

Advise erect my be'a1E reports submitted by certain
enemies of the
his grace. His mantle as trustee funds uug6g Cause the Prince Regent,
Mu'afFai'd-Dia
now falls on 'Aii Mubarnmad, his son. In- Sha, eR3ct that
Mirza GAbdu9ilhb
struct Row\$ani Tihran arrange befitting
memorial. gatherings capital provinces honor
memory mighty pillar cradle Faith Bah6'u'-
membez.
k B n , my granaatlIer., who was then a
was acting the
Government and had put house at
N e w l ~ a ~ ~ O h trustee
ed Ptrqliq dispoed of Baha'is gz.thesing tbcre to con&uc-
elevated rank Hand Cause. anti-government activities. My
gxandhther
SraoGal was obliged, therefore, to escape to Tihrh,
November 15, 1955. and in his absence, my
grandn~other, who was
a fanatical Muslim, found t k opportunity to
exert her enmity by opposing my father SO
Auto b iogrulpy sirongly and relentlessly as to compel Irim to
"Some time ago the Spiritual Assembly of leave h i s home and native
to~vn,acco~npanied
the Bahit'is of Tihrbn asked mc to write my by his two eldest sons. My junior
brother,
autobiography for them. 111 reply, X explained Badj'uiUh, and naysself, being
too small, were
that during my youth I had had the privilege left behind with our mother in the
s m I~ouse
and honor to be in the blessed presence of where m y gsandmother lived. This
did nat,
His Holiness "bdu'l-Baha and to be one of however, appease my grand~nother. She
had
His attendants during ETis visit to America. such a deep hatred of the Cause
that she
I had Jways seen aud witnessed Exis utter began to make evil suggestions to me
against
self-abrlegatio~lin words and deeds. When X my father and ro sow the seeds of
hatred and
stop to ponder. the resplendent servies enmity in ~ n soul y against
him. She &as able
rendered by the early believers of the Faith to impress m y tender soul to
sucl~an extent
and tlIcir heroic sacrifices, I do not see how that in my Islaillic prayers,
which I was

T can give any account about myself. obliged to say, I wept in bitter grief for nxy
 "I was born in Tabriz, 1263 Persian solar father's deviation which had earned him SO
 calendar (1884). My father, 'Ali Muhammad ~ m c hhaired frain the public. Vmq& a martyr of the Cause, was the thifiild "Up to the age of sixteen, I lived with my
 son of E;Tkji Mull& Mihcii Yazdi, known as grandmother ia an at~xosplierecharged with
 Atxi, and my mother, Fittin~ih, iivzs the such fanaticisn~and hatred towards the Cause.
 daughter of Bhji MirG 'Abdu'llLih Khan Then my ur~cle,HAji Mlr &sap, a sincere Nbri of Mazindarhn. These two grandparents bdiever and teacher of thc Cause, took steps

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to transfer me from Tabriz to Miyanduhb, Bahfyiyh RhBnum, daughter of the late
 where I lived under his care and lave for some Sani-us-Sulj6n, surnamed Sani IIIkhi, of
 years until I b e m e a believer. whom I had ten children.
 Seven d these
 "During my stay in Miyanduhb, the late children, three sans and four daughters, are
 Siyyid Assadu'lkh Qumi visited. there and now living and they are:
 'Ali Maammad; Mihdi; Malihih (Mrs.
 was a guest of my uncle. Feeling that I was extremely anxious to visit the Holy Shrines (Mrs. Fdrzar) ; Parvin
 Qubad); Munirih
 and the Center oS the Covenant, he promised Mafymnud; Lami (Mrs.
 Nikanpirrf. I thank me, when leaving MiyanduBb, ihst whenever God that they are all
 Bahs'is and are firm he intended to leave for the Holy Itand he in the Cause.
 would inform me that I might join him at "? must express my
 great appreciation to
 Tabriz. Shartly afterwards I received his my wife, who has sincerely
 collaborated with
 message telling mne that he was ready to leave. we since our marriage and
 who had, in fact,
 Filled with great enthusiasm for this auspicious a greater share than
 myself in rsaining the
 jo~uncyX did not even inform my uncle of my children in the BahB'i
 spirit.
 intended departure, since I thought he ould "After my marriage 1

took employment in
 definitely not allow me to make the journey
 secretary, but when
 because of his great affection for me. I forth-
 leave for America
 with left for M~arh&ihin company with one
 permission and had
 of the aged beliomrs, and thence X proceeded
 attending Him o s His
 to Tabriz. At Tabriz I was summoned by the
 return to T i f i n ,
 Local. Spiritual Assembly, who, after holding
 Secretary Translator
 consultation regarding nnly dm, informed nle
 dayrime was
 that they had decided I should go to Tihrh
 office and at night I was
 to stay with my brother Mirz5 'Adzu'IIAIn
 Spiritual Assembly
 K b h . To persuade them to revise their
 - and on various Baha'i
 committees. At both
 decision was out of the question and I was
 a condition with
 therehre obliged to leave for Tihrh, where
 do anything
 I stayed with my dear brother and meanwhile
 After Inany years of
 took up nly studies ill the Tarbiyat School.
 asked to do a service
 At the same time I began to study Englsh
 politics, whereupon
 outside the school and took up a course in
 ~esigrzation.
 Arabic with Bahh9f scholars. X spent a few
 years I have had the
 years a180 in the American High School in
 serve as Trustee of
 Tihrk to advance my gem~eraleducation.
 appointed by the
 "The lorwcherished time now came wheil
 my utmost wish
 with the consent af my dear brother I left for
 these last days of
 'Akka, where 1 had the great privilege of
 service to our Holy
 visiring 'Abdu'i-Baha, the Center of the

the Russian Embassy as a
 'Abdu'l-BakA was about to
 I lefi for 'Akk&with His
 the great hanor of
 historic journey. After my
 I was enplayed as First
 by the Turkish Embassy, My
 spent working at the
 happy to serve on the
 the Embassies 1 had ma& it
 them not to require me to
 co~ceriledwith poitics.
 service, however, 1 was
 which slightly touched on
 I tendered my
 "For the last twelve
 incsiinable honor to
 ~uqiiqu'llhh, having been
 beloved Guardian, and it is
 that 1 may be able during
 my life to render befitting
 Cause and give

satisfaction to our loved
 Covenant. Following this auspicious occasion Guardian."
 I proceeded to Beirut where Z took up my The spiritual services
 of the Hand of the Cause Mr. Valiyu'llkh
 studies with the aim of finishing the college at the early age of twenty
 Varqa, which began death at the age of
 course and continuing them in a university terized by weer-increasing
 and ended with his throughout his life. His
 in England. During my stay in Beirut I was death at the age of
 seventy-one, were charac- terized by weer-increasing
 summoned by 'Abdu'Ufi-BAA to 'Akkri every throughout his life. His
 zeal and enthusiasm were redoubled
 summer and there I had the opportunity to were redoubled
 efforts in the Cause away of Mr. , h i n Amfa
 study the Cause and take teaching courses with
 particularly after the passing
 other students under the Late Frf6jC Mirza
 in 1938, when Mr. Varqa was entrusted by the
 Baydar-'Ali. beloved Guardian
 "Xn the summer of the year 1309, while I with the duty of taking care
 of Ehe Quq&qu'llBh. His elevation later to the
 was in 'Akkit, I was instructed by 'Abdu'l-BahB Cause inspired in him a new
 rank of Hand of the Cause inspired in him a new
 to return to T i h r h to fulfill a mission which spirit and stirred
 He so kindly entrusted to me. In T i h r & n , after him to a still higher
 degree of service to the Cause or BahB'u'llkh. Tn
 having carried out His mission, I married
 1953 he prepared

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when the New Delhi Conference, in which
 Mr. Varqa was to participate, should have
 been concluded. He therefore left soon for
 New Delhi, not waiting to complete the
 convalescence period, and consequently had
 a very hard time during the days of the
 Conference. He then received the Guardian's
 instructions to proceed to 'Iraq, Egypt and
 Syria on a teaching mission. He forthwith
 left New Delhi for 'Iraq. In that country his
 illness took a serious turn and he suffered
 extreme pain. He was therefore obliged to
 stay in the eziratu'l-Quds in Baghdad. After
 a while, when he felt himself slightly better,
 he left for Cairo, Ismailia, Suez, Port Said.

and Alexandria, where he visited the friends and gladdened their hearts by giving them an account of the magnificent results of the Conferences and of the rapid progress of the Cause in the world.

He then left for Turkey, where he visited the towns of Qazi Antap, Iskanderun, Adana and Istanbul, and met the friends. The unexpected cold weather in Turkey that year and Mr. Varq's ill health caused him a great deal of suffering. He now reported to the beloved Guardian an account of his journeys and was then kindly instructed to return to Iraq. After his arrival in Tihrah the Guardian appointed a time when he could himself, under instructions from the Guardian, visit the Holy Land. This visit to the Holy

for participation in the Intercontinental Conferences. He first attended the Kampala Conference and then the Conference in Chicago. During the interval between the latter and the Conference in Stockholm he was directed by the Guardian to proceed to South America, where he visited the area between Brazil and Santiago in Chile within forty-six days. His mission was to meet the friends and to give the Message to the people. he started

On July 10, 1953, he left for Europe and, after participating in the Stockholm Conference, he visited a large number of cities in Germany by the order of the Guardian. In March 1955 he felt very severe pain which made him extremely uneasy. He therefore left for Europe again for

medical treatment, visiting first Paris and then Italy. While receiving treatment he did not forget his teaching mission whenever hospital for a week in Stuttgart and then for a further month in Ulm, where he underwent an operation. He then proceeded to Germany and went to a hospital in Tubingen where Mr. Varq's request to Shoghi Effendi for a visit to Haifa had been granted for the time during these last days his brilliant life. Even

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he did not neglect his teaching duty. Whenever German believers. He assures you all of his prayers for your success. he felt a mitigation of pain and suffering he called to his bedside both friends and seekers Bahri'i greetings, With of truth and spoke to them of the Teachings. R.

RABBANI

But the light of his life was steadily fading, and I it was on Saturday, November 12, 1955, that Assuring you of my deep and abiding appreciation of the sympathy he passed away and joined the concourse on you have expressed high, he was a drop that fell in the Great for the great loss sustained by our beloved Ocean, a beam of light that attained to the earth, and of my fervent prayers for the luminous Sun. success of every effort you exert for its

After Mr. Varq's death the beloved promotion. Guardian ordered that a memorial be erected

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at his expense, at the grave of Mr. Varq. Your true brother, in Stuttgart. The design was made by Mr.

Shahm

Seyhun, architectural engineer, and willize this account is being written the construction of the roof is nearing completion, under the supervision of Mr. Bauer, a beloved German

AMELIA E.

COLLINS

friend. After it is completed the monument

1873-1962

will bear evidence of the grace of God to His devoted servants.

"O tizou lady of the Kingdom!" With

these words 'Abdu'L-Wd addressed Amelia

A h the passing of Jinkbi Varqk the Engelder Collins in His Tablet to her, dated

following letter was received in Germany: December 6, 1919. It was an answer to the

Haifa, Israel longing of Lhis newly

awakeiled heart to serve

December 3, 1955 the Kingdom of Cod. The

"hope" of 'Abdu'l-

W i i as expressed in the Tablet became

fulfilled in fullest measure in the life OF this

To the B W i s who were gathered at the devoted fiahk'i:

funeral of the Wand of the Cause, Valiyn'ilBh "In brieL JbDm tile

bounties o j His Aoli~less

Varqii, in Stuttgart, November 17, 1955: BuhCi'~'Icih, My hope is

that tiiou mayest

duily ndvmce ia the Kingdapl, that thort

nlayest brconze a heave~lysoul, confirmed by

Dear Bahi'i Friends: the brruths of the HaLy

Spirit, and r~myerect

Your message touched our beloved Guard- a ~tructurethat shall

eternally remain ,firmand

ian very much, and he was happy to see that uns?~ccknbie."

so many of the believers, both eastern and 'Abdu'l-Baha passed away

in 1921. Amelia

western, had been able to gather for his used to say that, "After

the provisions of His

funeral, m d honor this greatly-loved and Will became known, my

whole h e a t a u

dl soul I

staunch pillar of the Faith. turned to that youthful

Branch, appointed

bTeare assured that, dter so much suffering by Him to watch over and guide

the Faith

during the last years of his life, he has gone af BahB'u'li21. How Z

prayed t h t God I

to receive a great reward in the Abh6 King- would help me to make him happy !"

dom.

This became her guiding

light, to serve

The Baha'is could not have a better example before them of nobility and faithfulness than this distinguished Hand of the Cause; mid it is a blessing for the German friends that their country should have received her means, throughout her life, of often and in the footsteps of this beloved Hand, and of great physical to redouble your efforts to achieve the goals of the World Crusade apportioned to the meaning only as they could be used to serve the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh Faith Amelia Collier.

the beloved Gziardim and make him happy. She often said that to see just once was worth a lifetime of suffering. To this end, then, she poured forth unstintingly her love, her strength, the remaining years of her life, often and increasingly, at the cost of great physical sacrifice. Her personal possessions, art treasures, life itself, had of the World Crusade apportioned to the meaning only as they could be used to serve the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh outstanding benefactress Faith Amelia Collier.

and the one on whom had fallen the responsibility of carrying forward the great work entrusted to his care," Unfailing support, love, affection, esteem, unique bounty his deep

conscience and honor direct association work World Center. Signal services every field Bahá'í activity unforgettable. Purchase site Ma&riq71-A&k&rMozmt Camel, generous gifts hastening construction Mother Temples four continents and acquisition of the IJaziratu'l-Quds endowments, constant support home front world-wide teaching enterprises among her magnificent donations, Urge national assemblies bold memorial gatherings, particularly Temples commemorate her shining example ceaseless services maintained until last breath.

Amelia Engelder Collins was born on June 7, 1873 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Her mother, Catherine Groff, was born in the United States; her father, Conrad Engelder, emigrated from Germany at an early age and became a Lutheran clergyman. Amelia was

born in a strict Lutheran atmosphere.

She was the seventh child in a family of nine sons and five daughters. Her early married life was spent in Calumet, Michigan, and Bisbee, Arizona, in mining areas where her husband, Thomas H. Collins, had interests. After her husband's death she sold their home in California, and devoted all her time and means to the Faith.

During the last twelve years of her life the

As the years passed, in numerous instances the effects of arthritis became increasingly painful

and messages to her, the Guardian referred to and crippling, but she did not allow them to

to her "indomitable spirit of faith and Love", interfere with her services; her life became

her "indefatigable services", her "single-minded and wholehearted devotion" to the spirit with which she was

endowed blossomed

Cause of God, her "self-sacrificing efforts" and bore fruit, Depth and clarity of spiritual

examples which "will live and inspire many insight, wise and loving

counsel, like a soul," These services were crowned by faith in prayer and in the

working out of Shoghi Effendi in January 1951 with her Gats Will, wholehearted

sacrifice of earthly appointment as member and vice-president comforts, a real love for her

of the newly-appointed International Baha'i beings, integrity in holding

herself, and others, Council, "Eminent" of the Universal House to the highest standards,

which of Justice, made in December 1951, with her reached the world!

illuminated the way for appointment as one of the first contingent many.

of living Hands of the Cause. Early in 1923, as she was elected

At the time of her passing in Haifa, the known, made her first

Haifa of the Cause called: accompanied by her husband, who was not

"With deepest regret she was a Bahá'í a Bahá'í. She often spoke of the

great kindness world passing dearly loved World Cause shown by Shoghi Effendi to Mr. Collins. At

the time of her husband's death in 1937 who became a good friend and made the first translation of Bahá'í literature into Icelandic. Publication of Miss Anladottir's husband. Heart overflowing tenderest sympathy. Offering special prayers. Advising Mont's BulaLi'u'lijJz nnd translation of Essle- mont's BulaLi'u'lijJz nnd Geyserviile summer school hold begtting Icelandic, in Reykjavik in 1939, was made possible through Milly's memorial galhering recognition generous Milly was elected to generosity. Milly was elected to support their institution. May Beloved aid the National Spiritual Assembly of the B&g'is of h i n ~attain goal he was steadily approachiry and Canada in 1924. Except the United States and Canada in 1924. Except closing years of his life." and Canada in 1924. Except for the years 1933-1838 she was a member of That same year she made her second 1933-1838 she was a member of this body until she was called by pilgrimage to the Holy Land. A closer tie until she was called by Shoglli ERendi to serve at the World Center of the %?asforged with the beloved Guardian and Faith, She was at the World Center of the the beginning of a deep aand significant also an active member of the National Teaching, Assembly relationship to his wife, Amatu31-BahB Teaching, Assembly Development, and Inter- America Comittees. She Rhbiyyih manurn, a relationship which drew visited most of the her closer to the Guardian hiznself. After Baha'i centers in the United States and Canada to assist their this pilgrimage he wrote to her: Canada to assist their consolidation, and mast of those in Central and South "The days you spent under the shadow America to promote the teaching work, of the Holy Shrines ill long be remembered during the First and Second Seven-Year during the First and Second Seven-Year with joy and gratitude. I have during these Plans, 1937-1953. The Guardian's days increasingly appreciated and admired appreciation of this work was expressed through his the profound sense of devotion, the passionate was expressed through his

secretary:

fervor, the intense love and attachment that "It comforts him greatly to know that you are in a position to help animates you in the service of this Holy Cause. watch over and For such noble qualities I feel that I and I, safeguard the interests of the Cause and the believers. Your calm T and I certain that the fruits they will yield will sanity, your great faith be equally outstanding and memorab. Rest and devotion are assets of outstanding value assured and be happy." to the Faith, especially at present."

