

HOTEL MARQUARDT
STUTTGART

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Dear Harriet /

It was the fifth of December ¹⁹¹² that the ~~Beloved~~ ^{we} sailed away from New York ~~harbor~~ and this is the fifth of April 1913 that I write to you from Stuttgart, so it is ~~exactly~~ four months that the Master has been travelling in Europe, spreading the message of the Kingdom and promoting the principles of the ^{Bahá'} Cause. Now we have before us another trip to Budapest and ^{on} our return we will probably make a short stay of ~~a day or two~~ in Vienna. During the last four months you have received the news of the Master's movements quite regularly I suppose, although not quite as graphically as one would like to immortalize every action and deed of the Beloved and to preserve every word he utters. This German

^{sojourn}
~~trip~~ although only a few days ^{old} yet ^{so far} much
work has been accomplished and ~~many~~
~~immense~~ ^{innumerable} souls
~~people~~ are attracted to the Cause and
will ^{no doubt be more} be drawn to it as soon as the
Master leaves the city. It is interesting
to note that from the time the ^{Beloved}
has arrived in Stuttgart to the time
he is going to leave will be exactly
8 days. Before arriving he expected
to stay only ^{one} ~~a~~ day or two, but he found
the German believers so warm, so en-
kindled that he decided ^{otherwise} to stay much
longer. Owing to certain reasons
known only to him, he requested
the friends to avoid ~~all~~ newspaper
publicity, although ~~all~~ the city ^{knows}
~~something about~~ him and speaks
about the Cause. As he goes out
and ~~comes~~ ^{enters} in the hotel ~~all~~ the eyes
are turned toward him and wander
at his majesty

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This morning ~~the~~ ^{he} ~~Master~~ prepared the tea with his own hands and served us most lovingly. A ^{little} incident which shows more than anything else his ^{extreme courtesy} thoughtfulness was this:- He had just given me the cup of tea and I was going to drink it, when he remembered, Sayad Assadullah had no tea, so he told me, he was going to call him to come ⁱⁿ. I put my cup on the table and wanted to go ~~of course~~ in his place. "No, No" he said, "you drink your tea. It will get cold. I will go and tell him to come." Just think of it! How thoughtful and considerate he is even to his nearest servants who are ready to sacrifice their ~~lives~~ lives for him. ~~Then~~ After awhile he revealed several

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several Tablets for the American
believers, especially one for the
Beverly Mission which were
immediately translated and for-
warded. In the book which is intended
for the historical records of the Cause
he wrote:—"O God! Confer Thine
shelter upon this Person under Thy
Protection and surround him with
Thy Infinite Bounties! Verily
Thou art the Generous and the
4 Merciful." In the family
book of Consul Schmutz he wrote:
"O Thou Incomparable Lord! Bless
Thou the members of this Household
and endear these souls in Thy
Kingdom and confirm them in
the service of Thy Cause! Verily
Thou art the Powerful! The
Mighty"

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~~This morning~~ Young Hefner with his mother and father came to see the Master. I do not think the boy is more than 4 yrs old but very intelligent and a true Bahai. He ^{has been} coming ~~every~~ ^{every} day and receiving a ~~great deal~~ ^{great deal} ~~from~~ ^{from} the Master. They ~~told the Master~~ ^{told the Master} he had already taught all the children of his quarter about the Bahai Cause and ~~was~~ ^{was} full of love for Abdul Baha. ~~This morning~~ ^{Today} ~~the~~ ^{his} parents asked him "where should we go?" "Of course" he directly answered "we will go and pay our homage to Abdul Baha. Is there any other place to go while he is here?" "What will you take for him?" "A Basket of apples and flowers." "All right."

