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Dear Harriet!

The ~~two~~ months of May and June ^{in Paris} are most beautiful and wonderful. People from many parts of the world come here to spend these two months in pleasure and merry-making. ~~All the~~ ^{Every} means of enjoyments ~~are~~ available and nature with all its ravishing beauty and luxuriance adds its charm and attraction. The very word of "Paris" conjures before ^{one's} eyes certain types of ~~pleasures~~ ^{amusements and attractions} that cannot be found anywhere else on the face of the earth. Paris is a magical ~~net~~ ^{garden} which draws within its sphere people from all parts of the world. Just at this time Bois de Boulogne is an Elysian ^{field} garden of loveliness. Les jardins des Tuilleries are visions of Paradise. The fine Parks have clad themselves with garments of luxuriant verdancy. The ever-shifting scenes

of nature call the people out of their holes into the open space to bask under the sunshine and to breathe in the vital air, pure and limpid.

2 The other day some one ^{inquired} asked me whether I have seen such and such a garden. I answered "No". "Why?" he ^{asked} said. "Because" I rejoined "here I have the most beautiful garden ~~on the~~ ~~face of the earth~~. When I have the love of ~~Abdul~~ Baha I am ⁱⁿ the rose-garden of God. When I hear his words I am listening to the most sweet singing nightingale. When I am in his ^{presence} I am inhaling the fragrances of the Ideal Flowers. If I stay with him in a cell it is the delectable paradise. He is my rose-garden!"

3 "Are you going to have a ^{vacation} recreation this summer?" a friend ^{asked} inquired. "What do I want to do with ^{vacation} recreation?" I said. "When I am with Our Beloved I am enjoying an eternal holiday. Once I did not go out of the hotel for 5 days but I was very happy because I was ^{with} him. Whenever I get tired I look into his face and lo! I am refreshed! To serve him and to be near him is my greatest hope! It is better to be the servant of Abdul Baha than the King of the world! Servitude at his Threshold is greater



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than the sovereignty of an empire, To win the good-pleasure of Abdul Baka through the sincerity of purpose and the devotion of the spirit is to win the good-pleasure of God, To possess his love, to feel the throbs of his pulsating heart is the greatest privilege in life!

X This morning Maja Galal and Rezwanich Khanom came to say good bye to the Master, because their train was leaving at 9 o'clock. Rezwanich during her stay of nearly 50 days in Paris has been the guest of Miss Sanderson and so she was here too. The Master thanked her very heartily Miss Sanderson for entertaining so beautifully Rezwanich. When she arrives home, the Beloved said, she will speak all the time about you and your hospitality. There are two kinds of loves. Divine love which is eternal and lasting and a love which is

born through acquaintance and is soon forgotten.
 Divine love is an eternal foundation,
 not subject to ruin. Now there is
 divine love between you two sisters
 of the East and the West.

Mirza Jalal will return after 3 weeks to take
 back his wife and I am wondering whether
 the Master will stay here till his return.

5 Mrs Ethel Fraser was also going to
 leave for London where she is going to stay
 the rest of ^{the} year before leaving for Goshensberg.
 She came in about half past nine to
 say good-bye to the Master. She was
 welcomed and thus addressed by the King of
 Kings: Convey on my behalf the wonderful
 Abha greeting to the believers in London. Ann-
 ounce to them the uninterrupted assistance of
 the holy Spirit. Confer upon them the Supreme
 glad tidings of the Manifestation of Baha-
 Ullah which are descending from the ^{invisible} ~~the~~ Kingdom.
 They bestow health to the sick, ^{happineess} happiness to the sorrowful, exhilaration
 to the downcast, hope to the hapless
 and life to the dead. Praise be
 to God that the Sun of Reality is ^{shining} shining
 upon all the regions, the divine
 Bestowments are all-enriching, the
 doors of the Kingdom are open



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the call of ya Baha El Abha is being raised from the East and the west. Now it is the beginning of the dawn of this light in the West. I hope that the East and the West may become submerged in the Ocean of these heavenly effulgences. I am very pleased with the Believers of London for they have heard the divine Call of Baha Allah. Their meetings are warm and I hope that day unto day they may become warmer and more perfect, day unto day they may be drawn nearer unto God, day unto day they may become more spiritual, day unto day they may become more assisted and confirmed.