Three years later he wrote: The Guardian in 1837 sent through Milly "Row pleased the Beloved must be! Wow a sacred gift to the American Bahk'i Com- proud He must feel of your truly great munity. The cablegram announcing this gift achievements! The soul of dear Mr. Collins to the Annual Convention of 1838 said:

"I must exult and rejoice in the AbhA Kingdom. "As token my gratitude to such a community entrusted beloved Persevere and be happy." co-worker Mrs. Collins

And again that same year: locks BahA'u'llaFs must precious hair arranged preserved by loving "Dearly beloved co-worker: hands Greatest

I am deeply touched by your repeated and Holy Leaf to rest beneath dome of Temple most generous contributions to the institutions nobly raised by dearly beloved believers in of our beloved Faith established both in the American continent."

.. United States and the Holy Land. Z shall She presented to the Convention the Cruardlan's gift, which gladly and gratefully expend your two most she had had beautifully recent donations for the alleviation of framed and placed in a special silver case.

distress as well as for the initiation of fresh This was the first sacred relic sent by the beloved Guardian to be activities, institutions and enterprises in the belov'd Guardian to be retained in the Alwr- icm National Baha'i Holy Land as well as in the adjoining coun- Archives.

tries. May the Beloved bless w u a thusaad-
War Milly was
fold for the powerful assistance you are
to come to
extending the Faith in so many tielDs of Bah8'i
Guardian's advice
activity and aid you to fulfill your highest
through his secretary;
hopes in iLs service."
ffeds your presence

After the second. World
invited by Miss Arnad6tt3r
Iceland. Mi@ asked the
and received this reply,
"As he cabled you, he

O d y brief ineation can be made here of
tkan Iceland at
Milly's many senices. In 1924, while on a
assemblies in America
cruise to Icelalid with her husband, she met
education. Feaple

in Arnzrica more important
this time. . . The small
are badly in need of BaWi

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like you, who are loving, tactfal and wise, to
wrote:

Also ccbortt this time, he

help them see their proble~sand the solution
America, yet

"Though you yourself are in

far them, should be in continual ckdaton, the range of the services which y o
u contribu-

so to speak. Again he would remind you not tions render possible i s
far-reaching. You

to overtax your strength or wear yourself out should feel greatly encouraged,
thankful and

in your desire to do all yori can for the work. happy for being able to lend
such an impetus,

Your services are too much needed for you to in these days of stress and peril,
to the world-

jeopardize your health. , ."
precious a Faith."

wide activities of so

Milly was one of the first to do something man^ nmany of Milly's
services are known

about te~chingthe Indians in Anlerica, as only to God, the belotied Guardian
and

urged by 'Abdu'l-BahA in His Divine Plan herself. Indeed, she herself could not
remein-

Tablets. Over a period of many years she ber t l m all. In most instances her
out-

deputized Eahk'is to teach the Omaha Indians standing gifts were acknowledged
by Shoghi

in Macy, Nebraska, often visiting the group Effendi in his general letters or
cablegrams.

herseIf. In 1848 the first Indian Baha'i

Among those were:

Assen~bly on the American continent was Purchase of property on Mt. Carmel(1926);
formed there, development and extension of
summer school
Milly lived simply, allowing herself 1x0 properties at Geyserville, California (1936)
luxuries, denying herself what many would and at Davis, Michigan; publication of
consider necessities. She rarely spoke of the Bahá'í literature for the first time in America
many generous contributions she made: (1934); first contribution to the Bahá'í
the Guardian himself learned of some of them - L. H. Burn Fund toward the erection of the
only through the National Spiritual Assembly Mother Temple of America (1939); contribu-
minutes or reports of the National Treasurer. tion to the Temple Fund in Persia (1939);
Many of her donations were in response to defraying cost of publication of four recent
the Guardian's mere mention of a needed volume of The Bahá'í Y?o~'In'; repeated
development in the Faith. Frequently Milly's contributions to teaching work aid to the
was the first response to reach him. Of one Mother Temple of America; gifts of properties
of these he wrote in 1914, through his secretary: near this Temple, as well as donations to the
"I am enclosing a receipt, at the discretion first Temple Dependency donations toward
of our beloved Guardian, for the sum you so purchase of nineteen supplementary Temple
spontaneously and generously sent to him to sites in Latin-America, Europe and Asia;
be used \$01-the construction of the Superstructure- contributions to aid
erection of the RSb's Holy Tomb on Mt. Carmel. area surrounding the Tomb of Bahá'í'u'lláh~
"He wants you to know that this is the at Rahji and erection and furnishing of the
first contribution he has received for this International Archives building on the
glorious undertaking, and he is not surprised. In 1356 Shoghi Effendi wrote to
that it should come from you! You lead the Milly: "Dear and prized co-worker:
way, in devotion, loyalty and self-sacrifice, I will devote a part of your very generous

in many fields of Bahi'i service, and your contribution to the purchase of a few Chinese spirit of dedication to our beloved Faith and and Japanese cabinets, pands and ornaments

its interests greatly endears you to him." for the International Archives now naring

On one occasion when the Guardian's and completion, the exterior and interior of which

Milly's contributions coincided in being with, to a very n~afkedextent, be associated,

first, he cabled her: for all time, with your munificent support

"Our recent contributions teaching cam- of the rising institutions of the Faith at i t s

paign synchronized evidence our hearts tVorid Center. I am sure you will be highly

attuned noble Cause." pleased, and the spirit of dear Mr. Collins

In 1939 he wrote: will rejoice in the Abki Kingdom."

"Your very generous offerings enable me, fie-emiaent among the gifts of one called

in these days of stress and trial, to extend the by Shaghi Effendi "outstanding benefactress

range of the work of the Cause at its World of the Faith" was the donation of the entire

Center, to reinforce the activities initiated sunl for the purchase of the Temple site on

at the various national centers.. ." Mt. Camel, acknowledged by Shoghi Egendi

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in his October 1953 cable and in his message nlemorid are indeed outstanding and never-

to the twelve Annual Conve~~tions in 1955. to-be-forgotten achievexnents that enrich still I

In the latter he also acknowledged Milly's further the magnificent record of your services,

assistance in the purchase of many national local, national, as well as international, so

Ijaziratu'l-QuAs and endowments on five nobly rendered to the Cause of Bah2uYULftb

continents. Shoghi Effendi's last Convention and its rising institutions. The Baha'is, East

message of 1957 referred to this devoted and West, North and South, admire and axe

thankful for such signal services. . . Be happy,

I

believer's "munificent donation" toward the building of the Mother Temples on three continents (Europe, Australia and Africa). Shoghi."

The beautiful "CoUins Gate", the main gate leading to the Shrine of BahB'u'llkl~, was she attended the

named in her honor by Shoghi Effendi Teaching Con- hirr'self. ference in Panama City, as rep~esentative I

Milly's travels for the Faith were far more extensive than can be recorded here; many States and Canada and 1 were mdertaken at the request of the Guard- Teaching Cornlittee.

im, To her he entrusted delicate t;tsks which attended the third South 11e knew would be carried out with the in which seven greatest discretion and devotion.

pmticipated. This

In 1942 she represented the National resulted in the first

Spiritual Assembly of the Bahsis of the United Brazil.

States and Canada in connection with the expressed con- erection of the memorial to May Maxwell, appreciation and gratitude I

Rirwyyih &Anm's mother, in Buenos Aires, "co-worker". I

Argentina. The nlonument, designed by love, of self-sacrifice Sutherland Maxwell, was erected by Shoghi Maly's stemmed from

Wen&. It was Milly's first trip to South Cause of God and an America; it was war time, and she was alone, relationship and devotion embarking on a mission for which she felt shoulders rested the

and persevere in your

services. Affectionately,

Milly anadc two subsquent

America. In January 1946

first Latin-American BahA'i

ference in Panama City, as

of the National Spisilual

Baha'is of the United

of the Inter-America

In January 1949 she

American Teaching Congress

South Amsrican countries

was held in SBo Paulo and

Bahgi summer school in

The Guardian's letters

tinuany l ~ i sdeep

to this devoted

Such an outpouring of

and heroic effort as was

her great love for the

inner deep spiritual

to the one on whose

unfitted. When at last she arrived at her hotel
 responsibilities of the Faith. In
 she was handed a telegram which read:
 a letter from the
 "Prayers accompany you always, every-
 of which were
 where. Deepest loving appreciation. Shoghi."
 unspoken of, in
 Milly remained in Buenos Aires until the
 heart. The first part,
 model was made and approved and arranged-
 read:
 ments completed for its execution and erec-
 to you that when
 tion in Quiémes Cemetery, She had selected
 cable, that your example
 the sculptor and located a block of Carrara
 the nine Hands of
 marble of sufficient purity and size. She then
 future be especially
 flew to Rio de Janeiro, her mission accom-
 plished. In Rio, faced again with was-time
 been recently
 difficulties of civilian travel and inability to
 because of their nature
 obtain plane reservations, while praying she
 association with him, are
 saw "blazoned in light" before her eyes the
 these nine might well
 words: "Put your whole trust and confidence in
 So you see you are
 Cad." In two days she was flying to Miami.
 Hand of the Cause,
 but have rendered a service which ordinarily
 Of this mission the beloved Guardian
 select body of
 wrote to her:
 his conferring
 "Dear and prized co-worker:
 as an inducement to
 Your voyage to South America at this
 but as a well-
 critical hour, the efforts you have exerted for
 those already per-
 the initiation of the construction of May's
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burdens and
 January 1947, Milly received
 beloved Guardian, the contents
 cherished for many years,
 the secret recesses of her
 through his secretary,
 "He wants to make clear
 he said, in his recent
 might well be emulated by
 the Cause, who will in the
 chosen to serve the
 the very services you have
 rendering the Cause,
 and their intimate
 of the kind which one of
 be called upon to render.
 not only worthy to be a
 would be performed by this
 nine, You must realize that
 this rank upon you is not
 you to perform future tasks,
 deserved recognition of
 furnished!"
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The Guardian's postscript: Milly's	After the second World War
travels look her several times to Europe. In	
"Dm m d prized co-worker: wrote to her:	October 1949 Shoghi Effendi
With a heart overflowing with profound splendid oppor- gratitude, I an1 now writiizg you these few csntributing yovr lines to reaffirm the sentiments, expressed abiding I am confident lately on severai occasions and in a numba of the Faith and of telegranls, of heartfelt and unqualiged believers in Great admiration for your magnificent services, and Germmy. rendred in circumstanes so exceptional and German and difficult as to make then1 doubly meritorious Assemblies, and I am sure in the sight of God. You have acquitted your- delighted to meet you, a ~ d self of the task I felt prompted to impose upon by the news you you in a manner that deserves the praise of the rest& o f your wide Concourse on high. The high rank you now by the spirit occupy and which no Bahri'i has ever held in you in the his own lifetime has been conferred solely Faith. This lidtest in recogaitioa of tho manifold services you the spread and have already rendered, and is, by no means, at such important intended to be a stimulus or encouragement another chapter in the path of service, Indeed the chasacter outstanding of this latest and highly significant service international services you have rendered places you in the category to the Cause of God. Your true and grateful of the Chosen Nine who, unlike the other Hands of the Cause, are to be associated	"I greatly rvelcame the tunity you now have of share--substantial and it will be-ta the progress tlte edification of the Britain, Poland, Switzerland I have already informed the 13ritish. National the friends will be will be greatly stimulated will impart to them, as a experience, and parfieularly which so poweifully anhates service of our beloved journey you w d e r w e for consolidation of the Faith European centers constitutes of the truly remarkable and r e o r d of your eminent .. brothcr, Shoghi." Milly was invited to

Turkey and Egypt in
directly and intimately with the cares and special requests
responsibilities of the Guardian of the Faith. When it was time
I feel truly proud of you, and I am closer to her to have for Turkey
she was ill, but you, and admire more deeply than ever before this did not keep her from
setting out on the the spirit that animates you. May the Beloved long and arduous journey in
mid-winter. In reward you, both in this world and the next Cairo, when she could hardly
stand, she for your truly exemplary achievements. Grate- addressed a large public
meeting in the fully and affectionately, Shoghi." Qa&atu'll-Quds. It seemed
as if this was to be Milly's role from this time on-to ignore
In 1947 Milly Collins was made a Hand illness and her increasingly
crippling arthritis, of the Cause; this, he wrote to her, he would and to go forward, usually
in pain, putting himself announce at the right time in the her whole trust in God.
future. This distinction alone singles her out With her appointment by Shoghi Effendi
as one uniquely 'loved and privileged. This in January 1951, as
vice-president of the explains the allusions in the above letter. International. Bahá'í
Council initially was called to Haifa to live. Haifa was now her "home",
Later that year he wrote: the Guardian told her. She
received his permission, however, to return to the United
"Dear and prized co-worker: States in summer for
treatment of her arthritis and for attending to her
The memory of the services, assistance and business affairs.
support you extended to me In my hour of
anxiety and stress a year ago at this time, is me in Shoghi Effendi
launched the Ten- still vivid, and evokes my deepest admiration Year World Crusade, with
four Xntercon- and gratitude. YOLI~ services in other fields, tinal Conferences, in
1953, he appointed a and in the course of many years have, more- Hand of the Cause as his
representative to over, served to deepen my feelings of affection each Conference, For the

All-America Con-

and gratitude for so distinguished a handmaid ference in Chicago he chose
Amatu'l-Bahi

of Bahti'u'llah and Hand of His Cause. . . , Rhiyyih f(hum, accompanied
by Mifly

Gratefully and affectionately, She*." Collins.

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For the midway point of the Crusade, of his sudden passing which
shocked the entire

Shoghi Effendi again called for Intercanti- BahL'i world. Milly, who had
arrived the night

mental Conferences, this time five in number. before in Naifa, left at
office for London I

To the European Conference, in Frankfurt, join R6-iyiyhKJs&iluin
in her hour of greatest I

Germany, he appointed Amelia Collins as need. This was perhaps one
of the greatest

his representative. When the time came for crisis of her life, that ill,
old, prostrated herself

holding the Conference, in July 1958, the with grief, she should think
only the woman

beloved Guardian had ascended to the who had become like a
daughter to her and

Abkh Kingdom. rush to her comfort and
support. Though the

At the close of Milly's tribute to Shoghi dark hours of London, at Bahji
where the

Effendi, given at this Conference, she said: Harids of the Cause
gathered immediately

"We are all, in a way, Shoghi Effendi's. after the Guardian's passing,
for the four

heirs. We have inherited his work. His plan years following his death,
Milly was Rhiyyih

is completely laid out. Ours is the task to KJAnurn's greatest comfort,
- and indeed,

fulfill it. We must, each of us, complete our the greatest comfort to all
her fellow-

share of the World Crusade. This is the Hands.
~nemvrlal we must build to our beloved Increasingly In constant.

pain, her love of the Faith and her inflexible

Shoghi Effendi. I

"Let us love him more now than ever serve it, kept her going; she
attended the

before, and through the power of our love
attract his love to us, and bring his blessing

meetings of the Hands in the Holy Land. met
with and inspired the pilgrims, forced her
i
I

on our labors. failing body to keep going w
h e ~every ~ move-

"Let us not fail him, for he never failed us. ment hurt.

