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My Beloved Sister

Your good letter with happy news received yesterday and as a boat with mail goes away from Japan tomorrow morning, I am endeavoring to get this off in time to sail on it.

There must have been some decided results from the visits of so many message bearers - especially Ahmad's talks which are always delivered with the approval of the Spirit and in consequence leaves no room for argument. It is refreshing to know that he had so many good opportunities

to meet the larger numbers, no one will ever be able to estimate the result of a single sincere talk because it takes in some soils longer for seeds to germinate. Of course it makes one happy to hear that some of the souls became attracted from my simple speeches. and if you think it advisable and care to give me their names and addresses - perhaps a Bahai letter from the Orient would be a stimulus to more ardent search. Do as your best judgement dictates.

I'm glad for your Unity news, and I know all of you feel much happier since you are able to meet together again, may it continue.

As you say the prayer is wonderful indeed and I repeat it in the early morning hours between

3 Two and three o'clock, for some reason I walse  
at just that time, did you know that is the  
hour when Abdul Baha prays. I well remem-  
ber when I was in the Holy City - Acca that  
one night I walse and heard our Lord  
calling in a loud voice. Baha o'llah  
Baha o'llah and for a long time I  
could not sleep again, I had such a surge  
of spiritual feeling and wide awake consciousness  
that it was not possible to sleep, and then  
the next night I slept through, I think it was  
the next morning that Abdul Baha asked me  
if I had rested well - I replied very well, He said  
"Abdul Baha did not sleep" and I assure you

<sup>42</sup> I felt guilty through and through, because I slept when Our Lord could not.

We have had a most remarkable New Years feast, which I had the honor of serving - it took two days - on the 21st we held a meeting for the women which was well attended in fact the little house held about as many as we could accommodate, we had a very interesting and helpful time, I think some who attended will become more and more attracted all were quite young girls except two. The next afternoon we had the meeting for the men, which was unusual in many respects they began coming at one o'clock and soon our little house was filled, first a young blind man came who had just received a Tablet from Abdul Baha and which was the keynote for the meeting. a copy of

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This wonderful and universal Tablet is enclosed  
also our New Year greeting to Japan. Our group  
represented four nationalities, Japanese  
Russian, Korean and English or American.  
The interpreter of our talks was  
~~by~~ a blind Russian who spoke  
Japanese, Russian, English and  
Esperanto, and he used his capacity all  
through the afternoon until 6.30 for us.

There was present a Japanese gentleman  
who is engaged in preparing a book which  
is to give the Japanese in their own language  
an account of the movement, he desires  
my assistance in making ready for his

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self imposed task which judging from his radiant smile will be a happy occupation. A most spiritually inspiring meeting, which proved the Presence of our Lord.

Lately there develops the offer of from a Japanese to translate the Life and Teachings of Abdul Baha by Myron Phelps. This gentleman was formerly a Buddhist but is now a Christian clergyman having a church here of his own, but you see he is attracted to the Teachings of Abdul Baha, and he is urged by the Spirit to do this work.

Then there is a blind boy who is writing in Braille for the blind the entire contents of the book by Mrs. Grundy entitled Ten Days in the Light of Acca, Miss Alexander and I take



Turns in reading the book to the blind boy -  
taking two hours a day until finished.

This afternoon a meeting for women  
tomorrow another for men - it being a very  
wet day, perhaps there will not be  
many present today.

I should like very much to  
meet your brother it is but an hours  
ride to Yokohama and perhaps it can be  
arranged - I'll watch out for the boat, but  
perhaps they boat don't stay very long. at  
any rate I am obliged to go to Yokohama soon  
and will try to arrange the meeting should the  
boat be in Port soon. It is quite difficult

to get things here in Tokyo that one born in America  
is accustomed to, so in Yokohama there are better  
prospects, but not absolutely dependable prospects.

Remember me to the friends of Spokane  
with-my Bahai love and greetings I am often  
with-you in Spirit. I'm so glad you are all  
using that wonderful prayer - is it not powerful  
for unity - and service - I remember the  
old lady you took me to call upon one day  
will you please give her my love, and if I  
had her address would write - to her also - I  
remember the hour I was with - her with - great  
spiritual feeling - Lovingly your serving sister -  
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