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Dear Harriet!

This was an American day. America must rejoice because the Eyes of the Beloved have turned toward that region. The words of wisdom like unto the white pearls fell from his golden lips. Many Tablets were revealed for the believers, each one a shining crown upon the brow of the friends. If we could appreciate but dimly the heavenly value of his Tablets we would soar with joy and happiness toward the apex of the everlasting glory. The only way we can show our appreciation is to arise with greater firmness and steadfastness and

herald the coming of the Kingdom.
 If we continue to be firm in the right
 Cause, God will surround us with
 His divine Blessings! Nothing on the
 face of the earth must shake our
 faith. Let us rise higher and higher!
 Backward? No indeed! Why should
 we look backward? Forward? Yes! ^{Always}
 forward, friends! The star of human
 brotherhood is shining ahead of us and
 not behind! The fountain of spiritual
 life is in front of us and not on our
 back! Which way our Beloved is
 looking? Are not his Teachings ahead
 of his time? Is he not telling us
 constantly to work for the day
 when justice and peace shall reign
 on the earth as it is in heaven. Let
 all the critics of the world distort the
 truth; the truth will become straight
 again. The moon shall not stop
 to shed its silvery beams upon the
 beautiful scenes of ^{calm} night, because
 the dogs are barking. The



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precious jewels will not become crockeries, because some one through maliciousness calls them so. The cooling water gushing forth out of the breast of the mountain will not be considered as muddy because some one thinks it is. God has given us intelligence ^{so} that ^{we may} test everything with our own reason and not rely upon hearsays. The ~~glass~~ ^{diamond} will not become ~~glass~~ ^{diamond}; the rose will not become the thistle; the truth will not become ~~the~~ falsehood, even if a million people believe that they will. So far as I am concerned, ~~the~~ servitude at the Threshold of ~~Albha~~ and Abdul Baha is my greatest crown. No one can rob me of this. I may not appreciate it myself and then

lose it but ^{can} no ^{one} take ^{it} that away
from me. Let others gain fame. I
love to lose mine in his path. Let
others accumulate gold, ~~and~~ ^{but} let ^{me} ~~my~~
share ~~be~~ ⁱⁿ the riches of the ^{king} Kingdom.
In this Holy Cause we must become
pure, evanescent, humble and lowly.
The least trace of envy, jealousy or
ill-feeling shall cast us ~~and~~ ^{leading} out of the Kingdom. If we are commanded
to love the whole world, how much
more ~~we~~ ^{we} must be loving to our own
spiritual brothers and sisters? O God,
O God! ~~we~~ must ever pray, a new
heart give unto me! a new consciousness
grant me! A new spirit confer upon
me! I am weak, make me strong!
I am poverty-stricken, make me
rich, through Thy heavenly Treasury!
If I have Thy good pleasure, the criticism
of the whole world will not sadden me,
but if I am ashamed to stand in Thy
Presence, the praises and commen-
dations of all the people will not
avail me! O God! Bestow upon
me firmness and resolution!



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3 I have just received a copy of "La Revue", Esperanto magazine of May containing ^{not} only the translation of the Esperanto Address in Paris but a very interesting article on the Bahai Movement. Once every two months, this Magazine will publish a most valuable Tablet of Baha-Allah, or An address of Abdul Baha, ^{always} in Esperanto of course. "La Revue" is the most important Esperanto Magazine. ^{and} it is the only Magazine that carries Dr Zamenhoff's articles.

4 I always liked to write something about one of our most devoted Bahais in Paris. This person happens to be a Miss Chevalier, a French believer. She is very charming, very sincere, very quiet, ~~and very sincere~~. I have heard her read the French hidden Words in the meetings and immediately I liked her, because

she reads with so much earnestness and
 sweetness. Outwardly she looks very much
 like one of Davis' girls in Chicago. Those
 who have had the good fortune of meeting
 them know how devoted they are in the
 Cause and how happy were they the last
 time the Beloved attended a Feast in
 their home. They were like surcharged
 batteries of divine joy! I shall never
 forget that heavenly night in Chicago!
 What holy and spiritual experiences
 have been our shares in this glorious Cause!
 May God grant us a celestial vision to
~~see~~ ^{cheer} these important events in their
 true bearings. ¹⁵ ~~How~~ This morning Miss
 Chevalier came to see the Master. He
 told her: "What I admire in you is your
 firmness in the Cause! Although you
 have had many things to discourage you,
 yet through them all you have weathered
 the worst storms. I love people who
 are firm in any cause, whether material
 or spiritual. Bravo! Bravo! that you
 have stood like a soldier in your post!
 There are some people who are like
 weathercocks! They turn their faces



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toward any direction the winds happen to blow! Those who are active and will ^{ever} remain active in the Cause, ~~they~~ shall win the crown of the Everlasting Glory! Let nothing discourage you! Be fearless! Turn all thy attention toward the Kingdom of Abha! Speak about the Cause. Raise thy voice in meetings and assemblages! Try this and thou shalt stand amazed at the results! Thou shalt observe how the confirmations of the Kingdom of Abha are encircling thee! Never mind if thou hast not spoken before! Open thy tongue in the praises and glorifications of Thy Lord! I shall pray for thee that thou mayst become a heavenly daughter, a radiant angel, a herald of the Kingdom and a gleaming star in the horizon of Abha!