Let us never forget him, for he never foigot How well she had lived up
to the words
us." written to her in 1924 by

Shoghi Effendi:

On November 20, 1960, at the laying of the "... It is our duty and

privilege to trans-

cornerstone of the European Temple, this late tile love and devotion

we have for our

heroic representative of the Guardian was beloved Cause into deec's

and actions &at

ablk, to complete the sacred task entrusted will be condr~civcto the

highest good of

by him to her of placing some earth from mankind. . ."

Bahi'u'lBhYsHoly Shine in the foundations Tn October, 1961, Miliy

returned to Haifa

of the Mother Temple of Europe, In rain and for the last time. Her sense

of duty was so

sleet, Milly stood throughout the ceremony, slrong that in spite of the

fact that she had re-

completing her mission for the beloved cently fractured her alm in

a serious falı and

Guardian.

k e n in hospital, she

managed to get home,

Throughout the sad and overpowering accompanied by a close friend.

Her intention

days followıag the passing of Shoghi Effendi %as to attend the meting of

the Hands in

from this world, Miliy was sustained by words Bahji, where important

decisions Rere to be

he had spakcn to her when he left Hsifa in made regaxding the election

of the Universal

.Tune, 1457.He had taken her hand andlooking House of Justice. Illness

kept her from d l

deep into h a eyes had said: "Don't be sad, bur one of the sessions -

the most important.

Milly." His ringing words and his radiant It was pitiful to see

indomitable Milk carried

smile would be with h a axzd sustain her on a chair to the meeting and

then back to her

always. However n~uchshe had been enabled car. On her last full day in
 this world she had
 to do, she felt it was nesar enough; nothing a cable sent lo her old, and
 always dear,
 could ever be enough to do for one who National Assembly of the
 United States
 himself had sacrificed his life in loving concerning assistance she
 wished to give to
 service. a pioneer.
 Xt was in November, 1957, that heroic Milly, On the afternoon of January
 I, 1352, Milly
 determined to be in her "true home" when passed away, held in the a n
 l s of RCQiyiyib
 the Guardian returned to Ha~falatex in the -
 Khhnum. She is h i e d ill the Bahb'k ccmctefy
 month, had hastened tc the Holy Land. at the foot of Mt. Camel.
 She outlived her
 Instead of standing at the door of his home beloved Guardian, who had
 written to her
 io receive him, she heard the calaniitous news rmany years before:
 "Your constancy in service and your single- Na other words are worthy to
 describe, or
 minded and wholehearted devotion to the indeed can convey an image of, the all-
 inanifold interests of our beloved Cause are consuming, ever-burning fire of
 devotion
 truly an example and an inspiration that will that dominated, gaverned and so
 ren~arkably
 live and iduence many a soul. Your endeav- sustained my father's life. Driven
 always Isg
 ass will eventually be crowned with success a restless urge to seek, to study
 and later to
 and I trust you will live to witness the fruit proclaim the Day of God, he
 seems not to
 of your indefatigable services to the Sacred have known real contentment nor,
 despite the
 Threshold." tributes paid to him, to have
 reallsed what
 Surely she had fdfJlled the hope of 'Abdu'l- he had done or been aware that his
 prayer
 Bah6, was granted. His great hhwnity
 blinded bin1
 "thaf tlrou rnyest daily advance in the to his achievements. We saw only
 unattainable
 Kingdon?, that thou nuyest became a fieave?t/y goals ahead.
 angel, con\$irmed by the breaths qf the Hu/y Born in Dublin, where his
 father:was a well-
 Spirit, and may erect a structure rhar shall known figure and had a large

family, he won
 eternally remain firm and unshakable." a scholarship to Uppingham
 School and avo
 exhibitions to I-Eertford College, Oxford,
 where he was awarded his half-Blue for long
 distancerunning and was graduated in Classics
 in 1899. In 1903 he was called to the Irish Bar,
 having served for some time as leader writer
 on the staff of the Irish Times.

GEORGE TOWNSEND He was troubled, however, by a feeling
 of
 restlessness and dissatisfaction, and his father
 To Bax~i'u't~A~t having offered to send him to any country of
 his choice, he arrived in Provo, Utah, in the
 Only beloved! With a heart on fire Rocky Mountain in 1904. Here he
 worked
 And all my longings set in one desire as a missionary among the
 Mormons,
 To make my soul a many-stringed lyre initiating a movement for the
 building of a
 Thy dear hand to play, church, and was ordained a priest
 in 1905.

I bend beneath Thy mercy-seat and pray Four years later he joined the
 staff of the
 That in the strength of perfect love I may University of Tennessee,
 Sewanee, Tennessee,
 Tread with firm feet the red and mystic way as Assistant-Director of the
 University
 Whereto my hopes aspire. Extension Department, and in 1912
 was
 appointed Assistant-Professor of English.

I have forgotten all for love of Thee I in the summer of 1916, after
 he had
 And ask no other joy from destiny experienced a strange conviction
 that he was
 That to be reunited with Thy unity going to leave America, and
 his holiday plans
 And-whatsoever befell- fell suddenly through and he
 decided to come
 To hear no voice on earth but Thy sweet call, home.

To walk among Thy people Thy thrall My father stood on deck on
 the early July
 And see Thy beauty breathing throughout all morning to take in the scene as the
 boat,
 Eternal ecstasy. driving westward, approached the
 Harbour in
 Dublin Bay. Before he reached home he had

Lead me forth, Lord, amid the wide world's decided that America,
 vvl~osenationality Ize
 ways, had embraced and where his
 possessions
 To bear to Thee my witness and to raise remained, would claim him no
 more. In the
 The dawn song of the breaking day of days. autumn he undertook the duties
 of a curate
 Make my whole life one flame at Boote~stown, County Dublin.
 Of sacrificial deeds that shall prodaim The Hill of Howth, with its
 seagulls, the
 The new-born glory of Thy ancient name; scene of earlier holidays, had
 symbolized
 And let my death lift higher yet the same Ireland in my father's mind
 while he had been
 Triumphant chant of praise! away.. and it was Howth he chose
 for his first
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George Townshend, circa 1924 holiday after his return. On one of his first
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days there - it was July %gab - there
 reached him, from a friend in Azncrica, one
 or t\exo pamphlets containing some words of
 'Abdu'l-Bstha, and as he himself expressed
 it, "WZ*en I looked at those, that was the
 beginning and the end with nne5

"To his honour Mr. George Townshend, Gateway,
 Lreland; Upon him be greeting and praise.

'athou who art thirsty for the foui~takof
 Truth !

"Thy letter was received and the account of
 thy life has been known. Praise be to God
 that thou hast evex, like unto the nightingale,
 sought the divine rose garden and like unto
 the verdure d the madow yearned for the
 outpourings of the cloud of guidance. That
 is svfiy thou hast been transferred from one
 condition to another until ultimately tl~ouhast
 attained unto the fountain of Truth, h s t
 illuminated thy sight, hast revived and
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animated thy heart, hast chanted verses of
 guidance and hast turned thy face toward the
 enkindled fire on the Mount of Sinai.

"At present, I pray on thy behalf . . . ZI\$aa
thee be Bahci'u'jr-Abhii,
(Signed vAs~u't-BAH 'ABBAs"

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July 24, 1919. "O Thou ilXufniried soul and revered personage
in the kingdom!

Translated by Shoghi Rabbani "Your letter has been
received. Every word

indicated the progress and upliftment of thy
spirit and conscience. These heavenly sus-
ceptibilities of yours form a magnet which
attracts the confirmation of the Kingdom
of God; and so the doors of the realities and

Bail to Thee, Scion of Glory. . . nleanings will be open unto you, and
the

Thy words are to me as fragrance born confirmations of the Kingdom of God will
from the garden of heaven, ewelop you.. .

Beams of a lamp that is hid in the height "It is my hope that your church will
come

of a holier world .'.. Lo, Thou hast breathed under the Heavenly Jerusalem. . .

on my sorrows the sweemess of faith, and " Emto thee be the
glirry oj' AbM!

of hope,

(signed)-'A~ou'~-B~~L 'ABBLs."

Thou hast chanted high paeans of joy that

Dec. 19, 1920.

my heart's echoes ever repeat,

And the path to the knowledge of God Translated by LtitfuXIAh S . W I m

begins to glimmer and ope before my falter-

ing feat, * me entire poem appears in The

Mls8iorr of Ballri'a'lliih,

GEORGETOWNSHE%D plioiished by George Ronald. 1952.

I N MEMORXAM

In January, 1919, within a p a r of his under a pseudonym in 1934, and
would speak

marriage, my father had taken up residence of it in enthusiastic terms
in reply to m y

as Rector of Ahascragh (ford of tile said- inquiries on my retunl
fron~school.

hills), Coanty Galway, a country parish in. While Germany over-ran
Europe in 1940

the \vest of Xrclaild where a large Georgian- he conclrtdd a sermon on
world perplexities

built rectory looked out over a lawn snr- by saying that he personally
had found no

rounded by beech trees. Soon after the passing of the modern world
 of 'Abdu'l-Bah' he wrote: "While X see in Bahk'u'llkh, the sound
 bold outline the forces and methods at work heard as it was
 and constantly forecast how the attack- that day and
 onrush - and victory of the upwelling and cathedral of the
 descending powers will be achieved, I am Ireland.
 drawn to wonder how in particular these in his own hand:
 legions of the Unseen will make their activity 1942 at 8.30 [in
 manifest in Ireland and also in this Church Nancy, Una u ~ 1d
 (as well others). I consider what may be my Message to... , a
 part, as foretold by 'Abdu'l-Bah'.. ." At Message was well
 present, it seemed to him, the preparation lay taking Bah'i
 in working among the people entrusted to come next week
 his? and he continued to be a loyal servant of the Church.
 that my father, who
 He was elected, one of eight of all Ireland, of Ireland
 a Canon of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Clerical Union in
 by his fellow clergy, by some of whom he meet informally
 came to be regarded as the best preacher in Ballinasloe and each
 the Church of Ireland. After he became paper on a topic
 Archdeacon of Clonfert (also in 1933) the that while he remained
 honour of a bishopric was twice suggested to to bring his church
 him, but he declined to let his name go Jerusalem."
 forward.
 Meantime, after nine years' study of the

answer to the problems of
 except that given by
 of Whose Name I can still
 uttered by my father's voice
 the echoes of the great
 pioneer of Christianity in
 The following is recorded
 "Tuesday eve. Nov. 3rd.
 a room at the Rectory]
 conjointly presented the
 total party of nine. The
 received and all went away
 literature and prodsing to
 and bring friends."
 When it is remembered
 for years wrote for the Church
 Gazette, had also formed a
 which the local clergy would
 each month in a hotel in
 in turn prepare and read a
 of interest, it is clear
 in it he did all he could do
 ""under the heavenly

Faith of Bah2i'u'Ekh, he published in 1926 a book of prayers and meditations entitled The Altar on the Ifeaiatlz and sent a copy to the Guardian who wrote: "The erlclosures and historic step. you have sent me I will treasure, particularly the little book which P conceive as an exquisite expression of Ioiiy thoughts impregnated throughout with the BaWi Spirit." Some 04' the contents reappeared in The Mission of Bnhli'lc'ilBIz, a miscellany of his writings published in 1952. Ten years later, after publicly identifying himself with the Faith - a decision inadvertently thrust on h i n ~at short notice - at the World Congress of Faiths in London, he declared to the Guardian his eagerness to leave the Church and devote his energies to the service of BahC'u'll&. Eleven restless years, however, were to pass before this wish was fulfilled. &lore Io~lg~ n father y became absorbed in his next book The Heart of ffie Gospel (1939), i'%e Promise of A[[Ages having llpparcad thought.

Haifa? July 7, 1947,
 "Dear and valued co-worker:
 I am thrilled by the news
 tion - a truly remarkable
 Your past and notable
 and challenging act at
 yourself from the Church and
 accomplish better the
 and your subsequent resolve
 Dublin and hekp in
 trative basis of the BahB'i
 in Ireland are deeds that
 and for which future
 deeply grateful and will
 Yow true
 Sno~m."
 My father's first
 in Wa'iteaching and
 came after thirty years of purely academic
 study and contributed
 the development of fils

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A statement which, under the title "The wish and came to see him, greatly treasuring Old Churches and the New World F a i ~ , "he the inelllory of their visit. "There radiated

now addressed to all Christian people on the from him such a penetrating love,"
says a
relationship of the B W i Faith to Christianity, letter that has come from
Ber~nuda,"that
was circulated to 10,000 leaders of thought one was immediately at ease. He
seemed to
in the British Isles. A copy was sent to the understand so much so quickly. His
love
Bishop of Utah, where he was ordained, with seemed to see into one's inmost
spirit. He was
a letter relinquishing his American Orders: unforgettable in the extreme."
Fresh signs
"... My motive is to be loyal to Christ as of the believers' regard for him
were conti~luai-
I know Him and to give to His Church the ly appearing, and it became clear
that in the
best se~.ieewhich in the special circumsta~~ces hearts of more than a few he
was already
I have to offer. It is my settled conviction numbered among those -how many? -
who
that the Gizd Tidings brought by the Prophet can truly say, and by &eir lives
proclaim, "I
of Persia, BahA'i'u'UAh, represent the promised have forgotten all for love of
Thee."
return of Christ; that Christ is and has ever He suifexed more and more
from a sense I
been tl~roughall our difficulties in our inidst of loneliness, and as this
feeling f m d nu
though we have secognised Him not; that the adequate solace, inhibitions and
kifirmities
Christian Cl~urches in recent years have began to grow upon him, though when it
was
missed their way, and have lost their hold on possible to make him happy they
could allnost
human hearts because they are out of touch disappear.
with their Lord; and that the path back to He was one of the Gist to
be appointed a
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Him and to His Fatlux lies wide open before Hand of the Cause during his
lifetime, in I
them though hey have not chosen to walk December, 1951, and his presence at
national
in it. I feel I must make any sacrifice in order gatherings, which included
five summer
lo be free to help in transmitting to my schools, came to be greatly valued. Be
would

fellow-Christians a Message which presents a logical and extended study class and help with the one and only hope of re-situating the program of morning lectures, as well as mankind and rebuilding the social order. . . " take a full part in the life of the school. His last attendance was the Zaire* continent Conference at Stockholm in July, 1953.

Arendt-Euikley replied: Thereafter, we have always hoped for recovery, he continued to inspire the members,

"Dear Townshend, as he had always done in individual letters, Bishop Moulton has just turned over to by messages addressed to the various committees as Secretary of the Commission of Universities and schools. Two of your letters asking for deposition. . . He was past his seventy-eighth birthday As an old fellow-worker with you in Utah when he began a version of his last great work, I wish to state my confidence in you and your Christ and Bahá'u'lláh, which his continual conscientious withdrawal from our Church developing illness did not later compel him to accomplish better the purpose of that to abandon. By this tale, however, he could Chwch. God be with you and bring you speak and write on: any difficulty, and this happiness in success." difficulty increased as the months went by.

At the same time he produced a compilation Near the end he seemed to be retaining and for the Wisdom of the East Series, The Glad working out in his head whole portions of Tidings of Baha'rt711dh. Booklets, articles and the book, or even the whole book, and the 11 contributions made over many years to condensing it in his head into lengths he would Baha'i publications remain to be collected be able to dictate, which he then, it was clear, and enumerated. His witness to Bahá'u'lláh in memorised, fighting all the time a battle seemed indeed to have travelled through the against his steadily failing strength. Without wide world, where in my had never met this great determination of my father's to i Mm, and even whom he did not know, felt give it to mankind, this highly valued

work

a sense of personal gratitude towards him would not be ours to-day.

and would speak of him with the greatest And yet in many ways the
most lingering,

tenderness and affection. Some fulfilled a the most remarkable, the most worthy
of his

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achievements, to me at least, was his reaction nunities. His fearless
championship Cause

to his own infirmities and, particularly during he loved so dearly, served
so valiantly,

his last years, the influence one felt from his constitutes significant

landmark British presence on entering his room. While he sat Bah'i history. So
enviable position calls

there, he was conscious, from his deeper for national tribute his
memory by as-

wondering, that he had much of unique sembled delegates,

visitors, forthcoming value and real urgency to proclaim, for which British Bah'i Convention.
Assure relatives

eager hearts were waiting; and, though burning deepest loving sympathy
grievous loss.

with desire to serve mankind, he was denied, Confident his reward

inestimable: Abh5 Kingdom."

without hope expressed of his recovery, all His fellow Hands of the
means of adequate communication of his Cause have paid

thoughts. Yet he shed around him a gentle, their tributes:

benign radiance which conveyed comfort and "The passing of our
dear revered great

cheer and affected all about him. Surely his friend has deeply grieved
only heart. Let us

sound was now a lyre on which the hand of the endeavor to feel and see
merely his radiant.

