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Dear ~~Garrick~~ 1-

Are you not very happy?

My heart sings the songs of praise and
Thanksgiving unto the Lord, because
He has caused us to hear His voice;
He has opened our eyes to see His
glory and He has unlocked our
ears. When I think of the possibility
of another trip by the Beloved to
America, I am overwhelmed with
His infinite Bounty, but at the
same time I think of the
great amount of work that
the friends must accomplish
before the ~~Master~~^{he} sails for that
land of the free and the brave.
Anything is made possible if
intelligent co-operation is
realized amongst all the friends.

I feel ~~that~~ arrangements must be made
 so that our able ^{Bahai} speakers may
 deliver addresses - just as the
 Master did - before churches, Societies,
 and Clubs along the lines of
^{Abdul Baha's} ~~our Beloved's~~ talks. Before such
 public gatherings all dogmatic
 assertions must be avoided and
 simply the exposition of the
 Bahai principles ~~from various~~
~~standpoints~~ and suitable to the
 occasion be asserted. The circle
 of the Cause must constantly
 be widened and all the walls
 and barriers ~~be~~ removed so that
 all humanity ^{may} enter under
 the all-protecting Tent of Baha-
 Allah and the Center of the
 Covenant. Let us make one
 of the principles of Baha-
 Allah ~~one~~ ^{the} dominant note of

that religion must be the cause
of love and amity; ~~If~~ religion
creates hatred and animosity then
no religion is better than the ~~so~~
~~called~~ religion. This ^{principle} is strong enough
to avoid all the means of differences.
Is it not? Well, the first step
~~then~~ is to hold fast to that which
is ~~the~~ ^{conducive} ~~means~~ of love and amity.
~~Therefore~~ The most important
thing just at present is to widen
and widen the circle of the Bahai
Cause. How are we going to ^{do} it? By
following in the footsteps of the
Master. He did not antagonize any
sect or religion. Did he? Our
work is the work of construction,
and regeneration and to this ^{ideal} we
have dedicated our fortunes,
our possessions and our lives.
Let our watchword be, Forward,
O ye heavenly army! The victory is
ahead of you.

This morning the Master was up early. At half-past six ~~the tea~~ ^{he} ~~was~~ ^{was} ~~drinking~~ ^{sitting} near the window, the Persians were standing around, and Sayad Assadollah was dispensing the ~~red~~-tea and Mirza Ali Akbar Rafsanjani was chanting in musical tones the prayers of Baha-Allah. Then the Master turned his face to Sayad Ahmad of Rasht and half-inquiring, half speaking said: The conditions of the Bahai's in Rasht are good! Are they not? The believers have arisen to teach the souls. Is this not so? Rasht in these days good news are being received. Today whosoever has arisen to teach the Cause and serve the believers, divine Confirmation

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shall descend upon him, otherwise;
he is wasting his time. When ^{he}
left Haifa two yrs and half ago,
^{he} was so weak that ^{he} I could not
walk 20 yards and ^{his} ~~my~~ system
was attacked by three kinds
of illnesses, but praise be to
God ~~the~~ Confirmation ^{reached}
us wherever we went. But in
Paris ^{he} I do not see ^{an} extraordinary
exhilaration. It is like unto
a lazy animal. All the beating
in the world will not make him
set up; even if you ^{run} ~~enter~~ a
needle in ~~its~~ his feet ^{he} will
not set up. However, God will
make him move. If not now
later on. There is no other way.
3 ~~The~~ Mirza Ali Akbar told
one of his experiences in Leyame,
which to my mind may be
applied to many parts of the

