

HOTEL MARQUARDT
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Dear Harriet,

The Master had to day the most beautiful sight of Germany passing before his glorious vision. We motored through the "Cherry-blossom country," a few miles outside of Stuttgart. Such a scene of white and pink ~~flowers~~ ^{blossoms} I had never seen in my life. The Consul at three o'clock brought his machine and we motored first to Esslingen, the scene of the children's party, then through a portion of the Black Forest and then suddenly we came upon the "Cherry-blossom country." For miles up the mountains and down the valleys, thousands of trees were adorned with the white garments of spring. If the meadows were not green and the weather was not balmy and thousand of men

women and children were not out to
 have a view of this indescribable
 scene of beauty, one would have ~~thought~~^{known}
 all these trees ~~were~~^{were} covered with snow
 and that we ~~were~~^{were} in the grip of winter.
 From very far off places people drive
 to this village at this season to enjoy
 this wonder of creation! The Master
 was simply enraptured ~~in~~^{with} the
 loveliness and attraction of this
 panorama of nature. First we drove
 uphill, then down, ~~enjoying the~~^{receiving}
 from every point. It was also
 a halcyon and delightful ~~day~~^{today}
 and ~~the~~^{the} crowds of holiday makers were
 either walking in the meadows ~~or~~
~~lying~~^{stretching} under the trees. It was one of
 the rare experiences that one can
 never forget. For me these days are
 the days of Paradise filled with

happiness never ending!

2 ~~On~~ Being Sunday, before nine o'clock the believers started to come. There were so many that crowds were standing outside ready for the room to be emptied so that they may be able to come in. The Beloved was the incarnation of love and affection. There were many children and to these he was specially attentive. He gathered them around himself near the window and showered his love upon all without any distinction. The ^{mothers} were made very happy. For them this has been their supreme joy.

3 While he kissed and caressed the children he spoke:—What did ^{the Esperantists} ~~they~~ say last night? ~~the~~

~~Especially~~. I delivered an address to
 them according to their conception
 of truth. They were the beginners
 therefore ~~we~~ spoke to them with
 gentleness. ~~The Gospel must~~ ^{we} speak always with
 the people from their ~~own~~ standpoint.
 If you explain the difficult
 problems of mathematics or
 geometry for the children they
 will not understand, it is above
 and beyond their comprehension.
 That is why his holiness Christ
 says: I have many things
 to say unto you but you
 cannot comprehend them now
 howbeit when the Spirit of
 truth shall come he will
 lead you ^{into} all truth. Therefore
~~we~~ ^{the friends} must always consider

the mental capacity of an audience
and speak to them from their
standpoint so that they may not
be shocked and run away and
degrees ^{by} ~~by degree~~ they may
attain to the reality. Can we
give strong food to a sucking
babe? If we do such a thing the
life of the babe will be in danger.
Its constitution cannot assimilate
roast chicken - or beef-steak but
only pure milk ~~will be called~~
~~forth~~. Now you have reached
to the age of maturity. You
can comprehend the secrets
of the Kingdom, but the
majority of the people are
yet as children, they must
be fed with the milk

of gentleness. Therefore deal with
them ever gently so that they attain
to the age of maturity; for this reason
his holiness Christ said to his disciples:
To you ^{it} is given to understand the mys-
teries of the Kingdom, ^{and again he said} do not cast the
pearls before the swine; because
the apostles were the people of
reality and others were the followers
4 of superficiality. Then he spoke how
the Jews expected the descent of Christ
from heaven, while in reality there
^{was} no heaven. Praise be to God that
your eyes are opened and you are
witnessing the mysteries of God;
your ears are unstopped and you
are listening the divine Call.
Consequently with these people
whose eyes and ears are shut

you must be gentle and patient. These children shall reach to the age of maturity; these tender plants shall attain to the stage of fruition, these sleepy ^{ones} shall become awakened from the slumber of negligence. But then at that time their station will not be as great as now! Now is the accepted time. Those souls who became awakened during the life time of Christ, they were the chosen ones, they were the stars of the heavenly Firmament, they were the lamps of guidance. How can we ever compare the station of the apostles and those who came later! Therefore your station ~~is~~ cannot be compared with those who will be awakened

later. you are the first fruits of the
 season ~~and this~~ very much sought after
 but afterward the market will
 become surfeited with fruit.
 you are the first budding flowers
 in the rose garden of knowledge. I
 am most pleased with the
 believers of Stuttgart. Truly I
 say, they are illumined, even
 their children are radiant.
 Looking at an old man with long
 flowing beard he said: - "This
 old man is a real lion, nay, rather
 he is greater than the lion, because
 the lion has only the brute
 force while he has the spiritual
 power. Speaking to Mr Ekstein he
 said: Last night we dined in your
 home and ^{we} were very happy there!

