who has written a book on the Cause and the publishers both in America and England have accepted it and will be out on the market before long came with his wife and ~~the~~ ^{his} little girl of two years to see the Master. The ^{little} girl at first did not go to the Beloved but candy and fruits tamed her. The Master ^{had} had a box of Candy in his hand. She did not want ~~to~~ to take all the candies but she took one piece and running back gave it to Madame Dreyfus. She went back and forth, taking one piece of ~~candy~~ from the Master and bringing it for Mrs Dreyfus. Then she took them one by one to the Master again. Some one mentioned ~~to the Master~~ that Mr Hally's book will be out soon and the Beloved pointing to the child said:— This is another book of Mr Hally. This is a living book, a book of God. God has written this book.

10 Speaking ~~about~~ ^{on} healing in answer

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to the question of Mrs Hally, the Master ^{Said:-}
~~answered~~:- For healing, prayer and medicine,
both are necessary. God has created the
herbs and the plants ~~without~~ their useful
properties. God has deposited in all the
objects a definite effect. The effect of
fire, for example, is burning. It is ridiculous
for one to enter in the fire and say ^{repeatedly}
"I am not burning, I am not burning." He
will be burned in spite of himself. One
of the followers of this school came
to me and said "There is no pain. Pain
is a phantasm of the brain." I said "All
right, I am going to get a big ^{cone} ~~stick~~ and
beat hard on your back. By this ^{actual}
demonstration we will find out whether
there is such a thing as pain." He did
not submit to ~~this~~ experimentation.
Another lady who was most dogmatic
and demonstrative in this belief carried
a long controversy with me on this subject.

Finally I got out of patience. I told her, I observe one of your eyes is a little cross:— Then say, 'there is no cross-eye; there is no cross eye. My eye is perfect.' And we will see whether this negative repetition will do away with an actual disease. By these things, I do not mean that there is no effect in the prayer. In certain nervous and spiritual diseases, prayer is most effective and bestows divine healing. Disease is nothing else but a disturbance of equilibrium between the various organisms and functions of the body; healing is to gain again that equilibrium. When the measures of the various elements which go into the make up of a healthy constitution are disturbed, sickness is produced. For instance let us suppose that there must needs be 2000 grams of saccharine element and 2000 grams of gelatine element in the body of man in order to live normally. Now when the quantities of these measures are disturbed, then, the body is attacked with disease. A course of treatment which will give back the normal standard to these elements will be

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conducive to health. Again, Thirst, is a kind of sickness, when the quantity of humidity becomes less in the constitution, it demands water. How much ever we may think and try to demonstrate that we have no thirst, it will be of no avail; And when you are hungry all the thoughts and demonstrations of the world will not satisfy you. You would like to have ^{perhaps} a roast-chicken or a beef steak or a juicy goose-berry pie. In brief there are physical diseases and spiritual diseases. The former must be treated with medicine, ^{and prayer} and the latter with prayer, alone.

"Then a few friends came ⁱⁿ and for a while the thread of conversation was lost. The Master raising his voice after greeting the newcomers ^{and} said:— We have been talking just now about healing.

The physical body after all is not important. This material world is not important, neither its contingencies should affect us. The natural world, ⁱⁿ comparison to the spiritual is ~~as~~ non-existent. We speak about ideal virtues and heavenly healing. This body of man is subject to decomposition, no matter how much he may try to preserve it. The importance lies in the spirit of man which is eternal. One must think of that. Often the body is sick but the spirit is healthy and again the body may enjoy the utmost of health but ~~the~~ spirit is sick. I hope you will obtain both conditions. Turn your faces to God and He will answer all your prayers.

2 To another he said:— Today the Bestowels of the Kingdom of Abba are waving like unto a limitless sea. Only capability is necessary. The soul must become like unto the fish and swim in this great sea.

3 He said to another:— Today those ~~souls~~ who arise to spread the news of the Kingdom of Abba are confirmed

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Whenever I see enlightened souls I am made happy. When the holy fragrances of the divine rose-garden reach my nostril I am rejoiced.

14 Mrs Lilienthal mentioned the fact that going through many churches, she was shown the remains of the real cross. The Master gave a most interesting account of how after 300 yrs this alleged cross was found in Jerusalem by St Helena, the mother of Constantine the Great, while no wood no matter how strong its resisting power can stand the roaving and corroding influence of the time under the earth.

For dinner and supper the Beloved came down to the general dining room and we three servants of his had him all to ourselves. He is so wonderfully loving and kind to us all.

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Toward the afternoon ^{one} of the believers came to see the Master and I will bring to end this letter with what the Master told him:
When I sense the love and unity of the friends I gain health and fresh strength. I have heard that thou art speaking in the meetings and read the prayers. Read always the supplications. Turn always thy attention toward God. Be always stirred with divine fragrances, then eternal happiness will be thy share. The everlasting bliss inspires the heart of man to sing and dance and be happy even under the sword of the executioner. Once there was a Bahai teacher who went to the city of Khashan. Wherever he went he taught this revelation, till one day he was invited to a large meeting. No sooner he sat down than he began to teach the Cause. The people objected and the guests complained to the host to stop him. It was winter and according to Oriental custom a brazier of live burning charcoal was in the middle of the room. He said to the assembled guests and ~~host~~ ^{his host}: I cannot stop. I cannot remain silent. I want to be quiet but an invisible force impels me to speak. It has taken the rein out of my hand. I am unconscious! I have lost myself. I have forgotten all my conditions! One of the enemies then addressed him; 'If thou art unconscious put thy hand in thy fire!' While he was speaking



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to them he extended his hand and put it on the fire. His hand was ^{burning} and he was teaching the Cause, he was laughing, and happy. Some one told him, 'For heaven's sake! it is enough! take out thy hand from the fire.' He said: 'No! let it burn! I am enjoying it! This is the day of my happiness! Let me continue to tell you about Baha-Ulloh and his life and his teachings!' ~~Then~~ Another person jumped from his seat and by force took his hand out of the fire. It was very much burned. This man — this Bahai — was so immersed in the sea of spiritual susceptibilities that he did not feel this pain and suffering. I hope that all the believers of God may

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attain to this exalted station and
be so engulfed in the ocean of super-
human emotions as to forget
themselves and the world, thus
opening the eloquent tongue and
receiving the successive ^{assistance}
of the Kingdom of Alpha

~~Love to all~~

~~Phma~~