And ^{so} he entered the room, a basket of red
apples in his hand, decorated with pink
carnations; with curly hair, a
smiling face ~~the words~~ ^{And} Allahu Abha
on his lips ~~to~~ running towards
Abdul Baha. When the Beloved heard
~~the~~ how "young Wefue" ^{was} teaching the
Cause, he embraced and kissed him
and said:— It is most excellent to
be a teacher in the Cause from
Childhood. When ~~I~~ ^{he} was at ~~his age~~
the age of this little boy ^{he} was ^{also} teaching.
While ~~we were~~ ^{he was still} living ~~in Persia~~ ^{in Persia} there
was a believer whose mother was
not a Bahai and he was very anxious
to make him one. He was brought
to ~~me~~ ^{Abdul Baha} and ^{he} spoke to him at
~~length~~ about the Cause. At
last he said: "I am not convinced
I am not yet satisfied." ^{and} ~~any~~ ^{told}
him ^{that} if a person ~~was~~ ^{was} not hungry

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he ~~would~~ ^{long} not ~~be~~ ^{long} for food; if he ^{was}
not thirsty he ~~would~~ ^{could} not ~~long~~ ^{yearn} for water.
^{only a} seeing eye ~~could~~ be convinced of the existence
of the sun. ~~the~~ ^{only a} hearing ear ~~could~~ hear ~~the~~
sweet melodies ~~and not the deaf~~. Therefore
first of all ~~the~~ ^{he} must find the seeing
eye, ~~then~~ ^{he} must become hungry and
thirsty, ~~but he could~~ ^{you may go now and when}
~~you~~ ^{he} get these ~~afflictions~~ ^{things} he ~~can~~ ^{can} come back.
He went ^{away} and after some time he
returned. ^{Abdul Baha} I spoke with him again
and this time he became a good
Bahai. There were many children
today and the Master took them
one by one and made them sit
in front of him on the bed. He gave
to each candy and fruit and they ^{sat}
quiet all the time. His first
address to a group of people was
about the four periodical seasons

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of each religious movement. Now ^{he said} ~~it~~ is the spiritual springtime of the world and the spirit of God is soaring over the sea of existence.

8 ~~Afterward~~ he picked out from another group a man and addressed him thus: I love thee very much, I desire thy illumination with the light of God. Mayest thou discover the secrets of realities! Mayest thou obtain seeing eyes; so that thou mayest behold the Kingdom of God! Mayest thou receive hearing ears in order to hear the heavenly Call! Mayest thou be baptized with the Fire of the Love of God, with the Breaths of the Holy Spirit and with the water of Life!

9 To another group ^{he} spoke in detail about the ~~two~~ kinds of happiness; material and spiritual, man through spiritual happiness alone

finds peace and contentment. All other
material means ^{are} ~~have~~ ~~only~~ a temporary
satisfaction. To another group he
spoke on the importance of spreading
the message. Today if you teach one
person it is as though you have
resurrected a dead soul into life. It is
as though you have changed the black
stone into diamond. It is as though
you ~~have~~ transmuted metal into gold
slaves into angels, or animal into
man.

11 About 12 o'clock Mr Ekstern was
in the room alone with the Master. He
said, for many years he has been the
President of different societies and
has tried to serve each according to
his ability but now he has realized
that all these denominations ^{did}
not contain the whole truth ~~and~~
in the Bahai revelation he has found

the complete truth. yes, the Master¹⁰
~~answered~~ ~~said~~ a thirsty man will run after
every fountain, he may drink bitter
and stagnant water but at last he
will reach to the sweet spring. I need
praise ^{be} to God that ~~that~~ ^{he} has attained.
All these roads are narrow and
will end either to precipices or
will ~~end~~ but the highway of
truth is clear and all the smaller
roads converge ^{to} it. The Bahai
Cause is the sweet spring of water
which is never dried up. it's the
Great Highway ^{which leads man to} ~~of the King~~ the
glorious Palace of the King of Kings
it is the limitless sea and all the
lakes and rivers are limited. In
other words, all the religions and
societies find their principles
not only unfolded in this Dispen-
sation but well-developed.
12 ~~The~~ The Editor of a monthly