Almighty played. A Persian student, the last sod, his lofty station,
his splendid example,

stranger to visit him, has said he will never his everlasting love."

forget how my father, from his bed, waved, "I shall never forget
him and he will

and waved again, as the younger man with- always rank among lay most
illustrious dear

drew, reluctantly, through the door. And ones."

while his presence made this unforgettable "Dear George

Totmshend's sweet smiles

impression, elsewhere, in the words of the and kindness will remain

in ~zlyheart for a11
 Bermuda correspondent, "His name men- my life."
 tioned at a convention immediateIy caused a These words testify,
 along wit11 the others,
 cathedral stillr~ess." to an in~perishablequaiity
 of his pure, kindly
 As I look back on t h i s time now and ponder and radiallt heart.
 his obvious, though not physical, sufferings, Close to Xi-eland's
 capital a gently rising
 Z am made to tilink of some of the words hill dominates the city
 and the lalxdlocked
 'Bah\$'u'IIBh has written: bay. Across the water lies
 the Hill of How&.
 "O Son oJ being! Tkotc art -My lamp and On its northeast side a
 tree-lined avenue.
 J W ~light is in flzee. . ." where my father heId his
 first appointment in
 " O Son of ~Vlaiz!For everytizing fitere iis n the Church of Ireland, runs
 in a straight line
 sign. TIE sign of b v e is jovtitude under M y to the sea. Near the
 sumunit, to the northsvest,
 decree and patience zrnder My trials." stands the bungalow
 ivliere he spent his years
 "O So?a o j Man! Write all rlzat We Izave of unfettered service to the
 Causz; where, on
 r~realedunfo thee wifh rlze ink of i'ight upon his desk, the assembled
 friends ~ignedthe
 rhe tablet qf f h , ~~ p i ~ .i ."
 f. dedaration of the first Spiritual Asseinbly
 On hearing of the passing, an March 25, in the laid. Away to t l ~
 esouth rises the
 1047, of George Townsl~end, Hand of the dignified outlim of Sliese
 Cualin, the most
 Czuse of God, Uli: Guadian of the Baha'i disting~~ishaabie
 peak alike from sea and Land,
 Faith tdegraphcct: standing over t!x viISage
 (Enniskerry - the
 "Deeply mourn passing dearly loved, mrich iugg~Aford): v:here my father
 was welcomed
 a h i r e d , greatly gifted, outstanding Hand on his miurn from across
 the Atlantic. Now,
 Cause Georgz Townshend. His death illorrow beneath this mountain, my
 father lies buried,
 publication his crowning achievzment robs while in the churchyard
 arouild him contintie
 British foliowets Bd~ihVu'liiihtheir most dis- sounds of nature which he
 kuew while he

distinguished collaborator and Faith itself one of its stoutest defenders. His sterling qualities, attended, at short notice, his scholarship, his challenging writings, his conducted through high ecclesiastical position unrivalled any according to the requirements of the Bahh'i Faith, blending the Thomas Breakwell, Dr, Esslemont, one of not yet united, of three luminaries shedding brilliant lustre Memorial meetings annals Irish, English, Scottish Bahh'i communities and in the London P@ratu'l-Quds, and his former four soas and her parishioners in County Galway gathered to 1909 caused her hold a memorial service in the Church where and to beconze he had ministered, when a worthy tribute to immersed in the Faith.

Among her more than fifty Tablets from the His body proved, unexpectedly for him, beautiful and unobjectionable to rest a little longer a soul eager for are those sent by further service on earth to Bahk'u'llah - a continuous bereavement-disquieting event of this strange and not easily forgotten springtime, when the daffodils were strictly bloomed in the garden along with the last who was a Presbyterian of the earlier season's roses and the may came laughingly explain that out in March.

her unusual knowledge of the Bible was because she was disciplined by having to read it - "so, I must have been a naughty little girl." She was always known for her independent thinking, and often remarked as a child, "How wonderful it must have been to have lived in the days when Christ was on earth."

lived in the West. The burial service, by seventeen persons, was church practices, customs of the followers, Christ and BahA'u'UAltil. were held in local The successive deaths of husband between 1899 and to turn more and more to, further and further Master, some of the most certainly the most tender spoken at the time of these moments, Her childhood upbringing orthodox, with a father minister. She would

CORXNNE KNIGHT TRUE

It was in 1899 that 'Abdu'l-Bahá sent successive teachers - Hájí Xádu'l-Karim, "O ye who are set aglow with the fire of God's Love! Blessed are ye for having been chosen by others, to the United States because of the God for His love, in this new age, and joy be to the defection of Dr. Khayru'líkh. MIS. True was yoit JOT Ravíkg been guided to the @eat told of these teachers, who were then in Xi~gdom! Verily, yonr Luvd hath chosen you Chicago. After accepting the Faith she turned to slaow the pa& to the K i n g d m of God, at once to 'Abdu'l-á&, aslring Him for a among the geopie. . ." set of guiding principles to live by. She rece~ved the folloa7ing Tablet from Erm: "O thou dear servant of God! It was thus that: 'Abdu'l-Bahí in one of His Thy letter was recei~ed and i t s contents Tablets addressed that luminous soul, Corinne noted, As to instructions which thou Knight True. desirest, they are as follows: Mrs. True was born in Oldham County, Believe in God; turn unto the Supreme Kentucky, on November 1, 1861, and moved Khgdonz; be attracted unto the Beauty of to Chicago with her fanlily as a y o ~ ~ ngirl. g Abhzi; remain &-rn in the Covenat; yearn On June 22nd, 1882, she married Moses for ascending into the heaven of the sun Adanls True. She passed to the Abh8 Kingdonl of the univexse; be disinterested in the April 3, 1961 - having been spared to work world; be alive with the f~agrances of the Killgdoni of God on earth until her holiness UI the Kingdoms of the Highest; one hundredth year. be a caller to love; king to the human race; During her life she gave birth to eight gentle with humanity ; interested in all the children - four boys and four girls. The people of tlie world; wish far harmony and oldest daughter (Harriet Merrill) died in seek friendship and llonesty. Be a healing 1892, when nine yeais old, as the i.esuIt of an for every wound, a

remzdy fo~every sick,
 accident. In Mrs. Tmds deep sorrow over a source of
 i~ainionamong the people;
 this, she started her search for Txuth and her chant the ~ersesof
 guidance; pray to God;
 investigations of "Uni\$yjr," "Diviile Science," wise for the guidance
 of the peopb; let
 and 'Chistian Science." In 1899 she first thy tongue explain and
 thy face illumine
 heard of the Message of 135th&h'Ufih which ~ 4 t hthe glowing love
 of G o d Rest not
 was being given by a group d Pcxsim teachers a nsoment and breathe
 not a breath of
 in Chicago. She immediately became interested repose until thou
 becomest a sign of God's
 and conimenced to study the BaWi Teachings. love and a banner of
 God's favor."

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As Financial. Secretary of the Bahti'l Temple
 Unity she acknowledged every donation with
 a loving personal note, shzring with the
 friends the progress of the Temple Project,
 and news of some special event of develop-
 ment - letters which have bee11 preserved by
 ihe recipients throughout the years.
 She was held in sucli love and affection
 by the friends arortnd the world that quite
 spontaneously came that precious, endearing
 title, "Moiher True."
 H;er home in later years ia Willnette became
 a "mecca" for searching souls, 2nd ail who
 went there were revived, encomaaed and
 inspired by the love, the kindness and the
 wisdom she bestowed upon them.
 Early in 1907 (February 27 to M a c h 24)
 Mother True realized her heart's desire and
 made her first pilgrimags to visit 'Abdu'l-Baha.
 This was during the time of the Seca~id
 Comlission of Investigation by the Turks,
 when 'Abdu'l-Bahri had again been confined
 as a prisoner to 'Alckri hy order of the SuIta~i
 of Turkey. On this visit Mrs. True took a
 petition to the Master asking perlnission for
 the American Bahii'l'is to begin plaming for
 the erection of a "'House of Worship." This
 Corinite Knight Trlre petition was in the form of a par-H

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containing the signatures of over a thousand
American believers. She tells the story of
She at once broke away from the traditions putting the parchment behind her on
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By the orthodox teachings of her early life and the Master and first presenting
the little gifts sent
from then on lived in complete dedication to by the loving friends. But the
Master strode

the service of the Baha'i Faith, following, for across the room, reached behind
her and

the rest of her life, those guiding principles grasped the parchment, holding
it high in the

given her by the Master. "This," He exclaimed,

"this is what gives

Successive Tablets show that she turned to me great joy." "Go back," He told
her, "go

'Abdu'l-Baha in every phase of her life, and back and work for the Temple: it is
a great

followed implicitly His loving counsel and work." How she longed to do this
work, but

advice. Her complete acceptance of and it seemed such a great task.

'Abdu'l-Baha,

obedience to the Master's guidance, and he looking at her with deep intensity
said,

steadfastness in the Covenant, helped her to "Devote yourself to this project -
make a

make the transition after the indescribable beginning, and all will come
right." He then

loss of the Master in 1921, and to understand proceeded to give basic
instructions about its

and accept fully the station of the Guardian. design, It was to have nine
sides, nine gardens,

She met the irreparable loss of the Guardian nine fountains, nine doors, nine
walks, etc.

in turn with the same strength, courage and And so a vision of the first Baha'i
Temple

faith, saying, when told of his passing, "But in the Western Hemisphere was
born.

we must know

that it is the will of God." Mrs. True made nine pilgrimages in

all, of

Although outstanding in her spiritual which the following seemed to have
special

greatness, she possessed intense love and significance. Her first, in 1907,
for reasons

tenderness for everyone, continuously dokg already stated. Her pilgrimage in 1919 at the little things at a telling moment which made close of the first world war was the last time the act live forever in the heart of the recipient, she was to see her beloved Master. Early in 1922 she again made a pilgrimage, This was rience to have heard Mother True's words as soon after Shoghi Effendi had become tie she spoke at the Unity Banquet at Elsinore. Guardian 01the Cause of God, at which time The friends listened, spellbound. The atmos- he instructed her, together with Roy Wilhelm, there was charged with light and spirit. Mountfort Mills, and others then in Haifafa, Mother True was transfigured and the words to return to the United States, as the first fell from her lips like jewels. Asked aftmswds Coivention for tho election of the first where she gleaned such ivisdom, she replied: American National Spiritual Asselnbly was "It was 'Abdu'l-Baha speaking, not I. We told to be called during Ridvan. Corinne True was me when I said I could not speak, 'Get the fislrst to be elected to this body. yourself out of the way and I will come On February 29, 1952, the G-rzrdian through,' so I did just that." bestowed upon Mrs. True the supreme honor In later years, under encouragement from I of appointing her as a H a ~ dof the Cause of the Guardian, she concentrated her efforts fod, so she made lier last pilgrimage in this more on teaching potential teachers, and year, as the invited guest of the Guardian, carried out regular fireside study classes in ! and as a Hand of the Crruse of God. The her home where the basic and most profound beloved Guardian was especially endearing Teachings were enthusiastically and thorough- to her during that laqt visit, losing no oppor- ly studied. tunity ta show his love and high regard for When returning from her vasionous pilgrim- her, presenting her with a precious gift - the ages to Haifa the Guardian always asked her Master's purse which He carried while in the to speak to the friends about the

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Covenant.

United States (1912) and which contained a This she faithfully did, and it became a gold-colored English coin bearing the same date subject which she conveyed to others with

(1907) of her first visit to the Master. It was remarkable wisdom and clarity.

at this time that the Guadalupe paid her a During the years 1948-1932

Mrs. True I

noble tribute, saying, "Mrs. True is to be visited many new centers in Western Europe.

regarded as the most venerable figure among In April 1957, when ninety-five years old,

the pioneers of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh in she was requested by the Guardian to act

the West." as his representative to the

historic Convention

Although Mrs. True was perhaps best of Greater Antilles, to be held in Port-au-Prince throughout the Bahá'í world for her Prince, Haiti. (Because of

political reasons

unparalleled service in the development of the the Convention was a child held in Kingston,

first Temple of the Western World, her Jamaica.)

record in the field of teaching is equally Mother True's entire

Bahá'í life was

glorious. In her early and middle years in the closely bound to the building of the Mash-

Cause, while arduously working for the Riquelme-Aaker of the West. From the time of

Temple Project, she also devoted time to her first pilgrimage when she presented to the

teaching the Faith in Chicago, and in the Master the appeal of the American believers

towns between Chicago and Milwaukee- to begin this enterprise, through the selection I

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Kenasha, Racine and Waukegan, She introduced and purchase of the site and the various stages

duced the: Faith in the State of Michigan. In of construction, to the completion, she was

addition, she did a great deal of public ardent and steadfast participant in the

speaking for the Faith, a difficult task for many triumphs and difficulties encountered.

her. When asked by the Master to do this, Certain events connected with this life-

she explained that she was without special time service proved to be of special

signifi-

tsaining and was shy Wore the public. Then cance.

the Masta told her to speak freely, never to From the outset Mrs. True fell that the

be concerned, but to turn her heart and mind Temple Project could not be carried entirely

to Him, and He would never fail her. This by the local believers in Chicago, so she wrote

she did with complete confidence and faith, to the Master suggesting that the work of the

and became an outstanding and effective administration be shared with bdeevs fro111

speaker. For those who were prcsenl at the other parts of the United States.

European Teaching Conference in 1950, in The Master replied as follows:

Copenhagen, it was an udorgettable expe- "... .. Concerning the members of this

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spiritual meeting, you suggested that they supreme joy of receiving the beloved Master

be selected from all the spiritual meetings as guest in her own home at 5338 Kenmore

OF the other cities of An~erica.I quite Avenue.

approve and am very much pleased with Wtizr crowning jay was to see t h i s House o f

tgis plan. This will become the cause of Worship, the Mother Temple of the \Vest,

harmony in the ?Vord in all America. completed in 1953 a n d to be present at its

Tierefore, ask every spiritual meeting in dedication on May 211d of that year.

the other cities that they will each select A few weeks after her passing, and at the

one and send him,and from these sdedcted request of the Hands of the Cause in Haifa,

ones and with those who are select& from a memorial service was l ~ d dfor this revered

the Chicago meetings, establish a new and venerable ~naidsorvant,Corinne Knight meeting for the provision of the needs True, in the Ma&riqu'i-A&k;ir dm-iag the

of the Temple. If this be established with 53rd National Convention of the Bahi'is

perfect fragrance and joy, it will produce of the United States.

great results. Zn this new meeting, especial- One remembers the words of the beloved

ly fur the establishment of tfie Temple, Master aclcressed to this pure and selfless soul:

ladies a e also to be members."

"Verily, your Lord hath chosen

you to

In November of the same year, representatives from various parts of the country met in Chicago and appointed a "Temple Site Committee" to locate a suitable piece of land on which to build the Temple. Corinne True, with Cecilia Harrison, found the present site, submitted it to the Committee, and it was accepted by unanimous vote. The Bahá'is of Chicago immediately responded and in the

show the path to the Kingdom among the people."

