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Dear Harriet!

to the Beloved

When Miss Hart (~~the~~) gave an interesting account of the meetings and sessions of the Convention, ~~the~~ ^{pleased} ~~morning~~ ~~to the~~ Beloved he was very glad and then he said: - "Praise be to God that in many American cities the Divine summons is raised and the Glad-tidings of the Kingdom of Abha is heard. In the future, it will become very good. America will become illumined! She mentioned the names of the many ~~beautiful~~, united Bahais and delivered to him most faithfully their messages of love and devotion."

2. While ~~the~~ ^{Miss Hart} was present, a Mrs Noel came in. She was welcomed by the Master. She had heard about the Cause but had never

^{from} seen the Master. As soon as she entered
 her face and her carriage impressed me
 as a woman of intellectual power and
 ability. She said to the Master that
 she has a clear comprehension of religion
 as an intellectual fact but not ^{from} as a
 spiritual reality. She has come this
 morning to the ^{presence} of the ~~Holy~~ Presence of the
~~Beloved~~ and is seeking the illumination
 of the heart. ^{He told her:} "The more your faith
 grows in Baha-Allah, the greater
 will be the illumination of your
 heart, because the spirit of man
 is strengthened and reinforced through
 the utterances and the love of
 Baha-Allah. Just as the body
 receives force through food, so the
 spirit is in need of the spiritual
 food. What is the food of the
 spirit? It is the love of God, the
 knowledge of God, the praiseworthy
 attributes. Endeavor that ^{you} may
 adorn ^{your} self with these heavenly
 virtues, be attracted to the Kingdom
 of Abha and arise with the



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greatest joy to serve ^{your} ~~thy~~ fellowmen.
 As long as ^{your} ~~thy~~ aim is pure ~~than~~
 shall become confirmed. If our
 object is unselfish, we must feel
 assured that the highest desire
 of our hearts shall be obtained.
 I will pray for ~~thee~~ ^{you} My prayers
 are sometimes universal and sometimes
^{special} ~~particular~~. I will specially pray for ~~you~~
~~thee~~. "She was made very happy
 and wept with joy. She said: 'Often
 I have glimpses of truth but at
 other times I am left in darkness.'
^{The Master said:} "You must strive to enter into
 the spiritual state and be
 established in the Kingdom.
 Once there, you are eternally
 submerged in a sea of light

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There will be no unhappiness and no
3 sadness. She asked about remun-
eration. Do we attain to the state of
renunciation after we have realized
God and His powers or we must renounce
our desires before our attainment
to this spiritual condition? The
Master said:— "First we must make
ourselves receptive, then the hauntings
of God descend upon us. The mirror
must become clear from rust
first. Then the sun with all its
glory will be reflected therein.
Prepare your apartment first before
you invite ^{the} guests. Therefore first
we must become renewed and
detached, then we will obtain
the divine Boonies. Renunciation
or severance does not mean to suppress
your ^{and senses} noble feelings, to shun the
activities of life, ^{and} to shift the
^{human} responsibilities that God has
laid upon our shoulders. It
means to overcome the dark powers
of nature, to be freed from the
promptings of self, to become



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one's
a governor over the ego and the passions,
to let the susceptibilities of the spirit
rule over the body. This is the
meaning of renunciation. In short,
man must become a radiant being
and a heavenly spirit.

4 § Later several ^{other} people came and the
Master ^{the} spoke to them privately. They
came out of his room with ^{joyful} radiant
faces.

§ In the afternoon three very
important Persians called on ^{the Master} him.
Sayyad Assadallah prepared tea
and till 5 o'clock he was speaking
with them ^{on} about Persia, Turkey
etc.

§ He sent us to Mr Scott's ^{meeting}
and he went out to walk alone.

On our return from the meeting, he called
 on Miss Sanderson to inquire about her
 mother's health. In the course of conver-
 sation he praised very much her Persian.
 She speaks quite clearly. "I hope," he said
 "you will study the Persian language to
 the extent of writing letters and composing
 poems. Then I will send thee to Persia.
 This will be most wonderful. You
 have the power of composition and
 style. Memorize the poems of Baha-
 Allah. All the old Bahais know that
 I have never studied Arabic. I have
 not taken one lesson in Arabic. No
 one may believe this, but there
 are still some believers living
 who bear testimony to this fact.
 Yet my Arabic, both written and
 spoken is the masterpiece all over
 the East. I will tell how I came
 to know Arabic. When I was very
 very young, I found in our house
 in Teheran a large voluminous
 book containing many ^{in Arabic} prayers
 revealed by the Bah and copied
 by Baha-Allah. I had such a
 longing that I used to read



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the contents of this book all the time. Often I would get up in the middle of night, light the candle and then read and read this book without understanding its meaning. The effect of those prayers was so great that I would weep over them. Suddenly, ^{all of a sudden} I observed that I ^{could} understand the significance of the book without being taught by any soul.

Then the ^{He} Master returned to the hotel and I took the ^{street} car and went to the East Station to welcome to Paris

Miss Fanny Knoblock who has travelled from Stuttgart to meet the Master. The train arrived at 9.20 and by previous ^{arrangements} I took her to the International hotel where Mrs Lillian and Mrs Beede are living. They were waiting in the reception room to greet her on her arrival. She will come to see the Master tomorrow and may stay in Paris till Saturday. Then she will return to Stuttgart to be with her sister for two weeks and after that back to America. I hope she will go by way of New York so that you may hear her speak about her experiences in Germany and France. When I returned to the hotel the Master was up and speaking with a few Germans. He had made them laugh all night. They were all in good humor. Love & all
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