I will pray for ^{you} ~~them~~ also and for ^{you} ~~the~~ confirmations from Threshold of Baha Allah. Rest ~~them~~ assured! God willing ~~you~~ ^{will} shall become the means of conferring life upon ~~those~~ ^{these} who are dead.

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This is the most great affair today. I pray that ~~thou~~^{you} may~~est~~ be assisted with the Cohorts of the Angels of heaven. Rest ~~thou~~ assured! Rest ~~thou~~ assured! My heart will be with ~~thou~~^{you}. My spirit will be with ~~thou~~^{you}! My soul will be with ~~thou~~^{you} and I will never forget ~~thou~~^{you}.

6 Mrs Fraser asked the Master's prayer for her father who is a very old man living at this time in Oakland Calif. The Beloved said:- I will pray for him, that God may submerge him in the ocean of his blessings, and day unto day he may be drawn nearer unto the source of all Life. When the fruit is good the tree is also endeared in our eyes. You are his daughter and the fruit of the tree of his life. Your love for him caused you to mention his name and we have prayed for him. "Other matters about the spread of the Cause in Africa was touched and the Master told her to teach this Cause and spread its glorious glad-tiding." She went away with happy heart, confident spirit and soaring hope. We were all glad to make her acquaintance. She was a sweet, unselfish good Bahai. May God be with her wherever she goes!



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Later on several Bahais came and the Master ~~informally~~ spoke about his stay in San Francisco, ^{and} his meeting ^{with} a Japanese poet who had married an American girl. This Japanese poet became so attracted to the Cause as to write a poem, to deliver lectures and write articles in the local Japanese papers while ~~he~~ ^{about Baha} were there. He praised the Japanese intelligence and adaptability. When the confirmations of God descend the distance of one hundred years is covered in one night, ~~he said~~. Then he gave the graphic life story of "Rauhallah Vargha," twelve years old, a martyr at that tender age. When he was in Acca with his father I asked him one day, tell me Rauhallah! What is the greatest desire of thy life? Immediately he answered, 'Long martyrdom in the path of God'. Again I asked him: 'Why do you believe in

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the religion of Baha Allah?' He answered. 'Because I have investigated it for myself. I am not a Bahai, because my father is one, but because I have thoroughly investigated it.'

Q Then he said:- 'Man must never get satisfied. He must ever be thirsty. There is nothing worse in this world than ~~'satisfaction'~~ ^{satiety} from ~~thirst~~. Man must drink from every fountain. His Holiness Baha Allah says: 'your Thirst must be so great that if you quaff the seven seas of the world you may yet be thirsty and dry.'

10 To a friend who just entered the room the Beloved ^{he} said:- 'God has created in ^{you} ~~thee~~ a great capability. ^{you} ~~Thou~~ must expend this capability in the Cause of the Kingdom. If ^{you} ~~thou~~ consecrate it to any other cause except the promotion of the virtues of the world of humanity, its results will be finite. If ^{you} ~~thou~~ devote it to the spread of the Teachings of God and self-sacrifice in the path of God ^{you} ~~thou~~ ^{will} ~~shall~~ become like a bright candle. Just think that Peter and other apostles of Christ belonged to the common people and were not educated but as they expended ^{whatever} capacity they had in the path of



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Christ they shone forth from the horizon of eternity. The results of the dedication of their lives to the Cause of Christ are yet continued. This Mary Magdalene in whose name they have built a most wonderful Church in Paris was a ~~simple~~ peasant girl. As she dedicated her ~~simple~~ capacity to the Cause of Christ, she became well-known throughout all ages. Therefore strive that thou mayest spend thy capacity in the Cause of God.

|| Speaking about the coming together of the friends he said:— The meetings of the friends are like unto the delightful rose-gardens in which you find variegated flowers adding to each other's charm. It is evident that when the intellectual forces of ^{the} minds are joined, ~~with another~~ the result will be correspondingly greater. Likewise the spirits of men do reinforce and strengthen each other. If man does not receive spiritual assistance

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from others his spirit will become weakened. The believers of God must reinforce each other's spirits, sacrifice their lives in the path of each other, ^{so that} through ^{their} mutual assistance, the utmost of unity be obtained. The sheep of one flock must gather together and do not let anything cause dispersion ^{amongst} them.

