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PASSY 51-03

Dear Harriet

This morning the mail brought
a letter from Mrs Ida A.M. Benjamin
of San-Francisco, now of London.
It contained ^{the} a sweet message of
Hope, Love, Light and Unity. These
are the inner symbols of the
Bahai life, the perfection of which
^{we} ~~one~~ finds in The Holy Temple
of Abdul Baha. As these four
attributes are beautifully expressed
in poetry and as they carry a
general message to all the friends
on the eve of our departure
for the Eastern lands, I will
quote ^{them} ~~it~~ herein for the benefit
of all:-

Hope.

You came to me in my early youth
 In those dear old days gone by
 When life was a joyous happy song,
 And all was bright for you and I.

Love.

You came to me in later years.
 To soothe my griefs and woes,
 You came to wipe away my tears,
 And exterminate all foes.

Light.

You came as I am growing old,
 A treasure within your hand,
 One that I prize far more than gold,
 Sent to me by God's Command.

Unity.

And now the Master's voice is heard,
 Bidding all join with hand and heart,
 Hope, Love, Light, each sacred word,
 Must, tho' united, play ~~its~~ part.
 Transmuted to a higher plane,
 These blessings shall become

As Jacob's Ladder we ascend
And all shall be as one.

2 Today many believers came to see the Beloved. They were all sad because he is leaving Paris. To a number of them he said: "With a pure heart and steadfast mind arise to spread the Message of the Kingdom and speak with every one according to his capacity. Explain the divine subjects from the standpoint of the people. If the heart is pure and the capacity exists, there is no doubt that the spiritual susceptibilities will play a tremendous influence."

3 To another group he said: "It is my hope that my heart be ever united with yours and the

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same spiritual susceptibilities
that exist ⁱⁿ my heart may be reflected
in your hearts. May there be a
great highway between my heart
and your hearts! I have grown to
love you very much and this
love will be eternal. You are
the new plant planted in the
Paradise of Abha. You must be
ever stirred by the Breeze of
Providence, be watered by the
rain of the divine guidance and
be trained by the rays of the
Sun of Reality. Turn always
your faces toward the Kingdom
of Abha. Be filled with Baha-
Allah! "Bahai"

4 ^{a Bahai} One ~~in the room~~ asked that she
has read in some of the Bahai
writings that there ^{were} ~~are~~ four
degrees or pillars for the progress
of the soul. What are these

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four degrees? The Master said:— Baha-
Allah says. 'When the soul has
travelled through many valleys, it
reaches to the city of Love. That
city contains four pillars. ^{and} whenever
I ~~send~~ ^{send} a hearing ear, I shall explain
what are these four pillars.'
During the life of Baha Allah,
no one asked the explanation
of this matter but now you
ask and I will elucidate it for
you. The first station is the
station of Divinity; the second
is the station of Prophecy
or Manifestation; the third is
the station of Sanctification
and the fourth is the station

of servitude."

She said:— We must work real hard to reach to the station of servitude."

"It is evident," he said, "the station of Servitude is very great."

"It is the brilliant Crown of everlasting Glory" she answered promptly and everyone was pleased with her aptitude and inspiration. To another group he said:—

"I have been in your midst for ^a ~~some~~ ^{few} months. Only God knows how much I have grown to love you. ^{your love} ~~It~~ beats in my heart like the artery of life. During my stay, I have explained to you the divine ~~advice~~ ^{words}. I have ignited in the chamber of your heart the light of the Love of God. Shine day and night that its lustre and brightness

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May increase, so that the Light
of God may enverm all the regions,
the Kingdom of God may be established
and the Glory of Abba be
revealed. Do not rest for one
moment. Make ye a noble
effort so that you may
the souls; confer life upon
these dead ones; make mindful
those who are heedless, awaken
those who are sleep, enkindle
the extinct men and women
with the Consuming Fire
of the Love of God and exult
the souls with the Galilees
of the vine of Knowledge

I leave you here and I go to Egypt.
but I expect to receive good news
from you, that your meetings
are glowing with the light
of faith and assurance.

Several other groups found a
way to his Presence and with
each he spoke sweetly and
generously. Beside this, both
in the morning and in the
afternoon he found time to
call on important princes
and high personages from
the East. In the evening his
room was full with various
nationalities, a very cosmopolitan
gathering. Persian nobility
rubbed shoulder with Turkish
Pasha. Simple Jewish Bahais
shook hands with the educated
ladies of America.

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His graceful power and divine
courtesy hovered over all these
people. The barriers of ^{castes} superiority
were broken in his presence
and at least for those few
heavenly moments, they looked
into each other's faces with the
shining light of brotherhood.

Thus our last day in Paris
was spent with joy and ^{grace} fragrance,
hoping and praying for the day
when all mankind will
be united with the high
ideals of the Bahai life.
I ^{close} will furnish this letter
with a few ^{the} words of the

Beloved ^{our} ~~propas~~ of Hope! - 10

I desire for you the station of
Hope. Be ye ever hopeful
in the Favour of God! Have ye
no fear! Hope is the Cause
of life.

Love to all

Abner