German Magazine which is published
in Switzerland came to see the Beloved
and ~~he~~ ^{they} ~~says~~ he desires to write a
monthly article on the Bahai
revelation. The Master approved
of his plan and ^{he} will start ~~for~~
13 the next month. Many other
friends were presented to the Beloved
some receiving Persian names for
their children, others asking for
the stone of the greatest name.
14 At ~~five~~ ³ o'clock the Beloved
with Doctor Fisher, Mrs and Miss
Schwarz and myself motored
to one of the loveliest palaces
built according to the plan
of El Hamrah in Spain. There
~~are~~ ^{will} many halls, reception
rooms, sleeping rooms,

and

hot. houses ~~with~~. For two hours
the Master walked through the
buildings. ~~all~~ the furniture ~~of~~ ^{and}
oriental, ^{and} the paintings ~~and~~ ^{and} Oriental
There ~~are~~ ^{were} several graded buildings
and cupolas and picture galleries ^{of}
most beautiful and ideal place
I send you in a separate packet
a series of the photo of the place
of the Rock. It is called ^{the} Royal
palace of "Wilhelma". It ~~is~~ ^{was} built
by one of the Kings of Wurtemberg
90 yrs ago. He loved Arabian
architecture so much that he ^{commissioned}
the architects to draw the plan
of Chancha for his palace.
He ~~has~~ spent at that time
about 10 million mostly
^{in building} ~~on~~ ^{and} it but it is a dream of beauty
As you walk around, it is as though
you ^{were} ~~are~~ ^{reading} ~~walking~~ ^{the} in an Arabian

night story. The Master said: On ^{one} hand this wonderful palace shows the high civilization of the Saracens in Spain and on the other hand it makes one sad to contemplate that all these marvellous traces of ^{glories} Arabian civilization are entirely ~~gone~~ ^{forgotten} by the people of the Orient and instead of advancing they ^{have been} ~~are~~ retrograding.

Returning to ^{the} hotel the Master thanked most heartily ^{the Consul} for giving us such a good time in the afternoon. He evidently enjoyed ^{the outing} ~~the~~ very much. They were invited to drink tea with him. Both mother and daughter as well as the Consul are very ^{real} Bahais and most sincere!

At eight o'clock ^{the} Consul with Mr. Herrigel came to take ^{the party} ~~him~~ to Esperant meeting. Arriving

at the meeting the President of Esperanto
 Society of Stuttgart took the Chair
 and delivered quite a long and interesting
 address in German. Afterward the
 Master spoke in detail on the usefulness
 of a universal language quite from
 another standpoint ~~as~~ ^{than} the two former
 ones in Edinburgh and Paris. Mrs
 Ekstein translated ~~the~~ ^{my} English and
 the audience listened most carefully.
 Miss Pollock was in the automobile
 with the Master. After the
 meeting we were taken to Mrs
 and Mrs Ekstein for supper. Mrs
 Pollock was also invited. A large
 table was decorated with lovely
 flowers and many delicious
 eatables. The two sons of Mrs
 Ekstein had come from ^{another part of Germany} ~~another~~ ^{and}
 to be present. Mrs Ekstein
 showed the photograph

of his father to the Master. My father
was a clergyman," he said. Back came
the divine answer. "Thy father was
the Minister of a church of clay;
mayst thou become a Minister
of the Kingdom of God." Miss Pollock
said: "I am teaching English in Göttingen."
"Thou hast been a Teacher of the
earthly language, now is the time
to become the Teacher of the
heavenly language. Spread the
message wherever thou art. Teach
your pupils both languages."
"I will do my best. In order to ^{make}
^{them} study English I ^{will} ~~am~~ teaching ^{them} the
Bahai literature." "All right."
"Very ^{good} well" the Beloved said.
"For seven years my sister has

Tried to make me a Bahai; now I am
one, I know Abdul Baha as the
manifestation of Reality." "The
Bahais never give up till they succeed."

17 Mr and Mrs Ekstein of course were
most happy to have the Beloved of the
world in their home and at the head
of their table. After the dinner the
Master looking at Mr Ekstein General
Schwarz and Mr Herrigel said: You
are a wonderful triumvirate, three
fine ^{spiritual} Champions. I am going to let
you wrestle with each other to see
which one is the victor. After
talking with them for a few minutes the
Beloved was taken to the hotel with
~~the automobile~~. It was very late and we
retired after a full and busy day

Love to all
Abbas