12 There was a musical artist in the room and the discussion was turned upon that subject. The Beloved spoke as follow: - "Music ^{was} is an ancient art in Persia. The old People of Persia loved music very much and their artists contributed to its development. When the Arabs conquered Persia after the appearance of Mohamad, they learned from the Persians the notes and measures and brought back with them to Bagdad the seat of Arabian Kalifate of the time. The Persian Music had rich and various harmonies known by the names of the cities, because every city had a different school of singing and they taught their artists, the special harmony ^{which} belonged to themselves. Persian Music became very much in vogue in Bagdad and its fame was spread far and wide. From Bagdad the Arabs carried



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it to Cordova, ^{and} Andalusia in Spain, where they had their Universities. Here many Europeans students studied the Persian school of music and made it as a foundation for their further and more original compositions. Thus Persian Music has contributed to the European Music, although this is not quite well-known. Besides these historical testimonies the word "Music" is Persian. It comes from "Musik" and the word "Musik" comes from the word "Musighor," a sweet singing bird. The beak of this bird is so made as to contain many holes, and as it respire, various and different sounds issue from each hole, thus making a combination of pleasant sounds. The first musician of Persia ^{was} is "Barbad" who lived about 2000 yrs ago. He ^{was} the first man who translated these pleasant

sounds into ^{the} voice of man. He divided the music into twelve measures giving to each measure a particular name. He ^{became} famous and well-known at that time for his great service to the musical world. The second musical genius of Persia ^{was} "Faraby" who lived 1000 yrs ago and invented the musical notes. The Europeans claim that they are the ones who originated the notes but the book of "Faraby" was found in the Arabian Library of Spain and sets at naught such a claim. Faraby taught music to his pupil by the motion of his hands. For example the right hand was taken as the "harmony" and the "left" hand the "measures". When the pupil came to him for a lesson he would sit on a chair and move his right or left hand, the pupil ever following those motions. There is a story in connection with the life of "Barbad" and his struggle to get royal recognition that I would like to tell you. When he invented the twelve measures of music he was a poor hard

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and no one knew anything about him. He tried every means to reach the royal Court and play for the King but he failed every time. The court Musicians ever blockading his way. They feared his talent. Finally ^{one night} he ~~eluded~~ ^{eluded} them, and entered the Imperial Park, hiding himself under the bushes till long after midnight. Then slowly he crept out and walked toward the Palace where the King was sleeping. He spied a tall tree near the King's Apartment and ascended to the top. He carried along ^{of course} the musical instrument invented by himself. About dawn he began to play and sing and little by little he added to the richness and volume of his voice till it filled the whole Park. The King was awakened out of his sleep, his heart enraptured with the sweet music. He came out of his Apartment with several Courtiers who were also

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awakened and together they started to search
for the Artist. They were at last brought
under the tree on the top of which "Barhad"
was filling the space with his ethereal
^{voice} music. The King and the Courtiers thought
a heavenly Angel had come down ^{from heaven}. At
last they asked him "Art thou human
or divine?" He said "I am Barhad."
"Come down, then!" He came down.
"Why did you go on the top of this tree
to sing?" The King asked. "Because
your Court musicians through jealousy
did not let me have an audience
with my King, therefore finding no
other way and being determined to sing
for you I decided to follow this plan."
The King was most pleased with
him and kept him ever afterwards
with himself.

14 Then the Beloved went out for a
walk and on his return he ate with
us at the table ^{in the general dining room} ~~dinner~~ ^{Stair}. After
his daily nap Inan, Dreyfus called
and the Master ^{he} talked with him
about various subjects such as the
present visit of the King of Spain to



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Paris. In this instance he recited a story about the visit of one of the Western Rulers to Constantinople, ^{and} how he was lavishly entertained by the Sultan of Turkey etc.