CHARLOTTE LMFOQT

12, 1960

HORACE HOTCHKISS HOLLEY
April 7, 1887-July

words of the Guardian, "arose, despite the smdhlless of their numbers and their limited spare man with

Horace Holley was a tall,

resources to initiate an enterprise which must a pleasant, intellectl face and singularly

rank as the greatest single contribution which luminous light blue-green eyes which regarded

the Bahá'is of America, and indeed of the the world and his Mlotv man shrewdly and

West, have yet made to the Cause of Bah2- openly. Anjrone who is unfamiliar: with t l ~ e

u'il8.ll." people of New England cannot expect to fully

In 1909 representatives from a l l centers grasp his nature for he was a typical example

of the Waited States of America, following of that race of hardheaded, independent,

instructions from the Master (39 delegates li~anorous and yet taciturn people, de-

from 36 cities) assernbld in Ciiicago on the scendents of the fist colonizers of America,

very day the remains or the Bltb were placed who are renowned for their rugged i d i -

in His Tomb on Mount Carmel, and "estab- vidualism, who were largely responsible for

lished a permanent organization known -as winning the Uuited States its polirid the Baha'i Temple Unity which was incor- independence anct who later pla~7edno

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porated as a religious corporation fmctioning part in abolishing slavery from their nation,

under the laws of the State o f Illinois, and Of S L I C ~a largely Puritan stock was Horace,

invested with full authority to hold title to the whose a~lcestorsincluded many

educators and property of the Temple and to provide ways Congregational ministers. Born in the town and means for its construction." Corinn of Torrington, Connecticut, he attended the True was elected Financial Secretary of this Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, going Baha'i Temple Unity and served as such until back to New England for his higher education, the election of the first National Spiritual Assembly where he studied at Williams College, in Assembly in 1922. Williamstown, Massachusetts, from 1906-1912. He had been in May, 1912, that the chosen 1909, majoring in literature and becoming a member of the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. Who dedicated the Temple grounds. During this visit to Chicago, Mrs. True had the Society.

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There were two strongly defined sides to Horace Holley's personality, and part of the spiritual triumph that was his before he passed away, at the age of 73, was that these two sides of his nature flowered into a third creation, more beautiful and powerful than either of the others had ever been. To understand this process one must go back to the forces that shaped his life. Not only did he possess a brilliant, analytical mind, but at the same time he was a dreamer, idealist and mystic. His strong personal bent was literature and those of the Bahá'ís familiar with his books, his letters, articles and speeches as a Bahá'í, are perhaps unaware of the fact that he was a poet and had published between the ages of twenty-one and thirty three volumes of verse. His capacities and interests led him amongst a circle of artists and writers, progressive, independent, often Bohemian, but also astir with the new social concepts, the exploring and questing ideas so characteristic of the generation to which he belonged. When he left college in 1909 he went to Europe where he travelled, studied and

worked until war broke out in 1914. On that
 voyage two major changes in his life were to
 take place. He met a young artist, Bertha
 which he was to
 Herbert, who lent him a book to read; and
 to be tested, to
 shortly afterwards he married her in Paris.
 for over half-a-
 The book was Abbas Efendi, His Life and
 the metamor- I
 Teachings by Myron H. T>helps. Compared
 him over the
 with the literature now available in English it
 years, he expressed in 1956:
 "At first it
 was inaccurate and inadequate, but it opened
 seemed possible to encompass
 the Revelation
 a new world to the mind of the twenty-two-
 of Baha'u'llah by reducing
 it to a formula
 or confining it within a
 year-old young man who read it.
 well-turned phrase.
 Years later, writing of this event in his
 Gradually my ventures p r o ~ e
 do me that I
 Ue, Horace said:
 myself was to be
 encompassed, re-oriented,
 re-moulded in all the r e a h s
 "That was my first encounter with the
 of my being.
 Faith of BahSu'llah. The wisdom, the
 For religion in its purity
 reveals God, and
 only God can reveal man to
 universality of spirit and the profound love
 himself."
 It was while Horace and
 expressed in 'Abdu'l-Baha, persecuted leader
 his wife were
 of a new religion, captivated me. He stood
 living in Siena, Italy, in
 1911, #at he heard
 of the arrival of
 apart from the epic heroes and thinkers of
 %bdu'l-Bah6and his party
 in Thonon-les-Bains, France,
 history and brought a new dimension to my
 As they had
 been hoping to make the
 inexperienced, naive liberal culture. Without
 pilgrimage to the
 Holy Land in order to meet
 knowing what it meant I had become a
 the Master they
 k h t f . The pattern of life since then has
 lost no time in seizing this
 goldm opport~nity
 to attain His presence and
 been a series of eEorts to find out what the
 left immediately
 BahB'i World Faith is, what it means, and
 for the smaU watering place

on Lake Geaeva,
how it functions."
afternoon of

where they arrived on the

From that day he never turned back. X-fis
account of this
seeking mind and strong spirit had not only
wrote that he
found personal answers to the problems of
only look upon the
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August 29th. Horace, in his
meeting with 'Abdu'L-Bahft,
had felt that if he could
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Master from a distance, this would satisfy
he wanted to give
his pilgrim's heart. He then goes on to
Messing", as he wrote, "for
describe what this privilege of spending a
it were, %corn-
few days near "Mu'l-'GBahiha meant to him:
and shares its
"I saw among them a stately old man,
was in Paris,
robed in a cream-coloured gown, his white
privilege of meeting
hair and beard shining in the sun. He dis-
intimate daily
played a beauty of stature, an inevitable
to become Doris
harmony of attitude and dress I had never
present on one of
seen nor thought of in men. Without having
'Abdu'l-Bahd
ever visualized the Waster, I knew that this
Horace's daughter
was He. My whole body underwent a shock.
'Abdu'l-BahA in the
My heart leaped, my knees weakened, a
BahB'i life left a deep
thrill of acute, receptive feeling flowed from
had entered the
head to foot. I seemed to have tumbled into
left it again.
some most sensitive sense-organs, as if eyes
and bitter experi-
and cars were not enough for this sublime
sweetness left by that
impression. In every part of me I stood aware
and nourished him.

to take it in His hands
it to his child "a
my baby girl. who thus, as
panied us on our pilgrimage
benefits". When 'Abdu'l-BahB
Horace again had the
Him and hearing many of His
talks. Doris Pascal, later
Holley, remembers being
these occasions and seeing
holding on his knee
Hertha. This contact with
early days of Horace's
mark on him. The Master
door of his heart had never
Through many of the trials
ences of life this core of
great privilege sustained

of 'Abdu'l-Bah's presence. From sheer
in Paris, before the
happiness I wanted to cry-it seemed the
Borate's first two
most suitable form of self-expression at my
Gardm and The
conlmand. While my own personality was
published. He had become
flowing away, a new being, not my own
the &ur Gallery
assumed its place. .A glory, as it were from
211 Boulevard
the summits of htunan nature poured into me,
clear that in spite of a
and I was conscious of a most intense impulse
o e x and econom-
to admire, In 'Abdu'l-BahB I felt the awful
the arts were the
presence of BabB'u'II~,and, as my thoughts
during these early
returned to activity, I realized that I had &us
been h o r n for its
drawn as near as man now may to pure spirit
colony and the

.
and pure being . . I yielded to a feeling of
yet been swallowed
reverence which contained more than the
post-war years;
solution of intellectual or moral problems.
have enjoyed the
To look upon so wonderful a human being,
circles of artists
to respond utterly to the charm af His
environment eminently
presence-this brought me continual happi-
them bath in every
ness. I had no fern that its effects would pass
away and leave me unchanged. X was content
book on the subject

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to remain in the backgt-ound . . 'Abdu31-BahB
published in New
answered questions and made frequent
Bahd'ismn-The Modern
observations on religion in the West. He
this u7asforwarded

It was during the yeas
outbreak of the war, that
books of poems, The irzner
Stricken King were
~e founder and director of
of Modern Art, situated at
Raspail in Pasis. It is
mind preocc~zpedwith the s
ic problems af the world,
predominating infltlence
years. Paris has always
small but klite American
days of the saIon had not
up in the bedIam of the
Horace and his wife must
entrk to many interesting
and intellectuals, a11
co~igenialand natural to
way.
In 1913 Horace's f i s t

of his new-found Faith was
York under the title
Social Religion. A copy of

laughed heartily from time to time-indeed, to 'Abdu'l-Bah& and on the
 twenty-second
 the idea of asceticism or useless misery of any d September, 1913,
 'Abdu'l-BahSt sent to
 kind cannot attach itself to this fully-developed him from Ramleh, Egypt, the
 first of the two
 personality. The divine element in Him does Tablets He wrote to him,
 praising his book
 not feed at the expense of the humm element, highly and stating that the
 friends were busy
 but appears rather to vitalize and enrich the reading it and that He
 Himself hoped it
 human element by its own abundance, as would be translated so He,
 too, could read it.
 if He had attained His spiritual development He addresses Horace as
 "O Son of the King-
 by fulfilling His social relations with the dom!" and goes on to say,
 "Thou art confirmed and
 utmost =dour . . ." thou art confirmed and
 assisted, thy aim is to
 When the time drew near for them to leave, render service to the Kingdom
 of Abhk and
 Horace, (like others), having received a gift to promote the teachings of
 BahA'u'llih.
 of a Bah2b ringstone, requested 'Abdu'l-Bah& Although the glory and
 greatness of this

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service is not known at present, in future bnpulses, inherits a farm,
 needs a means of
 agcs it will asswne the greatest importance support, goes and farms and
 in the endless
 and will attract the attention of learned men. round of pressing chores all
 his practical,
 Therefore strive thou ever increasingly in such ilihherited farmer-ancestry
 comes out in him.
 service in order that it may become the cause Every now and then the
 dreamer inside turns
 of thy everlasting glory . . . and thou mayest over restlessly in his
 sleep. Such to me is I
 shine like a star on the Mhri horizon~." what happened to Horace. But
 at the end
 Returnngwith his family to the United of his life the dreaming Horace
 awoke again
 States in 1914, Horace moved in New York and the t ~ meno became one,
 a much greater
 City in very much the same circles as he person than either could

have been alone.

had in Europe; he was engaged in writing a
went to work

second book on the Bahi'i standpoint which
Company in

appeared in 1916 under the title The Social
promotion department.

Principle. It was during this year that he
marriage to

received his s a n d letter from the Master,
married Doris

written from Hifa and dated March 20th,
for forty-one

1916, in which 'Abdu'l-Bahb addresses him
constantly together.

as "Otree of the AbhA Paradise Laden with
publishing fum a*ld became

fruit." From the tone of this Tablet it is clear
at the Redfield

that Horace has been passing through deep
he remained

waters in his own personal life. Unfortunately
Horace's letter to the Master is not available,
serving the Bahs'i

but 'Abdu'l-Bah's letter says: "All that
1922 the hst

thou hast written was a cry from the depths
Assembly was

of a sincere heart." He goes on to say, ill
became a member of

sum, that although Horace has been silent,
remained until 1959,

once again his voice is raised in new melodies
thirty-four of hose

and that every wayfarer must expect to be
years. It was in

tossed on the rough seas of life; tests are
Bnhd'i-The Spirit of the

stimulating and a sea with IW storms brings
revealed by the words

stagnation and complacency.
volume of this work

In 1917 Horace's pen was again active and
sister: "Will

he published two books, one of p o r n ,
this book in the

entitled Divination and Creation and a prose

From 1918 to 1920 Horace

for the Iron Age Publishing

New York in its sales

These were the years when his

Bertha came to an end and he

Pascal, with whom he lived

years, serving the Cause

In 1921 he left the

chief of the copy department

Advertising Agency, where

until 1925,

His preoccupation with

Cause was steadily waning. In

American National Spiritual

elected, In 1923 Horace

that body, on which he

serving as its secretary for

thirty-six history-making

1921 that he wrote

Age. His own spirit is

in which he dedicated a

to 'Abdu'l-Bah's much-loved

the Greatest Holy Leaf lay

dust of the Supreme

Threshold as an offering
work Read-Alotld Plays. They m7ere his last of humility, of love, of
evanescence from the
flights in poetry and prose to go to pl'ess. The servant of BahB'u'llLih,
Horace Halley, New
presei~tworld is not too hospitable to poets York City, December 20, 1921
." Dusing that
or dreamers and the struggle to eaxn a living, same year he edited the fist
comprehensive
to s~lpporta wife and now two daughters, compilation of the BahB'i
Teachings in the
Hertha and Marcia, as welt as a growing English language, entitled
Bahd'f Scripfares,
unhappiness in his donleestic life, aB combined a thick volume that for many
yews served
to clip Horace's wings. as a sort of BahB'i bible a
d was of inestim-
X remember Horace from this period. My able assistance in educating
the Bahk'is
mother and he and his wife were old friends, themselves in a better
tmderstanding of their
joined in their common devotion to the Faith, Faith. This book was later
revised by him
the very essence of which had been poured into and published as Bah&'i
World Faith.
them through their meetings with 'Abdu'l- At the very outset of
Skoghi Effendi's
Bahli. Our association lasted until his death ministry Horace's
relationship to h e young
in 1966, so one can only take this as a personal Guardian of his Faiib was
established, a
impressio~x. relationship the importance
of .which to the
These were the years, I believe, when development of BaWu'likh's
Administrative
Woracc changed. It is hard to define in words. Order cannot be
overestimated. As early as
A race-horse has to give up racing and lellril 1923 Shoghi EEendi wrote to
the American
to pull a load; an artist, full of creative Assembly in connection with
the Star of the

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West: "I have been impressed by the beauty having 2 collaborator like you
working by my
and force of the various articles contributed side here in Haifa. The loss
of Dr. Esslemont

to the Journal by Mr. Horace Holley and is keenly felt by me and my hope is that the conditions here and abroad Mr. Stanwood Cobb and would indeed will enable me to establish the work in Haifa welcome with genuine satisfaction and upon a more active participation on their part in the systematic basis. I am waiting for a favorable editorial section of the Bahá'í Magazine." time." And in 1924 he wrote to Horace: "My most precious brother: The recent activities of the solution to his own But the Guardian Publishing Committee with you as its central work in America personal problem which this figure and moving and directing force, are could not afford. A month later he wrote to two of Horace's old Bahá'í friends: "Horace is inadequate to express my admiration, but he cannot leave his position at the present time." Shoghi Effendi highly valued the qualities what Horace was accomplishing in America of Horace's mind and throughout the years and its relation to his own needs is fully encouraged him to write. "I am gratified", clarified in his letter to Horace written in he wrote during those early years, "to peruse the able and masterly work of my dear fellow-worker, Mr. Horace Holley, a work which I followed your activities and efforts, as reflected in the minutes of the meetings you sent me, matter, its comprehensiveness and unique- .. with true satisfaction and pleasure. I have read with deep interest the article you wrote in the Movement." on Green Acre and published in the Star. Your personal contribution to so many aspects and phases of the Guardian was an extremely interesting one.