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Mr Ekstein that his

He said ~~see~~ ^{was} home ~~to~~ now dedicated to the Cause. The Master said that ~~his~~ ^{your} home has been always dedicated. Then a young couple who are engaged came to see the Master.

Their names are Miss Bertha Bahnmüller and Mr Bopp. The Beloved received them with great love and cordiality. They looked

as sweet as one can expect very demure and very loving. ^{Abdul Baha told them that they were} ~~most~~ most welcome.

^{He was} I am very pleased with ^{them} ~~you~~. I pray that

the benediction of God may descend upon ^{them} ~~you~~, the Breaths of the Holy Spirit may surround ^{them} ~~you~~ and may

^{they} ~~you~~ be submerged in the sea of the Mercy of God. If the heavenly blessing does not descend, no matter how

much man ^{may} strive it will be fruitless. If the rays of the Sun

do not radiate, the trees will not yield
 fruits. If you find a lamp lighted, it
 will be ~~from~~ the result of the training
 of the Sun. The rays of the Sun of Reality
 are the Divine Confirmations and in turn
 these Confirmations are like unto
 the showers of the Spring. If we
 see the torrential rivers ~~are~~ flowing
 they are the result of the aggregation
 of the rain. Without the Confirmation
 of God nothing is possible of attain-
 ment. ~~I~~ ^{He} hoped that the divine
 Confirmations may descend upon
~~you~~ ^{them}. May ~~you~~ ^{they} find the highest
 state of happiness! May ~~you~~ ^{they}
 live together in the utmost state
 of joy and beatitude! May ~~you~~ ^{they}
 advance day unto day in all the
 degrees of ideal perfection!

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May ~~your~~^{their} thoughts gain a wider range of
vision. May ~~your~~^{their} ideas develop.
May ~~your~~^{their} information increase.
May ~~you~~^{they} become like unto ignitons
and the lights of divine Beasts
may appear from ~~you~~^{them} so that in
this world ~~you~~ may live together in
the utmost state of felicity and may
obtain eternal life in the Divine
Kingdom - that ~~you~~^{they} may become
beloved in both worlds. The ~~prayer~~^{prayer}
in ~~your~~^{their} hearts. God willing
~~you~~ will be in the greatest state
of joy.

There was a girl who desired to enter
into the ~~Isis~~^{Isis} Monastery as a nun.
The Beloved said: There is no such
thing in the Bahai Cause but one may
engage in the spread of the cause.

and dedicate as much of her time to it as possible and spend her days in the service of the Kingdom and whenever opportunity comes up, she may marry. There ^{was} perfect freedom in this movement.

9 - ~~There were~~ Many more people ^{entered the Masters room} and the Master continued to speak to this and to that group till well nigh one o'clock. When ^{at last} everybody left, as he ^{was} walked back and forth, ~~the~~ he said: The believers of Germany are very warm, very sincere, very attached, very attached. They shall be confirmed to teach throughout Europe.

10 - ^{just then} A large number of the believers from Esslingen came and the beloved ever kind and compassionate received them. He said: - ^{They were} ~~you are~~ welcome. ^{They} ~~you~~ must thank God and I must thank God that ~~a~~ meeting like unto this is being held; for this meeting cannot be compared

with other meetings. This meeting is for
 bringing together those souls which
 are illumined. This meeting is through
 the power of the Glad tidings of God.
 This is the meeting of the people of the
 Kingdom. This meeting is like unto
 the Magnet and ^{the} iron. This meeting
 is like unto the meeting of the
 rain and the earth. This meeting
 is like unto the meeting of the fire
 and the oil. This meeting is like
 unto the meeting of the breeze and
 the trees. Therefore it contains many
 important results. How its fruits
 are not seen. When the rain is
 falling, the wise man will see ^{in it}
 the transformation of the earth
 into verdant meadows and flowers
 at the next instant. Likewise our
 meeting. At present it is not
 known what forces are set
 to work, ere long it will become

apparent. The results of this meeting are the change of the hearts into arched and verdant flower-gardens; the outflux of the fire of the Love of God; the discovery of the Mysteries of the Kingdom; the unfoldment of the Knowledge of God; the attainment to eternal life; entrance into the Mount of Transfiguration; the effulgence of the rays of the Sun of Reality; the acquirement of the excellences of the world of humanity and the realization of everlasting felicity. ^{He} I hoped that through this system of Bahai education ^{they} you may become the light-reflecting lamps of the assemblage of mankind.