§ Apropos of something he said:— I am always thinking how to carry the loads of others and not to put my own loads on their shoulders ~~of others~~. The Blessed Perfection has taught me this. We must prove this through deed and not by mere word.

~~The~~ Ahmad Pasha called and for one hour he was in the presence of Our Beloved, His father has been a great admirer of Baha'ullah when ^{HR} they lived in Adrianople ^{Adrianople}. He gave him today one of his large photos and a copy of Asiatic Review.

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Then with Doctor Mahammad Khan
the Master ^{he} went out to take a
walk, calling at the same time
on Mr. Dryden and Mrs.
Sanderson.

15 Ahmad Pasha had prepared ^{for the Master two bottles} ~~two~~ ^{was}
of sour milk for the Master. As he ^{was}
living near us I went and got them. The
Master had just arrived and they were on
the table. He sent ~~down~~ to the dining ^{room}
~~all the~~ Persians to take their ^{lunch} ~~dinner~~, and
as I was not hungry I stayed in
my room. The Master instead of
asking me to take ~~down~~ ^{a bottle} ~~a~~ ^{case}
of sour milk for the Persians, he
^{took} ~~takes~~ it himself. The diners were ^{surprised}
to see the ^{Abdul Baki} ~~Beloved~~ entering the dining
room and carrying in his hands ^a ~~a~~
^{of milk} ~~dish~~ of food for his ^{secretaries} ~~servants~~. Is not
this really wonderful? Why did he not
ask me to ^{do this} ~~take~~ it down to them
except to teach us the lesson of true
servitude? I am really ashamed of
myself. Is there any other way for
us to show our deep appreciation for
all that he is doing for us than be
ever ready to sacrifice our lives
in his path?

Love to all Ahmad

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To his honor Consul Schwarz
Upon him be Baha-o-Allah El Abha !

Stuttgart

He is God !

O thou dear son !

Under the protection and providence of His
Holiness Baha-o-Allah we reached Paris safely. We are always
engaged in the commemoration of your love, your kindness,
the spiritual emotion of the hearts of the members of that household
and your attention and devotion to the Kingdom of Abha !
Truly I say you didst manifested toward us the infinite
degree of real love and Bahai hospitality. We shall never forget
you and from the divine Bestowels we beg for your assistance and

confirmation and we will strive that God willing,
perchance, you may obtain happiness and success.

Convey greeting and kindness on my behalf
to thy revered wife and thy beloved children.

Convey, likewise, wonderful Abha greeting to Doctor
Faber. The medicine which he gave me for the
alleviation of cold I am yet using.

Upon thee be Baha El Abha!

(Sig) Abdul Baha Abbas.

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To the believers of God and the maid servants of the Merciful!
Upon them be Baha o' Allah El Abbas!

Stuttgart and Esslingen.

He is God!

O ye sons and daughters of the Kingdom!

The Stuttgart days! How happy were they! The meetings! How
illuminated were they! The Heavenly Confirmations! How manifest
were they! The Breaths of the Holy Spirit! How were they set
in motion! The Call of the Kingdom of Abha! How did it ascend
the apex of the Supreme Concurrence! Whenever the hours spent
in Stuttgart are remembered, the soul and the heart are made
happy!

Blessed is the Lord of Hosts who in that country upraised
the summon of the kingdom, stirred the hearts with spiritual
susceptibilities, gladdened the souls and rejoiced the spirits with

the divine glad-tidings. I hope that the confirmations of Baha-
allah may descend upon you uninterruptedly, every moment
may you receive a new spirit - so that the Kingdom of God may
be spread very rapidly, and the gospel of the appearance of Baha-
allah may resuscitate all the regions. The Days that
I lived in your midst were spiritual and illumined.

The heavenly food descended, the eternal bestowal was unveiled,
the emotions of consciousness were incessant, the eyes were radiant
and the ears were listening with the utmost of exhilaration to the
celestial song. I beg of God to make this confirmation continual

and the reality of the teachings of His Holiness Baha-Allah
may become incarnated thus the hearts may become attracted
and the souls quickened through the Breaths of the Holy Spirit

Upon ye be Baha El Abha

(Sig) Abdul Baha Abbas

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