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Dear Harriet!

How glorious it would be if we could truly appreciate the heavenly Bounties with which we are surrounded! Our divine Father in his love and affection has granted to us every means of spiritual enjoyment. Day unto day his favors are becoming more manifold! He bids us to take a goodly portion from these celestial Bestowals and invites us graciously to enter in the Congregation of the elect. He exhorts us to purify our ears so that we may hear the ethereal music of the angels and he reminds us to cleanse our hearts in order that the may come and abide therein ^{forever}. He desires that the Bahai world may live so unitedly and happily together ^{so} as to have the appellation of one family. Today

July 2

I received a beautiful letter from ~~one of~~
~~Blomfield in London~~
~~the London friends~~ in whose apartment
the Master stayed during his sojourn
there. I would like to quote herein just
one paragraph showing her deep, sincere
appreciation: - "Was ever such a glorious
time for one family, since the time
of Christ? It seemed historical, poetic,
dramatic, divine! A History such as is
written in the History Book of Creation
or rather in the annals of heaven!
I suppose it would take thousands of years
to realize how near we have been to someone
so Divine as He. There are many today
who play a part in this Drama, and
we too one day, may hope to. We shall
never forget our Friend, we shall remem-
ber Him all our lives and ever afterwards.
Such must be the feeling and ard^{the} emotion
of every Bahai; because once we drink
from the spring of life and quaff
the chalice of divine Bounty we are
eternally satisfied and always ready to
sacrifice our lives for him

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+ This morning the Beloved called me into his presence and asked dear Sayad Assadollah to bring tea. Mirza Jalal was also present. Speaking about ~~the~~ ^{Khosro his} cook, ^{and attendant} who was going with him to America but was detained in Naples and sent back he said: "Khosro is in reality very sincere. On our first trip in Europe he served us very faithfully. He served most willingly all the Persian friends. He washed and mended their clothes and shined their shoes. He would laughingly say, when I return to Palestine, people will come and ask me 'you have been in Paris. What did you see? How is Paris life?' I would say, 'Paris is like a kitchen, a small, narrow kitchen.' This, because he was most of the

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time in the Kitchen and did not have
any opportunity to go out sightseeing.
However, he was loved by everyone.
I was sorry to lose him in Naples.

Then Muja Jalal told several stories about
^{the Khosro's} inventive genius and how he is
extremely clever in handling every
kind of instrument.

4 The contents of a few letters received from
New York, Los Angeles and San Francisco
were presented to the Master. Another
cable was received from Haifa telling
us about the 50 pilgrims and what
should they do. An answer was sent
that assuredly within two weeks
we will be in Port Said.

5 Then a number of the believers ⁱⁿ came
amongst them Mr Scott. ^{The Master} told
him:— In this ephemeral world
there is no greater joy for me
than the meeting of the friends of
God. Whenever I see them, involun-
tarily, I am made happy. I love
to see you very often. I shall

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never forget you, because your heart is the expression of your face. It is very pure, very clear and transparent. I hope some day you will come to the Holy Land and there we will meet each other. I trust that in Paris ~~you~~ ^{you} may become well-known in Bahai life and Character, — to such an extent that every one may ^{become} ~~remain~~ astonished!

6 With another Bahai he spoke about Joanna of Arc and her dauntless courage. The voices that she did hear from childhood were not outward, physical voices. They were spiritual revelations in her heart. It is very strange that the Popes in the beginning anathemized ~~her~~ and excommunicated her.

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nicated her from the Church, but now
they have canonized ~~her~~ and made
her a saint. At first, they said, that
she ^{was} ~~deprived~~ ^{the deprived} from the Favours of
God and ~~she~~ ^{lived} in the center of
her; now they say, she intercedes ^{before}
the Throne of the Almighty for ~~their~~
sins! Under any circumstance, ~~the~~
^{the Pope's change of opinion}
~~action of the Popes~~ shows conclusively
the fallibility of their judgment.

7 ~~Then~~ He came down and the question
of teaching and spreading the Cause of
God was discussed. ^{He said} Today, it is evident
that the promotion of the word of
God depends upon teaching and
awakening the souls. For the
execution of this great deed Baha-
Ullah has given us ^a ~~the~~ heavenly
Power. It is with this Power that
the Bahais are attracting the people
of all races and nations to the
Kingdom of Abha! They have no
other instrument except this!

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For the last ninety years the Western missionaries have gone to Orumieh. They have built schools, hospitals and other charitable institutions in order to convert people to ^{the} so-called Christianity but during all this time they have not been able to attract one soul. This is because they have the machine but not the spirit. In Tiberias the missionaries have built a modern hospital and ^{clines} ~~pharmacy~~. The doctor has been ^{serving} there for 32 years. At least every year ^{one thousand} ~~two~~ Jews enter the hospital and go out healed, but none of them becomes really Christian. The doctor used to tell me ^{that he was} ~~that~~ at ^{his} ~~my~~ ^{my} ~~my~~ end in thinking out the

reason of the success of the Bahais
 in the propagation of their teachings,
~~without~~ ^{without} any means at their ^{disposal} ~~hands~~
 they succeed to make these Jews
 Bahais but with all these ^{hospitals}
 and schools and charity we don't
 seem to succeed. Why is this? I told
 him: Think for one moment over this
 singular fact. The Jews who became
 Christians in the apostolic ~~and~~
 after ^{the} apostolic age were not
 attracted to the Christian doctrine
 by ^{and schools, because they had none of these} hospitals ~~the~~. On the contrary,
 they were beaten, persecuted and
 killed. Notwithstanding these things
 they accepted Christ. Why was this?
 Because these early teachers
 possessed the "heavenly power"
 with that power they ^{were enabled}
 to carry the gospel into distant
 lands. Now in this day the

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Bahais are teaching the people with
the same divine power. They are
baptized with the power of the Holy
Spirit, ^{have} forgotten ego and are sailing
towards the Kingdom of Sanctity. The
most efficient capital of the
Bahai teacher is the divine power.
Through that alone he can conquer
the cities of the hearts.

A speaking with another person
he said:— Our aim is the universal
civilization of mankind. We desire
to see all nations walking amicably
in the high road of progress.
The pathway is very ~~narrow~~ ^{broad}

and they will not crowd out each other. This globe is one nation-land. How regrettable it is that today all the nations strive to advance their own special interest to the exclusion of the ^{neighbours} ~~others~~, while our watchword is "the perfection of all humanity along all the degrees of civilization without limitation or restriction!"

12. In the afternoon the Master with Mirza Ali Akbar, Doctor Mahomed Khan and myself drove through the beautiful Bois de Balagne. We came down near a wonderful parterre of variegated flowers. ~~The~~ ^{He} Master walked around and admired the artistic arrangements of the beds of so many flowers and of such rich, lustrous colors. ~~Then~~ ^{Then} we drove to the Cascade ^{and} the walked under it. It was a fine

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sight! Then he walked toward the
Cascade Pavillon ^{and entered it} ~~which was a lovely~~
~~hotel to eat or drink tea.~~ Here we
drank tea in his Presence. There was
a bridal party ~~here~~ and that interested
the Beloved very much. After tea
we drove back to the hotel. The
Master was invited to night for ^{dinner} ~~supper~~
by Sardar Mansour. He took with
himself Mirza Jalal, Mirza Ali Akbar
and Sayad Assadullah. The night
was spent in the discussion of the
Cause of Christ and how with the
eleven disciples his Teachings were
spread all over the world. Those who
were present were extremely attracted.

