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Dear Harriet!

As the Beloved came out of his room this morning he said: all the people are sleep. ~~How true!~~ ^{Why are} They are so negligent and neglectful of the glorious destiny which His Holiness Baha-Ullah has appointed for them? ^{The time has come when} They must turn their faces toward the Kingdom of Akha, instead they are sleep upon the bed of ^{unawareness} negligence. The Sun of Reality is in the height of its power and majesty but they prefer dark rooms and the light of the candles. The Bahais all over the world must awaken them with the trumpet of the word of God. This is the time of real, active work! We must arise with great energy and fire to quicken the souls.

This morning Mrs Beude brought a French
 Mel^e whom she has taught two years ago
 and her interest has been kept up all this
 time. The Beloved talked with her a long
 time about the atheists and the religiousists,
 the two most prominent schools in
 France and told her how she should speak
 with them. With one she should speak
 about nature and its defects, with the other
 about divine religion and the appearance
 of the Kingdom of Ahla. Later Mrs
 Lilianthal arrived and she said to the Master
 that ^{was} a bird near her window which ^{brought} sing
 very beautiful and its melody ^{brought} brings to
 her mind the lovely and heavenly
 disposition of the Beloved. He answered:
 "My sweet-singing birds are your hearts,
 for they sing the songs of the Kingdom.
 Through that I am made very happy.
 The twittering of the birds is good for
 some people but we have sharpened
 our ears to listen to the songs of the
 birds of Paradise. The rich notes of
 this melody is eternal. I love to hear
 the "Song of Heart" which is streaming
 down from the Kingdom of Ahla,
 stirring the hearts of men with



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deeper and purer emotions. Have you ever thought that the one heavenly song^{which} issued from the sweet mouth of Christ found millions of echoes in the hearts of men and women throughout ages and cycles and has grown into thousand rich accompaniments? That was a real melody; all others were imitations. We must sing such a melody, the effect of which ^{will be} ~~is~~ lasting. The songs of the birds are the result of the vibrations which are set in motion in the air. They reach the tympanum of our ears and ^{are} forgotten after a few moments. If you hear ^{continually} the songs of the birds, ~~continually~~ you will be ^{tired} ~~amused~~. This thing happened in Mount Clair N. J. When I was

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there, there were so many birds that the people did not know what to do. They complained to the local authority, because their sounds at night disturbed their sleep. Now you must think of the melody of the Kingdom and that is the call of God.

¶ There is a station destined for man that if he ^{ever} reaches to it, he will find all the created phenomena holding conversation with him; he will see that everything is speaking with him. For example, when he looks upon the Sun, it will speak with him ~~and~~ addressing him in the most eloquent language as follow: - O Son of man! Behold! How light is good! I am a body composed of mineral elements! There is no importance in the mineral but as I am as a light-giving body, I am educating the whole world, I am developing all the minerals in the bowels of the earth. I am the cause of all these luxuriant vegetations, I am the means



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of the continuation of life in the animal and human Kingdoms. I render all these services because I am an illumined body. Therefore, O thou man! strive that thou mayst likewise become enlightened, thus becoming the means of general education and the upliftment of humanity.

5 Some one asked about the health of the Master. He answered: - Under all circumstances, I am happy and well. I am never unwell. The body of man is the result of the comparison of the elements and these elements are constantly at war with each other. They wage such a bitter war on each other that at last both sides come to defeat and disintegration. But the spirit of man is from the world of God. In the world of God

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there is no strife. It is a world of
simplicity and absolute unity. There
is no war and no alteration. There
is absolute peace and pure
reconciliation.

6 Then Mrs Lohanthal asked many
questions about the theory of "electrical
body" etc to which the Beloved
gave quite lengthy answers ^{which}
will be translated later on for
the benefit of the friends. Then
he went out ^{with Mirza Hassein} to take a walk with
Mirza Hassein. ^{and} He ~~did~~ walk for

~~nearly~~ 2 hours, ^{for} as the day was
very fine. On his return we
all had ^{lunch} ~~dinner~~ in the dining
room in his holy presence. He
was in good humor and spoke
jokingly about ^{me} Mirza ~~Abund~~
all the time. At 3 o'clock
Mon. Dreyfus ^{and the Master went with him to} came ~~and~~ ^{and} ~~payed~~
a visit ~~on~~ ^{to} Rouba Khanam
in the hospital.

7 During his absence Mr Lee



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and Miss Hodgson ~~came~~ ^{arrived} and we had
a long ~~time~~ ^{talk} with them of how to
spread the Cause more widely in
Paris. They were here when the Master
came in. They asked the same question
from ~~the~~ ^{him} Master. He said: "Every
soul must first reach himself;
he must be severed, attached
enkindled; he must be living the
life - then his words will have
effect. Whenever you see a
thirsty soul, ~~give~~ ^{pour} him a cup
of this salubrious water. This
Cause has cost us very dear. We
have not received it cheaply. It
is the pearl of the great price. The
believers of God have accepted
this Cause through self-sacrifice

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They have given up their lives for it.
They have accepted happily, chains
and fetters in order to promote
these Teachings. ^{we all}

8 To night ~~all of us~~ ^{we all} went to
Mon Dreyfus' Meeting. The Master
stayed ~~at~~ home. Mr ^{Horace} Wally read
portion of his book on the Cause
which is being published
both in London and America.
Then Mon. Dreyfus read a letter
from Rezwanieh Khanum on the
~~necessity of the~~ ^{the} freedom of women in the East. It
was written before her departure.

We are all very happy because
the Master's health is much
improved. This week of rest in
Paris has done him lots of
good. We do not yet know
when he leaves for Egypt.

Love to all

Chana