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Dear Harriet!

When we look upon the Bahai' Cause with an impartial eye, we observe that it is a growing movement. It is growing and unfolding its potential characteristics because it is divine in origin. Mankind is spiritually benefitted and uplifted by accepting its teachings and by practicing its principles. We hear on all sides evidence ^{to the} of forward march of the Cause. Baha Allah today assists those who arise whole-heartedly to spread the Glorious Message of the Kingdom and unfurl the Banner of universal Love and Charity. It is the hope of each one of us to become ~~an~~

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a
~~un~~worthy servant at this holy Threshold.
We have found the greatest spiritual
Movement of the age and we have
dedicated our lives and our hearts to
it. Every Bahai no matter what ~~his~~ his
situation, ^{and} his environment must strive
to the utmost of his ability to diffuse the
Fragrances of the rose-garden of Alaha.
Baha Allah has not given us this treasure
so that we may hid it under the ground.
We must distribute it amongst the
poor in soul-consciousness; we must
let them have a share from this mea-
surable wealth; we must invite
them to sit around this heavenly
Table; we must lead them to the
green bank of this divine River.
If we sacrifice our lives to this Cause
we have done less than nothing.
Who dares to claim for himself any
station while the Lord is ^{standing} in the
Congregation of the Elect! We are all
trying to serve, but as to real service accom-
plished by any of us — not yet — not yet.

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This morning the Beloved in the quietness of his room, No 12 on the first floor wrote several important Tablets with his own hand and later on dictated several cables in answer to those he had received.

Then Prof. Enayef Khan, the Indian musician and Saffi with several other Bahais were introduced into the Presence of the Beloved. At first the conversation was on the study of the Persian language and the deeper, spiritual significances of the Koran, the Master giving us very illuminating interpretations. Then Prof. Enayef asked a question about Nirvana or the Freedom or Salvation of the soul. To attain to Nirvana means to reach to perfection. This is made possible

through the Bestowels of God. When
these are vouchsafed, then man attains
to the summit of perfection. A seed
has reached to the station of Kervana once
it springs out of the earth, it grows,
putting forth trunk, branches, leaves,
blossoms, and finally luscious ripe
fruits. The fruit is the Kervana of
the tree. This comes through education.
The seed became a tree through the training
of the gardener. Man attains to perfection
through the education of the divine
Instructor. His injustice is changed
into justice; his greed into trust his
avarice into generosity, his hard-
heartedness into pity and charity, in
short he will be adorned with
all the divine characteristics.
The more he acquires these spiritual
qualities, the nearer his spirit
will be to perfection according to
our terminology, ^{but} according to
Christians ^{idea} he will be close to salvation.

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and according to the Hindus he will attain to Nirvana. The object in each case is the same but the interpretation differs.

~~Then~~ Several other questions were asked which the Master gave elucidating answers.

at ~~twelve o'clock~~^{noon} the Master with ~~two of his servants~~, Mirza Mahmud and myself were invited ~~for~~^{to} a Persian dinner to the house of Sadat Mansour at 42 avenue de Bordonnais. The dinner was very elaborate. Before eating, the Beloved told them the story of Baha-Allah's exile to Acre and the hardships of the priest

years of Acca; now Abdul Hamid^b
sent a cable to governor of Acca
to investigate the ~~Belace~~^{arriving} about the
coming of two Europeans and the
wonderful cross-examination
in the Court room. During the
lunch and afternoon ~~the Master~~
spoke ~~to them~~ about public
theology of Mahamadan religion
and how ~~the~~ students must
study 30 yrs before he becomes
a ~~mufti~~^{mufti}. Then he told ~~them~~
many funny stories illustrating
these points. It was four o'clock
when we left this hospitable
Persian ~~host~~ and his friends.

At five the ~~Master~~^{he} called on Madame
Jackson with Doctor Mohamed
Khan and then visited Miss
Sanderson. He came to the hotel
very ~~fatigued~~^{tired}.

I have to be very brief in
the ~~letters~~ of these days because
I am sick myself and ~~no~~^{feel} better.
~~Remember me to all the friends~~