Western world with equal accuracy.
"I used to go every day ^{to} a grocery store
to buy things. There was a young
woman who expressed ^a great deal
of interest in me, because I was
dressed differently from the rest.
She asked my history and wished
I told her the history of the Cause
with ^{the} few French words that
I could command. Then I told
her I have a little book that
if she ^{was} ~~is~~ really interested she
could study the subject further.
"Oh yes! of course I am! Please
bring the book next time." She
enthusiastically answered. Next
day I took to her the little book
^{and she said in surprise}
~~called~~ "Comment je suis devenu
Bahai," ~~before~~ ^{giving her the} ~~book~~ ^{book} I took notice of the fact
~~a letter~~ ^{that} the pages ^{were} ~~are~~
not yet cut. Several days
passed and every day she
would say in answer to my

inquiry ~~question~~ "Yes I am reading it! It is
most interesting." At last I
told her that if she has finished
~~it~~ ~~the book~~ she could ~~send~~ ^{bring} it home
and I will ~~bring~~ ^{send her} another. "All
right! I finished it just last
night" she said. When she
~~showed~~ ^{brought} me the book, and I looked
at the pages, I saw they are ^{were} ~~not~~
^{not} yet cut."

4 I said that Madame Ceste
was here yesterday and told us
that while she was speaking before
the Spiritual Alliance on the
Bahai' Cause, they hailed her because
she quoted Bahai' ~~Allah~~ ^{glory} words
that there is no ~~greatness~~ ^{glory} in
loving one's country, there is
rather glory in this that one
loves his Kind. They were
not interested in universal
patriotism. They wanted to love
their own country better than

all the rest of the world ~~etc.~~ 8

5 The Master said: These objections
are always raised against the truth
but the truth will march toward
its ultimate goal of triumph! ^{When}
~~we were~~ ^{the Bahais were} exiled from Icheran to
Bagdad ^{they} ~~we~~ could not find one
single Bahai, ^{on the way to Bagdad} but ~~now~~ ^{now} see how
many Bahais are in each one
of these cities! When Sultan
Mahamad II, the Victor of Constantinople
besieged the city and his
army was constantly cannonading
the walls and the fortresses, ^{one}
of the Greek or ~~Roman~~ general
entered into a cloister and
saw a monk ~~is~~ ^{was} busy writing.
He asked him, what ^{are} you doing?
He said, I am writing a ^{refutation} ~~book~~
~~book~~ against the religion of
Mohamad. The general said

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furnish and kicked the monk
out of his cloister. "Get out of here
you idiot! When the hammer of
Mahammad was moving in
Arabia, then it was the time
to write a book against this
religion but now that ^{the noise} ~~the voice~~
^{of} his cannon is reaching our
ears you are booming forth
behind our walls and fortifications
what good ^{will} they do? ~~will~~ achieve?
Now the ^{Balgar} Cause has gone too far,
the principles are spread too widely,
for the objectors ^{are wearying themselves} ~~of any one~~.
He spoke at great length and
~~then~~ retired to his room to dictate
Tables for the friends of the
East and of the West.

The friends began bartering
and many of them had long
interviews. At ^{noon} ~~twelve~~ ^{he} ~~the~~
~~Masters~~ came out feeling

well and happy. Today I feel
much much better. He said. Then
he spoke with great power^{and}
animation on the Glad tidings
of the Kingdom. I will ~~translate~~
~~this eloquent address later~~
~~and send it to you.~~

The afternoon and evening
was spent in quiet talk with
the Persians and ^{the} callers. About
4 o'clock ~~the Beloved~~ ^{he} went out
with ~~the~~ Mohamad Khan and
the Persians went to Mr. Deeth's
studio meeting. I stayed home
writing. When the Master
returned he called me to his
room and asked me to rub
his feet, because he mastered
walking for more than one
hour.

I enclose herein the talk of the
Master on Individuality and
Personality which I believe it is
most illuminating. ^{clipping} A ~~quotation~~
from New York Herald, European
Edition will tell you the interesting
story of President Wilson and
his cabinet taking all kind
of ~~drinks~~ ^{liquors} and intoxicants from
any state ~~affairs~~ ^{banquets}. It is ~~only~~ in
confirmation of a quotation
from the Master's Tablet recently
sent ~~to you~~ ^{out}. It only shows
how ~~the~~ ^{this} words of the Beloved
are creative. He says a thing
and ~~then~~ the President of a great
Republic puts it in execution
unconsciously.

With much Bahai love

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