11 To Mr. Herrigel he laughingly remarked that ^{the German Bahais were} ~~you~~ ^{are} coming here in

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such numbers that the proprietor
~~of the hotel~~ may leave the premises
and run away for his life,
saying, 'I leave the hotel in the
hand of Mr Herrigel and his
friends'. No doubt everybody ^{was} ~~was~~
wondering, ~~everybody is wondering~~
what ^{was} ~~is~~ the business of all these
people coming here every morning.

12 After our delightful excursion
through the cherry blossom country,
we ~~returned~~ ^{visited} ~~to the city~~ to the
house of the mother of the
wife of ^{the} Consul. There all the
friends had gathered to take
photograph with the Master
in the large park of Wangenbühlsh
5. There were so many ~~people~~
that ^{we had to} ~~they were~~ divided into
seven groups; one for men.

alone. ~~you will receive a complete~~
~~set of these photos real soon.~~
 Then Consul Schenck took some
 small photos of the Master
 under a cherry blossom tree
 which I hope will turn out
 to be good. After drinking
 tea and thanking everyone
 especially the Mother of Mrs
 Schenck and the Mother of ^{the} Consul,
 the Beloved drove to the
 home of Mr and Mrs Friedrich
 Schweizer in Karlstrasse 25
 Zuffenhausen. ^{They are} very excellent
 Bahais. Mrs Schweizer was
 simply beside herself with joy.
 She is filled with the Love
 of the Master. Consul Schenck
 said later that ~~he was~~ ^{he was} a
 German ~~man~~ ^{yet he often} and wandered
 often at the ~~most~~ ^{most} enthusiasm
 of these two souls.

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The Beloved drank a cup of tea and
 made a few remarks as follow:-
 Here ~~we have~~ ^{he} came to ~~your~~ ^{their} home! May
 God encircle it for ever with
 the lights of Truth. May it be blessed
 always. We have come here
 in the name of Baha Allah.
 Any house in which the name
 of Baha Allah is raised, the blessing
 of God will descend upon it; the
 divine light will shine upon it
 and the Breaths of the Holy Spirit will
 rest over it. Therefore, ~~I~~ ^{he} prays to
 God that special blessing
 may descend upon ~~this~~ ^{their} home.
 May it become a heavenly home.
 May the mention of Baha-
 Allah be made always in that
 house.

14 ~~th~~ We drove back to the hotel

and after a little rest, at half-
 past eight we were again on our
 way to Oheres Museum. This
 was a public meeting arranged by
 a committee of Bahai women in
 the largest hall of the Museum.
 It ~~was~~ ^{was} a big, beautiful building.
 The Master on entering ^{arriving} was
 greeted by the rise of the audience.
 The big hall was filled to the
 door. More than 800 people were
 present and the Beloved gave
 a stirring and eloquent address
 on peace and Love. Mr Ekstein
 translated ^{again my English} and ~~here and there~~
 whenever ~~it~~ he could not think
 of the right word, voices were
 heard ^{again} from the front ^{all parts of the Hall} seats and
 coming to his assistance.
 After the lecture the Master
 walked around the audience
 and shook hand with every one

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This was the largest meeting ever held in Germany in the Bahai Cause and no doubt its results will be immense in the future. After this meeting the Beloved was driven to Miss Alma Knablock and Miss Doring's apartment for supper at Neue Weinsteiger 23. ~~There was~~ Apartment is on the fourth floor and after such a strenuous day it was a little difficult to walk up to the fourth floor but in order to make them happy ^{the Beloved} ~~he~~ did it with pleasure. After a few moments rest, supper was served and the Causee told the Master about the constitutional laws of the country and many legends

and stories connected with different
 16 castles. The story of the "Faithful
 woman" appeared to the Master.
 There was a castle which was
 besieged by an enemy and his army.
 After some months, at the peril
 of starvation the castle capitulated.
 The general of the victorious army
 issued a proclamation that all the
 wounded may leave the castle with
 their most precious possessions.
 Within
 half an hour, the women filed out
 each holding the hand of her
 husband or sweetheart or brother.
 At first, the victor objected to
 such a proceeding, but when
 the humanity, sympathy and the
 humorous
 situation of it struck him he
 laughed heartily and let them go
 free.

After the supper the Master
 returned to the hotel. It was rather
 very late and he went directly to his
 room to ~~rest~~ ^{sleep}. Some time later