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To another French Bahai he said:— The world of matter is full of vices and the people of these regions are engaged too much in chasing material things. They are thinking too much of money and the tinsels and playthings they can buy with it. The precious hours of the day and ^{on} night are ~~expended~~ ^{devoted} to thinking and speaking in ~~the~~ terms of Francs, what should they eat today; how can they buy that especial dress tomorrow; when can they go to the ballroom and have a ^{dance} whirl around; what time can they ^{attend} the latest sensation in the theatrical world! If these people are so captivated in the claws of senses, they are less than the animals. God has distinguished man through ^{his} spiritual and intellectual powers. He has conferred upon ^{him} the invisible forces of conception and ideation — so that he may become celestial, just, intelligent, ^{and} attracted to the Kingdom of God! You must make these people understand—



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These ideal principles so that they become aware and mindful! Tell them: you have tried the material world and ^{intriguing} its seducting pleasures; now come, and travel with us for awhile through the spiritual world. If the experiences are pleasing, continue to travel with us; if they are not you can return easily to your ways. Let us together fly toward the realm of light; if the lights are too strong for you, you may come back to your black cell. How do you like this ^{of teaching} plan? Is that a good bargain? This ^{way speak ye} ~~you~~ say to the materialists.

But address the religiousists as follow:—
 O ye people! How long, how long are ye submerged in deep slumber! O ye brothers! How long, how long are ye satisfied with traditions and dogmas! The Sun of Righteousness has arisen

Awake ye! The morn of Eternity has appeared!
shake off ^{from} your bodies this spiritual lethargy!
The portals of the Celestial Kingdom are
open, enter ye therein! The divine
Treasury is rediscovered, enrich yourselves!
The Merciful Graces are ^{all} encircling, avail
the opportunity! Awake! Awake! This
is the day of wakefulness and not sleep!
This is the century of deeds and not words!
This is the age of production and not
sterility! This is the period of conflagration
and not extinction! This is the time
of contagious enthusiasm and not lukewarmness!
Gird ye up the loins of endeavor, band ^{ye} together!
Be ^{ye} loving towards each other!
Banish, banish the nightmare of differences
and ill-feeling. Your Maker has created
you for ^{His} love's sake! Arise, arise,
for the glorious Luminary has arisen
and has healing in its royal wings!
Be ye as balls of fire! Be ye ^{as} torches
of guidance! Increase your love
daily! Add to your affection hourly!
Ye are the children of God and ~~He~~
has endowed you with the possibilities
of infinite progress.



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In the afternoon Gaernmagam and Enteza -
 mos - Saltanah came to see our Beloved. After
 drinking tea and enjoying a most beautiful
 talk from his heavenly tongue, he invited them
 to a drive through the Bois de Boulogne. At
 first I thought I will be deprived of the
 dear privilege of accompanying them but
 then the Master sent Enteza - Mos Saltanah
 upstairs to take me. Oh! we had such a
 wonderful, wonderful drive! I had never
 enjoyed anything exactly like this. It takes
 my breath away whenever I think I
 am sitting face to face with the
 Light of the world! The park was
 luxuriantly green, the flowers were
 entrancingly beautiful, the lakes were
 dotted with pleasure-boats and
 their fairy-like occupants, the tall trees
 were dreamily verdant. The automobile
 drove through the most delightful
 tunnels of trees. I was fairly floating

on the shimmering sea of divine ^{Happiness!}
 From the depth of my heart I wished
 all the ~~American~~ believers were with us
 then and then and hear the Beloved
 talk on Baha - Allah. He told us three
 stories ~~that day~~; one about his early
 childhood; another about Baha - Allah
 and the third a romantic, most artistic
 and pastoral story about the ^{charming} custom
 of the lover and loved one in Mazandaran.
 I wish I had time to incorporate ^{these}
 three original stories in this letter
 but like ~~other~~ ^{many another} things I relegate them
 to the future. I hope I will have
 time to write a little book
 especially on the stories ^{as told} by Abdu'l
 Baha! Wouldn't that be interesting!
 I have already more than a
 hundred stories tucked up in my
 note books! stories which I would
 have gladly shared them with
 you had I have more time to
 write them ^{out}. But I think at this
 time his life - giving utterances
 on ~~moral and~~ spiritual subjects
 are of more benefit than the
 stories. What do you think?



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On our return we took a walk through Rue Lauriston, Avenue Bois de Boulogne, back to Etoile and then through Avenue Kléber to the hotel.

9 Tonight Mon. and Madame Richard came and from 8 to 11 o'clock a most wonderful discussion flamed back and forth on the proofs of the existence of God, on divine philosophy, on ^{the notes of} Sufism, on pantheism. I have this significant conversation in my book and someday all the believers will share it with me. The Master recited other logical and irrefutable evidences about the existence of divinity which ^{were} ~~are~~ not in ^{the} ~~his~~ talk that I sent you some time ago.

Altogether God has perfected

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his bounties for us. We have nothing to
murmur ^{against} ~~for~~! His spiritual and
material generosity has enveloped us.
Now in order to be faithful to him
and to his noble - exalted Teachings,
let us all do our ^{and promote} best, them as far
and as widely as possible.

Bahai love to all

(I humbly)