Movement, per-
 Shoghi Effendi desperately needed capable, formed so diligently, so
 effectively and so
 loyal workers to assist him in his tasks. Such thoroughly are truly a source
 of joy and
 people, from East or West, were for the most inspiration to me. Wow much I
 feel the need
 part lacking, and of the few, relatively of a similar worker by my
 side in Xfaifa, as
 speaking, giants in the Cause, many instru- competent, as thorough, as
 methodical, as
 talents he seized upon crumbled in his hands, alert as yourself. You cannot
 at all should not
 proving themselves sick of the disease of self leave you post for the
 present. Haifa will
 and becoming Covenant-breakers and even have to take care of itself
 for some time.
 bitter enemies. Other capable lieutenants, Your grateful brother,
 Shoghi."

like Dr. Esselmont, died. Shoghi Effendi's It never materialized. In
 1925 Horace gave
 work was staggering and the workers possessed up earning his living in
 various companies
 of any real capacity were tragically few. to devote his entire life to
 Bahá'í activity. It
 Horace was therefore doubly precious. One must never be thought that
 this was an easy
 1925 Shoghi Effendi refers to him, in writing step for a man of his
 character to take. It is
 to the American National Assembly, as always difficult for devoted
 Bahá'ís to accept
 "Your distinguished secretary", and calls support from Bahai Funds. It
 was only
 him "that indefatigable servant of Bahá'u'lláh, Horace's passionate
 conviction of the rightness
 of his esteemed brother, Mr. Solley . . .". The of Bahá'u'lláh's Teachings
 that persuaded
 Guardian at this time was himself in desperate need of his to give up all thought
 of a personal,
 need of secretarial assistance and his thoughts independent career and become
 the full-time
 naturally turned to this man of such marked servant of an administration
 in which all too
 ability. He writes to him, in May, 1926, very often his fellow believers
 criticized him for
 revealingly on this subject: doing so. Shoghi Effendi was
 well aware of

"*My dear and valuable friend: I wish to all this; his sympathy,
understanding and
measure you of my keen appreciation of approval were reflected in
the letter he wrote
your continued efforts for the consolidation to the National Assembly
is that he: "I
of the work of the Cause throughout America, rejoice to learn that ways
and means have
I have often felt the extreme desirability of being found to enable the
National Secretary,
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who discharges in such an exemplary manner world-wide activities of the Faith.
Shoghi
the manifold and exacting duties of a highly Effendi reacted enthusiastically
to this idea
responsible position, to devote all his time and the series of Bahai World
came into
to the pursuit of so meritorious a task. I am being. The Guardian was in
reality the
fully conscious of the privations and sacrifice Editor-in-Chief, Horace the
executor. At the
which the choice of this arduous work must Guardian's request, Horace, until he
passed
involve for him, as well as his devoted and away, wrote every International
Survey of
selfless companions; I cannot but admire and Current Bahai Activities. The
material was
extol their heroic efforts and wish to assure largely forwarded to him by
Shoghi Effendi,
them both of my continued prayers for the together with pages and pages of
instructions
speedy fruition of their earnest endeavors." and not infrequent cables
similar to this one
With this instrument, the most powerful sent in 1932: "Detailed letter mailed
for
national body throughout the Bahai World, International Survey confident
your masterly
a national body responsible for the execution of treatment collected data". As this
added
execution of the Divine Plan of 'Abdu'l-Bahá periodically a tremendous amount of
extra
given to the American believers as their work for Horace, he was often behind
unique distinction and sacred trust, with schedule in writing these surveys and
it was
a man of Horace's calibre devoting his suggested to Shoghi Effendi that someone
entire time and energy to its work, Shoghi Effendi else should do the survey, a

suggestion he

Effendi found that he could set the forces of would not hear of, as he considered no one

Baha'i Administration in motion. Halfway else as qualified to produce such a key article

across the world there was a collaborator .for the Bahci'i World. In 1932 in a letter of the

who grasped the import of his instructions Guardian to Horace, Shoghi Effendi's sec-

and interpretations of the Teachings and who, retary writes: "Were it not for your com-

as the "indefatigable and distinguished" petence and his reliance on your eEciency

secretary of that Assembly, as Shoghi Effendi and judgment he would have to do the work

characterized him, in conjmction with its of the Bahd'i World done and thereby neglect

other eight members, and backed up by a many of his other duties, He is still more

devoted and enthusiastic BahB'i community, thankful to God when he sees you hunger

not only saw they were implemented, but for service and enjoy being over-burdened."

expounded and classified them.

And in 1933, in his own hand,

Shoghi Effendi

This partnership was of an importance wrote: "Dear and precious co-worker: I impossible to overestimate. That it worked aun deeply conscious of the complexity and

so well, bore such fruit and survived the acid strenuous character of the work you have

test of t h e , is a great compliment to the two underiakea for the Bahd'i Wurid. I trust and

people i~vokved.For Shorn Effendi was not pray that the forthcoming volume will be

dealing with a sycophant but a man of strong such as to fully repay your painstaking and

personality, views and capacity, and Horace valuable efforts, f am eager to receive a few

was not dealing with a mere leader but a copies of your survey as soon as con~pleted~"

divinely inspired, infallibly guided spiritual "Your contributions to the Biennial",

ruler. The execution of the tasks set by the Shoghi Effendi wrote in 1933, "are out-

Guardian for Horace was therefore not standing, ~uliqueand exemplary. The more without its hazards, But the loyalty of Horace you contribute the greater my eagerness to

on the one hand and Shoghi Effendi's patience have you add to the output of your already and tact on the other, avoided situations remarkable contributions." which in other circumstances might have led It was Horace who so brilliantly titled the to dEculties. wonderful general letters of the Guardian In Shoghi mendi's life there was a tragic to America and to the BahB'is of the West, lack of stimulating, creati~ie individuals. picking out from the text such key, eye- Horace drew out of the Guardian many catching phrases, as "The Promised Day 1s things that would have otherwise remained Come", "The Goal of a New World Order", hidden or pursued some other course, It was "The Dispensation of Bahi'u'llW', and so Horace who reany conceived the idea of some on, and put subtitles throughout the texts form of publication that would reflect the to facilitate ale study d s u c l weighty,

~ thought-

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provoking material. Shoghi Effmidi approved Effendi wrote to Horace: "Be assured and of this and it was a major service to the persevere in your historic services." And in

BahB'is everywhere.

1943 SfiogfiiEffendi

reiterates these sentiments

One of the bonds that liiked'the Guardian in even warn= terms: "I greatly value, as

and Horace was their common overwork, you already h o w , your presentation of the

In one of Shoghi Effendi's letters to Horace various aspects of the Cause, for whose

his secretary writes: "He is always happy to expansion, consolidation and defense you

hear from you, as he has a great deal of have, during so many years, laboured so

sympathy for what he fnily realizes must be indefatigably and served with s ~ ~ distinction.

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your continually overworked state. Hard- I will, I assure you, continue to pray \$01 you

pressed for time as he himself constantly and your dear collaborator MIS.

Holley,

is, he weE knows what it means!" And "he that you may both enrich still further

the
hopes you yourself are keeping in very good record of your past services."
health m d not overdoing?--Though he hilows Needless to say Horace"
soad was a
from loilg experience that it is almost im- thorny one. Periodical\$ he had
battles to
possible aot to ovexdo when the work of t l ~ e win \vi& Izimself, like most of
us, and he
Cause keeps on piling up?" usually had a lot of battles
to win for the
The Guwdian bad the habit of addressing Cause. A time came when Slioghi Effendi
his letters to National Assemblies to their wished the Nadonal Secretariat to
move to
secretaries; usually this meant that they the vicinity of the Temple in
Wilmctte, so
stated "Dear BahSt'i brothw", but there are that in the heart of the American
continent
dozens and dozens of letters to the American the spiritual and administrative
centre could
Assembly that just start "Dear Horace". It be fused into one. It was not an
easy thing
was a very personal relatioilship. for Horace to pull up stakes
and leaye Newr
The evokution of the Administrative Order York, the biggest city in the world,
where
and the part Horace played in its unfoldment he had long lived in a congenial
atmosphere-
is too vast a subject to be dealt with here, but and with some degree of
privacy-and take
the messages sent to him by Shoghi EiTendi up residence in the middie west, in
a small
adequately testify how great a r6le he town, where his home would be constantly
played in the early hihistory of the Formative invaded by visiting Bah2f.s and
the public
Age ofour Faith and how deeply the Guardian who came to see the Temple. Shoghi
ERendi
valued liis services mil constantly encouraged appreciated a13 .this and cabled
him in 1939:
him: "Your ready pen, your brilliant mind, "Awue, profoundly appreciate
sacrifice per-
your marvellous vlgour and organizing sonal convenience involved trmsfexence
ability, above dl yoar unwavering loyalty Temple vicinity deepest love."
Having accept-
arc assets that I greatly value and For which ed to do it he put his h e a t
into it; in a letter
I am deeply grateful . . ." he wrote in 1931. In dated 1940 from Shoghi Effendi
his secretary

1932 Shoghi Effendi wrote to him: ". . . your wrote: "The Guardian was
 pax-titularly
 active share in the administrative activities gratified to know of the
 mi-angements you
 of the Cause, your splendid letters of appeal iravemadeinconnection with the
 eseablishment
 in connection with the Plan of Unified Action, of the National Office in
 Wilmette." Kis
 your wise leadership of the New York qualities were soon appreciated by a new
 Assembly-all testify to your marvellous circle of friends and friends
 Rotarian
 efficiency and your high spiritual attain- and founded the Wilmette Historical
 Com-
 ments." That same year he cabled him : " & say mission, acting as its chairman
 for many
 the Almighty sustain you in your stupendous years.
 efforts . . ." Another cable, in 1933, testifies Horace was a clever, witty
 and distinguished
 to the esteem of the Guardian which Horace lecturer. He had a rather high voice
 with a
 was winning for himself: "I see you my slight Yankee twang, which added
 spice to
 ever deepening admiration your unrivaled his clear, dry, gripping delivery of
 his subject.
 services", and the same thought was echoed Throughout the years he was one of
 the best
 five years later; "I assure you my ever deepening speakers the Bahá'í in North
 America
 lag admiration your unrivaled services love and, in addition to a great many
 public
 abiding gratitude." In this same year Shoghi lectured to Bahá'í and non-Bahá'í
 audience,
 'WORLD
 a ~ participation in various symposiums, wrote to him in August of 1944: "I am
 so
 he frequently gave credit to Bahá'í Sum- glances and invited to learn you are
 OII the
 mer Schools, particularly Green Acre road to recovery. I trust, however, you
 will
 where he and his wife had a cottage of their not overtax your newly-found
 strength, and
 own. I feel confident that you
 will render our
 On Horace's initiative the American Bahá'í beloved Faith services as outstanding
 and
 News was read and met with the Guardian's unique as those that will remain

associated
enthusiastic approval. "The first printed with your name during the Formative
Age
issue of the National Assembly's News of the Faith of Bah'u'llah". His
continued
Letter", he wrote in 1925, "prepacked and solicitude for Horace's health and
services is
signed on behalf of the Assembly by its reflected in a letter to him written
in 1945:
capable secretary, stands as a bright alld "... my prayer to the Almighty is
to give
eloquent testimony to his thoroughness, you all the strength you need to enable
you
his industry, his conspicuous ability, his to win still greater victories in
the course of
undoubted self-sacrifice," Horace contributed your historic labours for the
establishment
many articles to World Order Magazine, of His Faith and the consolidation of
its
and to various volumes of Bah'u'llah's Institutions. Be happy? rest
assured,
(in addition to his Surveys). ... m d pa-severe. Your iruc and
grateful
To many people there was many things. brother".
Much loved by his personal Friends who ... In spite of weakened health
Horace was
understood and enjoyed his often caustic present as representative of the old,
outgoing
wit, his intense independence and individual - National Spiritual Assembly of the
Bah'is
quality, he was not always understood by of the United States and Canada, at the
others. Nevertheless his comprehensive knowl- convention held in Montreal to
elect the
edge of the Teachings, his mastery of correct history independent Canadian
National Assembly
Bah'u'llah's procedure, and the lucidity of his mind by in 1948, In 1951 he and
Dorothy Baker,
were invaluable assets to the Cause. It was acting as representatives of the
United States
Horace who was largely responsible for the - National body, attended the
convention held
in Panama City, in conjunction with a Bah'u'llah lawyer, the ill Panama City to elect the
first Central
American Declaration of Trust of the National American National Assembly, and in
1957
National Assembly and the By-laws of a Local Horace, in his capacity as Wand of
the Cause,

Assembly which have been made by Shoghi and acting as Shoghi Mendi's own special Effendi the pattern for all such legal instruments of the Faith in other countries. Lima, Peru at which the northern countries. This great servant of the Faith, with just of South America elected their new National that kind of mind, ground a lot of edges off Assembly. the administrative machinery of the Cause In a cable to Horace, dated December in America and in this proms, lasting 24, 1951, Shoghi Effendi announced to him thirty-six years, had a lot of the sharp edges his appointments one of the three Hands ground off his own nature and mixed. Un- in America, chosen by the Guardian: doubtedly the greatest factor in his life, next "Moved convey glad tidings your election to his having accepted so wholeheartedly rank Hand Cause stop Appointment officially Use Faith of Bah'u'Hah, was Shoghi Effendi. announced public message addressed all Horace loved Shoghi Effendi's ideas. We International Assemblies stop May sacred function grasped, perhaps better than anyone else, enable you enrich record services already just what the Guardian was constructing rendered for Bal2u'llki1", It was received through the erection of the Administrative Office during his absence and Order. He assisted in this through when Mrs. Holley met him at the airport all the powers of his mind, giving, year with this momentous news his intense reaction after year, all unstinting service to its cause was to push forward him this station, so utterance zation, unexpected and overwhelming. The dreamer In 1944 he suffered a heart attack and was made mystic, conscientiously humble before his in hospital for some time. The Guardian God, shied away from the glorious rank so was distressed by the news of this illness and suddenly thrust upon him. But of course

there was really no question, for any of the sand fortress when the tide

comes in, and
Rands, of accepting or rejecting the Honour I: suspect this must have been a
great inner
the ~Guardian had seen fit to confer upon a release for this essentially
sensitise, deeply
them; whether they felt themselves worthy spiritual men.
or not they bowed their heads in submission. When Sboghi Effendi passed
away in
Like yeast the new office fermented in the November, 1957, Horace was again ill
in
character of Horace, bringing out the depths of his hospital and unable to attend the
funeral
of his spirituality, raising him to new heights, London. Increasingly for some
years he had
releasing, after so many years of grinding been suffering from some
impediment to the
routine and administrative work, that other nerves of his legs and towards a
2nd of
side of his nature which had prevailed in his his life he almost
constantly in pain.
youth. Under the influence of this new form This condition, combined with his
weakened
of service Horace mellowed and softened. Health, now left him near to being an
invalid,
Now he had another function to fulfil. For yet in spite of his frailty he
attended the
years he had instructed, admonished, fought against a ~ historic
first gathering of the Hands
for adherence to laws and principles, blended of the Cause added in Sahji in
December, 1957
himself into the consultative process of the Baha'is after the passing of their
Guardian. To me,
National Assembly as a body. Now he was it was here that Horace crowned his
lifetime
called upon as an individual, one man, a of service to the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh
by
high-ranking officer of the Faith, to work in producing the finest fruit of his
knowledge
a different way; to protect, to teach, to heal and understanding of its
teachings-the
the hearts of the believers, to lead and help Proclamation issued by the Hands,
the first
as Horace Holley, the Hand of the Cause, draft of which and major portion, we
owe
operating under the direction of the Guardian to his pen alone.
himself as part of his own Institution. His fellow-Hands desired
that he should

In 1953, during the Holy Year celebrations, come and serve as one of the nine Hands in and pursuant with the request of the Guardian of the Holy Land, and after returning to America that the Hands of the Cause attend as many to get his affairs in order and resign from the of the Intercontinental Conferences as post-American National Assembly, he and Iris sible, Horace was present in Kainpda, wife arrived in Israel on December 31, 1959. St. Louis, Chicago and New Delhi. In As his wife later wrote, "When he was in December, 1953, at long last, and for the first time he was so depleted by pain time, he came to Efaifa as a pilgrim and met that he was hardly a shadow of his self to face the man he had served for the self." Indeed, little time was given him to best years of both their lives. My own impressions serve in fact new capacity, for six months sion of the significance of that meeting is, I think he died. suddenly and peaceably, and of course, personal, but it seemed to me that it occurred at the foot of Mount Camel, not Horace, who had always been a man standing very far from the resting place of 'Abdu'l-alone in his own wilderness, bowing only to Bahá'í himself. his God, and vigorously protecting his inner I t was very touching to see how Horace, so indepen- dently, had been. a little while, and that one felt a breeze would blow him probably sub-consciously, of meeting this way, I would cross the street and struggle Shoghi Effendi. I think he suspected his soul up the short flight of steps to the Hands' would be seduced by that meeting, and to the meeting room. He listened attentively to the that is what happened. Horace surrendered discussions, signifying agreement through completely to love. As to the Guardian, he nodded his head or raising his hand, saying too had been aware of the intense independence- the very little strength he had left to express once of this rare Bahá'í giant and wondered his opinion in words should the need arise. what their meeting would be like. I remember in spite of his extremely fragile condition he the first night something prevented Shoghi Effendi from seeing old Horace, and his

clear mind

Effendi from going over to the Pilgrim House and wisdom were of hrestmable
IleIp r t l our

and so he did not next Elorace until the second decisions and his persoxlaiity
a joy to me.

night of his pilgrimage; but then the last No zaount of this gat

Bahli'i tiveuld be

barricades of Horace's heart weit down I l k complete if it did not cite at

least a Pcvl of

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T H E B A R A " W O R L D

his delightful bu ~mots, gathered from the tinguished 13md Cause 13orace

Holley out-

recollections of one of his fellow-ffands and standing champion Faith since

days Master

long-time fellow-member of the American praised by beloved Guardian for unique

National Assembly: one midnight, when the coneribution development

Administrative

members of that Assenbly were stiil consult- Order. His indelktigable

se~vicesprotection

ing at the end of a tong week-end of constant teaching administrative fields

culminating

meetings, this friend, trying from a tired-out service Holy Land inspiring

example present

mind to express himself, apologized in future generations Baha'is." Great as

this

advance if he did not succeed in conveying tribute is, one cannot help

wondering what

his thought lucidly; Horace remarked, "I the goEden pen of Shoghi Effendi would

have

assure you, my dear boy, you have marc written, on such an occasion, of such a

man

capacity to give than we have to receive." as Horace X-Polley. But let Horace's

own

Being called upon late at night by a Bal12i words reveal him as he was during

the end

woman, who volubly expressed, at great of hits lufe: "Now what we have here is,

length> what she thought should be done; indeed, a Divine creation. It Is

humanity

about a certain admitkistralive problem that being raised toward God and the

Divine

had arisen in her community, Horace inform- grace of God descendii~gto humanity

...

