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Dear Harriet!

The other day the Beloved received a lovely letter from Mr and Mrs Stark of Budapest in answer to his wonderful Tablet! He has revealed for them another Tablet but herein I like to quote a portion of their letter which to me is an indication to their faith and assurance. It is as follow:- "The revelation you were so exceedingly ^{kind} to communicate to us contains the most welcome blessing for our souls, which are craving after Love and Spirituality and is giving also a powerful encouragement to us to offer our humble personalities as Channels for the Love of God. We pray ^{now} to accept our deepest

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thanks for these heavenly bestowals. It
is not ours to thank you for your
coming to our city. Not we, but
hidden powers incomparably greater
than ours brought about this historical
event. But we may be allowed to
rejoice, that we have been found
worthy to be chosen as a mouth-
piece for the call of a striving
group of souls. The consciousness
of our vocation shall give eloquence
to our speech and fluency to our
pen. We pray ardently for the
aid of Baha El Akha!

Is not this a simple, direct, beau-
tiful letter flowing from the heart?
How great is to live in this day and
receive the Knowledge of God direct
from its pure source! The privilege
is so wonderful, the blessing is so
divine, the thought is so sublime
that we can hardly realize it! Like
unto the fish we are swimming in
the sea of spiritual favors! Wherever
we look we behold the signs of His
Love and Benevolence! We are soaring
in the ethereal regions of light!



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When we were in Germany I received letters from Mrs Maude M. Holbach from England. The Newyork friends know her well. The Master wrote her to come to Paris if possible and this morning to our delight and pleasure she arrived. Her aim is to come next winter to Haifa with her husband, stay there several months, receive daily lessons from the Master, study Bahai life and teachings and then write a story for the Western public. Of course all these depend upon the Master's presence in Haifa. She had a long, and interesting interview with ^{him} ~~the~~ Master, devoted mainly to ^{an} exposition of the meaning of the resurrection of Christ. She was very glad to see ^{him} ~~the~~ Master again and will be a daily

visitor for the next four or five days, after which she will return again to England. She is a wonderfully intelligent, keen woman and a Bahai story from her pen will be of deep interest to all the students of the movement.

3. Next Miss Fanny Knobloch was presented to the Master. He asked about the German Bahais and their meetings, ^{we said:} "Thy sister has served the Cause very much. That is why I wrote her to travel throughout all the cities of Germany and summon the people to the Kingdom of Abha! She must feel assured that Baha - Allah will assist her. You are her partner in the promotion of the Cause, you must praise God! because you are such three heavenly sisters, each one serving the Cause day and night!"

4. She asked a question about the Bahai Sunday school. ^{He said:} "This is very important. The Sunday school for the children must be continued. Thus will they be informed with



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the history of the Cause, the Bahai teachings and principles. Their morality will then become Bahai morality. Let the circle of the Sunday school for the children be constantly enlarged and not contracted. She asked several other questions to all of which the Beloved gave definite answers. A few others received the benign blessing of his Presence and then he came out and gave a talk divided in to two parts. The first part I will translate in this letter; the second part I will leave for the future; being mainly about the heedlessness of the Jews in the day of Christ and their subsequent degradation. ^{placed} In his own days ^{he said} "they ~~did~~ ^{placed} put a crown of thorns upon ^{Christ's} ~~his~~ head, but to day they put a crown of gold upon

the head of his statue and painting,
 It would have been a hundred thousand
 times better if they payed him these
 homages ^{when alive} ~~in his own days~~ ^{say now}! ~~They have diverted to another subject~~
 Some people, ~~he said~~, are like unto
 the children. The most unimportant
 event gives them happiness and the
 most trifling incident saddens their
 hearts. For example, if you give
 one franc to a child, it will make
 him very happy, but if he loses it
 he is sorrow-stricken. If you carry
 a doll to a little girl, she flies to the
 heaven of joy and if the doll is stolen
 by her playmates, she is cast to the
 depth of despair. In short, an infinitesimal
 incident gives happiness to some,
 and the most unsequential event
 makes others sad. In the morning,
 they are boiling over with the exuberance
 of joyousness, and in the evening they
 have simmered down to the point
 of despondency and sheer disappointment.
 This is a sign of the weakness
 of their character and the feebleness



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of their faith. But a wisely-directed soul, a person whose heart is illumined with the Light of God, who is ⁱⁿ lived with the quality of radiant acquiescence and who is informed with the open mysteries of the divine world is always in the same condition and is never upset by the constantly-changing events of life. His inspiration is continual, because his heart is attached to the Spring of All; his happiness is eternal, because it comes from God; his rejoicing is perpetual, because it is based upon the eternal rock of the Knowledge of God. His heatitude is never-failing, because it is emanated from the virtues of the world of humanity. This

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undergoes no change and transformation.
This happiness is age-abiding! If a
person is thirsty for the water of the
knowledge of God, his happiness is
unfailing. If a soul is interested in
humanitarian deeds, his joy is perennial.
Therefore, the happiness that comes
through God is a light that is not
faded by any darkness; a
healing which is not ended by
any disease; a glory which is not
consummated by any shame. Conse-
quently, we must search diligently
after the everlasting and not
temporary happiness.

7 For a few seconds the Master got
silent and then looking toward
the window he said to Miss
Sanderson: - "The sky in Paris
is often cloudy." A Persian poet
was present and immediately answered:
"One sky cannot have two signs."
Wasn't that a most appropriate
remark
answer!



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Afterwards he called Entezam-os-Saltanah to himself and together they went out to take a walk. On their return he brought in a basket of apricots which he divided amongst all of us. He gave four to each. Sayad Assadollah had prepared for him ^{dish of} pilaw and he kept Entezam-os-Saltanah to eat with him and urged him to eat as much rice as possible.

In the afternoon he went to Bois de Boulogne with Doctor Mohamad Khan, ^{and as he walked along he} singing most of the time Bahai poems and chanting the prayers of Baha-Allah. Then he called on Mon and Madame Dreyfus.

They served him tea. It was about 8 o'clock when he came to the hotel. Then after an hour of rest he took a bath and retired to his room.

I am glad to report that I have seldom seen the Master feeling so well as these days. He enjoys perfect health and he is happy. He makes us all feel rejoiced when we see him ^{so} well.

I have written so much for the last few months that I am afraid I am getting ^{the} writer's cramp. After writing ^{a few} several pages, I feel a burning pain in my arm and fingers, but I am sure this is only temporary. It will pass away. I must use my pen for a long time yet. I have not commenced writing. I have been doing some scribblings. My heart is dancing with joy, because I am trying to serve the Beloved and the believers. You pray for me that God may make me a sincere servant of Abdul Baha. Love to all ahmed