ed her, "You are very sincere, dear-but you therefore in our d d y lives, when

we have

are sincerely wrong;!"W~n the occasion when, troubles and difficulties of an

administrative

after months and months of patience, durh~g natnre, Iet us not be too impatient
or too
which the man concerned had insisted on easily discouraged because we are in
the
his own rightness and the National Assembly's pmcess of making possible the
formation of
wrongness and had been an ever-inweasingly that spiritual body of the Universal
House of
disturbhg element to the American Com- Justice. There is the basis of the
world's peace.
munity, this individual had at last been There is the order and security of the
world.
deprived of his voting rights. Horace pro- There is the nobility and
enlightenment of
nounced the following obituary: "Mr. So the human race . . . if by t31e purity
of our
and So has been unable to adapt the BahB'i motives, by the depths of our
self-sacrifice,
comnlunity to himself." we codd hasten by one year or
one month
Ijis felbw-Eands, deprived of his counsel the estabiblishmmt of that body, the
whob
and support, paid a last tribute to his memory l'iuman race would bless us for
that great
and services in the message they sent to the gift."
BaMi world at the time of his death: "Ckieved
announce pasing Haifa much loved dis-
CLARA DUiW The strength of this conviction was
weli
1869-1960 andtruly put to the test in Seattle.
Washington,
where Mother spent the next five y e m
teaching tirelessly on behalf of the Faith with
absolutely no scen result. Such was her
mental anguish during this time that she
As with several distinguished Bahri pio- sraffered a nervous breakdown
and had to
neers gone before her, Clara Dunn arose to enter a hospital. Some
friends eventually took
undertake her life's main work at an age when her from the hospital and
cared for Im.
many women are thinking of "some time for Unfortunately, not ill1
Mother's "friends" at
themselves" after years of devotion to their that time were sincere. Her
landlady "loved
families. The decision she made at the age of n-ie as much as she could
love her own

fifty, to leave American shores for Australia with an attic in which to sleep when Mother bad no money, having had to give up the Baha'i Faith, was, and still is, the great- good job she had with the doctors. This same est thing that has ever happened to that con- landlady, however, carefully warned all who tinent; further, it constituted a major decl- came in contact with sion in the history of the world. Mother that she was mad and belonged to a crazy refigionabout which she Little did the London policeman, Thomas wanted to tell everyone. Holder, arid his Irish wife, Maria, guess that It was at this unhappy whw they gave birth to their sixth chiid, time that Mother Clara, in London, Endand, on May 12,1869, learned that 'Abdu'l-Bahi was coming to San Francisco and she they had braught into the world a girl determined, in response to a telegram from a San destined to become the "mother" of a Francisco believer, to travel there to meet Him. continent! For that is what she did become, That she was penniless did not deter in spirit and in word. To BahZis the world Mother one instant and she eventually arrived over, and to Australians in particular, Clara in San Francisco, hungry and in low spirits, Dunn was our nlost loved and revered She had no idea where to go beyond the name "Mother". It was not until some time after of the street where 'Abdu'i-Bah& was coming to Australia that Mother received a staying, so she asked a tram conductor if he letter from an early believer which began, knew where there were Persians staying "Dear Mother, (May I)." It svas then that in Market Street, San Francisco. The tram took Mother recalled a dream that she would be her right to the door of the very house widely called mother some day, and from that in which 'Abdu'l- Bahh was staying, and time she and her husband, John Henry Hyde feeling her journey accomplished, Mother knocked D u n n , became known affectionately among thankfully

Baha'is, not only in Australia but throughout the world, as "Mother" and "Father'maunn. Time and again she knocked and rang but receive no answer.

It was when she was in her late thirties that she first met John Henry Hyde Dunn and chuckle. She upan joining in conversation with her he unlatched and asked hcr if she were interested in spiritual things. With delicate humor she replied, "I would be if T knew of any spiritual thkgs." He then told her of the Bah8'i Faith and invited her to attend a lecture that evening. refreshed. to join the Before ever heaxing of the message, Mother's outlook was a universal one: she bas said that she was ioterested only in a refigion that was "for everybody in the suorld, of every kind and colour." After hearing Father Durn's message, Mother said, "I'm sure it's from God." Bahh lefL San Fxa~ckico.As it happened, Mother not o31y achie~edher prsonai wish to hear the Master, - she was the last person horn anywhere in the world to arrive in Sail Francisco for 'Abdu'l-BahB's last night there --bat she also received at that meeting tllc spiritual stimirlus that was to send her to Australia, together with Hyde Dunn w1101-i1 she masried on July 9, 1917, as pioneers to tlmt continent.

On His return tir the Holy Land after Fllis visit to America, 'Abdu'l-BahB revealed the

at the front door, only to
 to no avail. "So I began to cry
 mad," Mother recalled with a
 pushed the door, found it
 entered.
 'Abdu'l-Bahfi had just
 conference when hl[other
 arrived and He was
 exhausted. Mother left His
 presence and only
 twenty minutes later was
 Bahii, now complctcly
 conlpany at His dinner
 memory of that meeting was
 laughter and joyousness as
 before remember. "Oh, His
 beautiful!" Mother said, and
 that meeting that
 and glorious looking", told
 a story with

Tablets of the Divine Plan in which He called upon the believers in America to arise and spread the Message of Bahá'u'lláh throughout the world. He expressed the longing to travel "if necessary on foot and with the utmost poverty" and raise the cry "Yá Bahá'u'Yí-~ is r o t

Abhá" and regretted that it was not feasible for me. . ."

In 1919 Mother and Father Dunn were holidaying at Santa Cruz when Dr. D'Ewlyn returned from the 1919 Convention where the Tablets of the Divine Plan had been unveiled; and when Mother read the penetrating call profound happiness and ringing laughter, to open the Australian continent to the Faith,

looking at Mother all the while, it was not she said to Father, "Shall we go?" and Father

until Mother and Father had brought the reply, "Yes."

In the light of His Message to the Australian Continent - True to 'Abdu'l-Bahá's call to action,

it is interesting that she realized that 'Abdu'l-Bahá's Mother and Father began making prepara-

story was, in fact, telling of their most glorious hopes to leave for Australia immediately after

their return. No wonder He was happy! ('Abdu'l- returning from their holiday. For a moment

Mother had said, "Unless your love attracts Mother was uncertain whether 'Abdu'l-Bahá

me, I will not come to the West." Father and would wish for both Father and herself to go

two other believers had stayed up all night but she prepared nevertheless and was, in

and prayed that "Abdu'l-Bahá would come.) fact, "waiting in the wee garden" when "a

To have met souls of the calibre of Mother telegraph boy appeared with a cable from

and Father Dunn and to have known their 'Abdu'l-Bahá contemplating these words - sincerity and courage must indeed have 'Highly commendable.'" They were delighted,

gladdened 'Abdu'l-Bahá's heart; for here was for, as Father wrote, "This made our future

not only the love which He sought to bring an open door for service in this (Australian)

Him to the West but also a devotion and continent." They finally set sail aboard the

servitude that would carry the Message of His S. S. Sunanza early in 1920,

arriving in

Father to a distant land where he himself Sydney on April 18, 1920 after spending two

could not go, months in Honolulu.

How often we can look back and see in a The first two years on

Australian soil were

train of seemingly unconnected events a very trying ones for these pioneers.

So after

orderly plan. Consider the: events which their arrival they established their home in

immediately preceded Mother's visit to Sydney, New South Wales, but Father took

'Abdu'l-Balid. Had she, for any reason, been ill and Mother was obliged to take

a job then

unable to reach San Francisco that night, Father's health was restored. This

moment-

the present history of the Bab'Al-Faith in plished, Father joined the Nestlé's

Milk

Australia might never have been written. For Company as a traveling salesman

and in this

at nine o'clock the following morning "Abdu'l-Balid role he was able to cover

the whole of Ait-

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Tasmania and New Zealand, with

Dunn passed away and

February 17, 1941,

Mother accompanied him from place to

leaving Mother almost on

alone. This she

place. Arriving in a city she would set up

did with, if possible, even

more vigor than

housekeeping and while Father was away

511c -Laid done before.

There Father had many

times throughout

times shouldered the public

meeting re-

The surrounding towns she would make

responsibility, Mother was now

left to hold the

friends, entertain and teach the Faith. She

planned her self. This she

did with the vigor

she would then have meetings arranged for Father

and forthrightness that

characterized her

to address during week-ends, and in this way

basic personality. She was

now Australia's

the Teachings spread throughout the breadth

last remaining direct link

with 'Abdu'l-Balid

of the Commonwealth. Nevertheless, it was

and, until the time of her

death, she continued

two years before the first believer accepted the to impart to the believers

of that continent

<p>Faith - in Sydney. The loneliness, determination and courage of that first "breaking-Himself. How else through" period was matched only by the development of the unflinching Faith that Mother and Father over a quarter of a held, that they would be assisted and victory accomplished? ivould most certainly come. bestowed on</p> <p>And how truly it did come! Leaving sterling service Australian shores for a brief period. Mother February 29, 1952 when and Father crossed to neighboring New Zealand in 1923, not knowing that there was Guardian. Father Dunn already a believer in that country. That the same rank, believer was Miss Margaret Stevenson, who National Spiritual had spoken of the Faith to many people, received the following but it was, as she said herself, "not until Mr. Hand. Shoghi". and Mrs. Dunn's visit that the Cause in Mother was frail</p> <p>Auckland grew." In late 1923 Mother and memory aided Father went to Melbourne where they never been more established the Faith, leaving behind them the first Intercontinental Australia's first Spiritual Assembly when they Delli, India. went to Adelaide a year later. In Adelaide, filled with where they stayed for some time, the Faith that truly was firmly established before Mother and the banner of Father returned to Sydney where, except for first material brief periods, they spent the remainder of</p>	<p>the same spiritual impetus received from the Master could the miraculous Faith in that land in just century have been The consummate honor Mother in recognition of her to the Faith came on she was elevated to the Cause of God by the was subsequently elevated to posthumously, when the Assembly of Australia cable, "Hyde Dunn regarded At the age of eighty-four, in body but her remarkable vibrant personality had alert. In 1953, she attended tinental Conference held in How her heart must have happiness to have witnessed universal gathering under Bahá'u'lláh! Here was the evidence of the gradual</p>
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fulfillment of 'Abdu'l-
theirs lives. Till via three years two major BshXs Divine Plan :an
assemblage of BahB'is
countries had been opened to the Cause of represeritaiive of
world-wide communities -
B&A"uyZlah by these gallant souls. In 1932 the fruits of ploneers such
as herself -
Mother interrupted her teaching activities for gathered together to
stimulate even further
a time to go, alone, on a pilgrimage to the the teaching efforts which
would eventually
Holy Land. While there she sighted the fulfill the goal of the
Divine Plan.
visitors' book at the Mansion of Bahj' on The following year 1954
saw Mother as a
January 15th of that same year. Hand of the Cause of God,
once more in New
Returning to Australia she renewed her Zealand. This time it was to
attend the New
teaching activities and in 1934 witnessed the Zealand Swlmtr School at
Henderson Valley.
fruits of this work in the establishment of the The visit was commemorated
by the planting
National Spiritual Assembly of Australia and of a Kauri tree on the Hyde
Dunn School
New Zealand, and by this time Spiritual property there.
Assemblies had been established in several Towards the latter part
of the same year,
states in Australia and in Auckland, New all despite her advanced
years, Mother
Zealand. visited all the states of
Australia. Three years
Then, for the second time in her life, Mother later, in 1957, Mother
returned to New Zealand
became a widow when John I-Penry Hyde for a third time; on this
occasion as the rep-
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representative of the Guardian at the formation yeas in the quest that she
started at the age of
of the National Spiritual Assembly of that wty.
country. Upon the passing of the Guardian, The Guardian said of the
Duffins that they
Mother, as Hand of the Cause went to Haifa were the true conquerors
because they stayed
where she attended the first Conclave of the where they pioneered.
Hands of the Faith in the Mansion of Bahj', On November 28, 1960

after a befitting
 Israel. Although physically now very weary, ceremony at the National
 *a?iratu9l-Quds, Hand of the Cause of God
 Mother's desire and determination to serve Hand of the Cause of God
 Gara Dunn7s
 was as strung as ever. cortdge left for the
 Worunora Cemetery,
 The closing years of Clara Ilunn's life Sydney, where she was laid to
 rest beside her
 witnessed many wonderful things. Not only husband. Unique in the
 annals of the BaWi
 did she behold the groua and development Faith is the fact that two
 souls, both Lhnds
 of her own spiritual children around her, but of the Cause of God and
 pioneers of a con-
 she also saw the fruits of her smice reflected tinent, should lie
 together.
 irx th islands of the Pacific, as pioneers from
 the Australian continent arose with equal National Spiritual
 Assembly
 h o t i o n to open the territories virgin to the of the BahPis of
 Australia.
 Message of BahA'u'llah. These teaching efforts
 mlnlnated in the establishment of the Region-
 al Spiritual Assembly of the South Pacific
 Islands. Further, from the days of teaching
 the Faith without books or any material
 assistance for guidance, Mother witnessed the
 rearing of two National Spiritr~alAssemblies, JULIET THOMPSON
 Australia and New Zealand, as well as a
 National &ziratua1-@ds. She was Iurther "Deplore loss much-loved,
 greatly admired
 to see the crowning glory of Australia - the Juliet Thompson,
 outstanding, exemplary
 erection of the first Mother Temple of the handmaid 'Abdu'X-BAA. Over
 half-century
 Antipodes, set within these shores. It was, in record maniPold meritorious
 services, embsttc-
 fact, ia March 1958 and at the request of the ing concluding years Heroic
 opening decades
 Gua~dim,that Mother placed "plastex. from Formative Age BA6'i
 Dispensation, won her
 the Castle of Mih-KV' in the foundation enviable position glorious
 company trjuun-
 of the Australian B a W i House of Worship phant disciples beloved
 MasterAbhh Kingdom.
 during the Australian Intercoll2inentd Con- Advise hold memorial

gathering Mashriqu'l-ference.

A & ~ Ppay befitting

tribute imperishable

The remaining years of Mother's life were consecrated Faith spent in a fiat at the National .@qisatu'l-Quds consuming devotion in Sydney. Until the time of her passing on November 18, 1960, at the age of 31 years, Mother never lost her scintillating Irish wit which seized upon anyone and everyone, sometimes with fiery pointedness, sometimes with most delightful and delicate subtlety, but always with twinkling enjoyment. Fresh held on Febiuary

memory one so wholly

Bahk'u'IIAh ihed such

Center His Covenant.

At a memoxial service,

to the end, too, was her remembrance of her death, Mbutes

9, 1957, two months afta

many of tile beautiful BahB'i prayers, her people who had known

were oflered by several

favorite among them seeming to ha\re been. . .

her well.

" O Lord, my haven in my disfiess! My shield became interested iil

At an early age Juliet

imdshelrei. in my woe,. ." for she was reciting the Coscaran Art

painting. She studied at

It up to her Iast breath. How inany occasions seventeen was

School in Washington and at

must Mother's l~earthave been heavy for professionally, By

doing porisaits in pastels

that to have been her favorite prayer; but her early twenties,

the middie 1890'~~ when in

how faithfully was her prayer answered to for herself.

she had already made a name

have enabled her to persevere for farty-one century the mother

Around the turn of the

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accepted the Cause. She aAlso made it a practice to hold a weekly mee~ngfor the believers.

"Never," wrote one of her close friends,

"will these meetings be forgotten. Those who were fortunate enough to assenzble there in those pioneer days w e tasiing the spiritual happiness @leyhad atways read about, which sings on in the l~eart

regardless ofthe turbulent

waters of the outer world.. .. Every evidence of a worldly atmosphere was absent. . ."

The year after the Master's release from the prison city of 'AkkB, in 1908, Juliet was one of the Kianey party who made the pilgrimage to Raifa. It is not difficult to imagine her exaltation on attaining this longed-for goal.

On her return to New York, her meetings were resumed. Pages of a new volume were being written in the Lives of many devoted American believers; all were looking forward to a possible visit of 'Abdu'l-E&B to the United States. But in Juliet's case the interval of waiting seemed to be too long; in the summer of 1911, when the Master was in Europe, she again sought His presence, first of Laura Clifford Barney invited the young artist to come to Paris for further study. Juliet Veveyr on Lake Geneva in Switzerland.

She went accompanied by her mother and eagerly she listened to His vivifying words,

brother. and faithfully she recorded in her diary the

It was there that she met May Bolles - the priceless impressions of those days.

first Bahá'í on the European continent - and On April 11, 1912, 'Abdu'l-Bahri arrived

through her, accepted this new Faith. Mrs. in New York, and when she stepped off the

Boley wrote of Juliet that she had accepted steamship Cedric one of those who met Him

it "as naturally as a swallow takes to the air." was Juliet Thompson. She followed the Master

Juliet became one of that first group of everywhere, attending all meetings in New

Paxia Bahá'ís, which included Mrs. Barney. York, Brooklyn and New Jersey* and the

Enthusiasm and activity were at a high point, Master graciously addressed a gathering in

partly because of the presence of Mirza in her studio. Several times He called her to

Abir'l-Fadi, whom 'Abdu'l-Bahri had sent to walk with Him on Riverside Drive, accompany

France. His lessons: together with May Bolles -panied by Vaiyu'IBh Vaq& as interpreter.

Influence, were very confirming to Juliet, and It was through her efforts that

the rector of
the process was completed when Thomas the Church of the Ascension in New York
Breakwell, the first English believer, gave her received 'Abdu'l-Bah at a
Sunday evening
Count de Gobineau's stirring description of service, seating the Master in the
bishop's
the Martyrdom of the Bah chair beside the altar. Here
'Abdu'l-Bah
From the beginning of her acceptance of answered many questions about the
Teachings
the Faith, Juliet served it. Following her Paris that were asked by the
congregation.
sojourn she spent most of the rest of her life Juliet reached the
pinnacle of success and
in New York, and her studio there became happiness when the Master granted her
a center for Bah's meetings. Juliet's great love request to paint His portrait.
This she executed
for and devotion to the Master made her a in pastels, unfortunately a somewhat
perish-
natural channel for the spreading of the Faith. able medium. Photographic
reproductions of
Her enthusiasm was so soul-warming and the portrait are to be found in many
Bah's
contagious that, through her, many people homes, but the original has been
lost.
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Miss Thompson was by now, indeed, in the later years of her
life, she was
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portrait painter, executing many commissions incapacitated physically;
nevertheless, she
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in New York and Washington. Among these ever since was, there was a center
around which
was a portrait of Mrs. Calvin Coolidge. Bah's thought and activity
revolved. Doubtless
Juliet kept a complete diary of the countless many of her friends did not
realize the
momentous events that transpired during 'Abdu'l-Bah's seriousness of the heart ailment
that afflicted
Baha's visit in and around New York. Her her because her spirit was so alive
and vibrant.
article, " 'Abdu'l-Bah, the Center of the Covenant Although she was then in her
early eighties,
Covenant," gives examples of the individuals those closest to her never thought
of age in
of people from all walks of life to the intimate connection with Juliet; she
seemed ageless.

personality of the Master - responses which Her earthly life? can= to an end on
December

in most cases she herself witnessed. 9th, 1456.

Then came World War 1 - which the
Master had prophesied would occur - when
all communication was severed between
'Abdu'l-Bahá in the Holy Land and the
friends in the United States. Throughout
this time of trial and testing, Juliet did not
lose the vision of the Bahá'í promise of peace.

In collaboration with her spiritual mother,
May Maxwell, she collected the utterances of Mrs. Carrie Kinney, whose
maiden name

Bahá'u'lláh and 'Abdu'l-Bahá on this subject. was Hebe Morrette, was born in
New York

They were published in 1918 under the title, City in 1878, After more than
two years of

"Peace Compilation." serious illness she passed
from this life to the

Because of her ardent advocacy of peace, heavenly realm on August 16, 1959,
there,

Juliet attracted the attention of federal agents, as she often expressed it, to
meet her Lord,

some of whom were present at Bahá'í meetings She was affectionately
known to the be-

in her home. She was never afraid; she knew believers from all parts of the
Bahá'í world as

she spoke the Teachings of God for this day, "Vafi", a name bestowed upon her
by the

Throughout her entire Bahá'í career she was beloved 'Abdu'l-Bahá. Her many
years of

courageous, staunch, and firm as a rock in constant, loyal, devoted and loving
service

her faith. to the Cause extended to
many channels. Her

That Juliet was a sensitive writer was feelings of universal love and devotion
demonstrated in her book, "I, Mary Magdalene - encompassed all those who were
privileged to

live," published in 1940, Here she paints with enter her home, a home truly
dedicated to the

words a portrait of the woman whose life was service of Bahá'u'lláh,
'Abdu'l-Bahá and the

deeply influenced by the teachings of Jesus beloved Guardian.

the Christ, just as Juliet's own life had been Vafi'a and Edward Beadle
Kinney met in

galvanized by the radiant loving-kindness and 1893 and two years later were
married. That

wisdom of 'Abdu'l-Baha. This book has been same year Mr. Kinney attended a Baha'i characterized as 'one of the most graphic and meeting at the home of Howard MacNutt lofty delineations of Christ ever made in where for the first time he heard the Message literature." of BahA'u'llah. He accepted what he heard Juliet was for many years a member of the immediately and rushed back home to tell Splritual Assembly of New York and a VaEa about it, saying excitedly, "I have just delegate to the annual convention. In 1926 heard a .rvonderfulstory. Om Lord is on earth. she made, with Mary Maxwell, the daughter I must write to him at once and plan to go to of her beloved friend and teacher, a second see him." Coming from a strong Cathoic pilgrimage to the Holy Land. After years background, Vaffa was a little afraid of this of service in New York, and not long announcement and ran and hid in the closet. after Shoghi Effendi had sent the first Hoivever, several days later he Kinney took Bah'i pioneer teachers to Latin American Vaffa with him to the next Bah'i meeting countries, Juliet spent over a year teaching in and immediately she, too, accepted the Faith Mexico. and together they wrote a letter to 'Abdu'l-

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The Kinnoys' last place of residence, after living for some time in Boston, was the Woodward Hotel Annex in New York City and here they continued to carry on the weekly meetings. Shortly after her husband's death, Vaffa responded to the call of the beloved Guardian a pioneer, and in 1952 moved to River Edge, New Jersey, where she established her home. There, with a devoted friend and believer, Mrs. Maud Gaudreaux, weekly firesides were again held and through this teaching effort several friends were attracted to, and accepted, the Faith. In 1956 Vaffa became seriously ill, but after a serious operation she appeared to be re-

covering very \veil and was loing to return
to active teaching. At this time the news of the
passing of the beloved Guardian reached her
and it was such a shock to her that her phys-
ical health and vitality never fully returned,
and she was taken to her son's home where
she spent the last two years of her life,
When the friends would call to see her
they would talk about the Cause and this
Canie Kinney would always brighten her spirits, but on
the
morning of August 16, 1959 her soul, entering
her room, found that she had quietly ascended
Bahh who was still held a prisoner in 'AkkB, into the Abh& Kingdom.
Palestine. Vaffa was not an eloquent
speaker but no
After 13 years their cherished longing came one who met her failed to hear
about the
true and they, with their children, found glorious Message and to be brought
close
to themselves on the way to visit 'Abdu'l-Bahh to its spirit. She followed
the instruction of
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Their visit was an extended one, a period of the Master explicitly to ".
consider her
some eight months, and during their stay audience like beautiful birds waiting
to hear a
they expressed the wish that when 'Abdu'l- wonderful melody, and herself like
an organ
Baha came to America He should make their played on by invisible bands, and be
sure to
home His place of stay. take this attitude because
you are alive by
When 'Abdu'l-Bahh paid a visit to America the breath of the Holy Spirit." Both.
Vaffa
in April of 1912 there were many friends at and her husband were designated as
"Pillars
the dock to greet Him. 'Abdu'l-Bahh however, of the Cause of God", by the
Guardian, who
sent word for the friends to leave the dock had written to them a letter
which he
and that He would meet with them at the stated, "The Cause of God in North
Rinney home in the afternoon. He then called America ~ 41 remain in
in the hands of
for Mr. Kinnedy to come onto the ship to see such lion-hearted and staunch
believers as
Him, and later that after the first meeting yourselves."

with the Master in ArneriwLtook place in the
Kinney home, During His stay the Master
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told Mrs. Iunney, "I am returning your visit,
but nhile I am in your home I will be the host
and you will be the guests." For many days
and nights people came to meet with 'Abdu'l-
Bahk, a i d the Kinneys spared neither time,
effort nor money to have everything as well
arranged for 'Abdu'l-Baht as possible.

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HARLAN FOSTER OBER this promulgation of &vine teachings
attracts

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heavenly confirmation. Soon ye shall consider
what a profound effect it shaLl exert and what
a manifest sign it shall display,"

On May I, 1312 Barlan was present at the

Harlan Foster Ober came into the Faith a laying of the foundation stone by
'Abdu'l-

young man just out of college. At that time B&& of the Ma&iqu't-A&kks in
Wilmette;

there were no Spiritual Assemblies, local or on May 1, 1953, just forty-one
years later, he

national, and all teaching was on an mljrely took part in the program o f
dedication 01

individual basis, guided by Tablets froin this "Mother Tenlplc oE the West."

And in

'Abdu'l-Bahfr. The fire of the love of God San~rary,1958, hc was present at the

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reached the hearts that were open; Ifarhn's of the cornerstone for the B&\$i

House of

was one of these. He lived to take an active Worship in Kampala, Uganda the

"Mother

part as a pioncer iin Shoghi ERendi's Ten Temple a£ Africa."

Year plan, to see the growth of the Ad- ffmlan was born on October

6, 1881 in

ministrative Order from its beginnings to Beverly, Massachusetts, in a
wdl-known and

a ststructure of fifty-six National and Regional highly-respected New England
family. His

Spiritual Assen~biiesat the time of his death, mother, Macena Harmon. Ober, was
a school

and to see the Faith established all over the teacher before her marriage. His

father,
 world. Harlan was always actively engaged in George Oliver Qber, was in the
 shoe business
 B W i service. The period of this service which Auctuated considerably in these
 yeazs.
 covered .fifty-seven years, a unique and out- Hxlan wried his way tlrough
 college and
 standing record as B a w l teacher and devoted, graduated from Harvard
 University, receiving
 steadfast, inspired and inspiring worker in the his B. A, degree in 1905. In
 his biography for
 Faith of Bahk'u'liah. the Harvasd Class of 1905
 Fiftieth Axmiuer-
 'Abdu'l-Baha wrote to Harlaa on June 24, s a ~ yReport he wrote:
 1919: "Although lectures had
 been given on this
 "Today the stirring power that exhibits subject [the Baha'i Faith] at Phillips
 Brooks
 itself throughout aU regions is .the power of House, I had not heard of it
 while at college.
 the Covenant which, like unto the artery, After about nine months of
 investigation, I
 beats md pulsates in the body of the world. recognized the truths unfolded in
 its mow-
 H e who Is firmer ia the Coveaant is more ment. Dui-kg the following year T
 travelled t o
 assisted, just as ye are manifestly witnessing the Holy Land, Egypt,
 Ti~ldia,and Burma
 how firm souls are enkindled, attracted and which gave me an opportunity to
 discover
 confirmed. at first hartd the
 application of the Bahii'i
 "Stri~e, therefore, day and night &at ye Faith. I also lectured on the BakB'i
 Faith
 may cause the hearts to become fium and ill colleges, in Young Men's Christian
 As-
 resolute. The journey of teachers to different sociations, forums and other
 public meet-
 parts is like unto the rays of the sun which i n g ~ . ' ~
 radiate from a cenlhal point to the surrou~iding Harlan was not only a
 graduate of Harvard
 regions and undoubtedIy gieat illumination University but held a law degree
 from
 will be obtained.-' Northeastern University in
 Boston, Mass-
 Thus Harlan Ober's path was early chafted achusetts.
 by 'Abdu'l-BaM. On July 17, 1422

'Abdu'l-Baha Himself

In a Tablet sent at the same time "To the united in marriage Grace Roberts of Canada

members of the Executive Board of the and Harlan Foster Uber. 'Abdu'l-Bah&sug-Ma&riquiYl-A&k&rW, of which Harlan was gested this marriage and these two dwoted

then president, 'Abdu'l-Bah wrote: believers were immediately and joyously

"Praise be to God, that ye have been obedient to His wish. The simple Sah&'i confirmed with such a supreme bounty and service took place at 309 West 78th Street,

have arisen with all your power in the service New York City, and was followed later that

of the Kingdom, which is no other than service same day by a legal ceremony performed by

to the oneness of the world of humanity. the Reverend Howard Colby Ives (not yet a

The magnet attracts unto itself the iron, while Bah&'i), in the presence of friends from East

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2nd West. Description of this event stated National Spiritual Assembly of the Bah&is

in part (Star of the West, Vol. 3, No. 12, of the United States and Canada for three

pages 14): years (1838-41) mentioned on several national

"Never before in America had such a committees. wedding as this been witnessed. All seemed The Bah&'i Temple Unity Board's constitution-

to feel the power of the Holy Spirit," tion states that it was drawn up by "the

The prayer, chanted by 'Abdu'l-Bah, was Bah&'i Assemblies of North America, inanity

revealed for Harlan and Grace: convened at the City of Chicago, to the end

"Praise be unto Thee, O my God! Verily, that we may advance the Cause of God in this

this Thy servant and this Thy maid-servant western hemisphere by the founding and

have gathered under the shadow of Thy mercy erection of a Temple with service accessories

and they are united through Thy favor and dedicated to the Holy Name, and devoted to

generosity. O Lord! Assist them in this Thy His love in the service of mankind." Its object

world and Thy Kingdom and destiny for them was "to acquire a site for

and erect a?ld
every good through Thy bounty and grace. xnai31tain thereon st Sah8'i
Tel~lplcor I~la&-
O Lord! Confirm them in Thy servitude and riqu'l-A&k&f,
service accessory build-
assist them in T I I ~service. S u k them to ings, at Chicago, Ill., in
accordance with the
become tfie signs of Thy Name in Thy world declared wish of
'Abh'l-Bahd.'" The Execu-
and protect thenl through Thy bestowals tive Board consisted of nine
members, elected
which are inexhaustible in this world stnd the at the c2nnual Convention.
This work was
world to come. O Lord! They are supplicating taken over by the National
Spicitud Assembly
toward the Kingiiom of Thy mercifuIltes and of the Bahi'is of the United
States and Canada
inwking toward the reaim of Thy singbness. when it was estabiished in
1922.
Veriiy tiley are married in obedience to 191y It was fronz Harlan and
Grace's home, at
command. Cause them to become the signs 37 nowbridge Street,
Canibridge, Mass-
of harmony and unity until the end of time. achusetts, a room of which
was given over to
Verily Thou art the Omnipotent, the Omni- the office of the National
Teaching Conlmitke,
present and the i41n1ighty !" that the first Teaching
Bulletin, dated Noefem-
The marriage certificate was signed by ber 19, 1919 was issued. This
bulietin evolved
'Abdu'i-Bahk, M, Hippolyte Dreyfus-Barney into the U.S. Bahd'i niervs.
and the Reverend Howard Colby Tves. Several Harlan was chairman of
the Local Spiritual
years after their marriage R a h md Grace Assembly in several cities
as he moved about.
adopted three children, of English, German As such he was inslrumentai
in obtaining the
and Russian back-grounds. There are aow incornoration of the
Spiritual Assemblies of
seven grandcl-rilhnn and a great-grand- the BahB'is of Boston, Mass,
and o f Bevalji,
chiid. Mass. He also assisted in
obtaining the
During 'Abifu'l-BahB's stay in America He marriage lice~~se issued by
the Common-
visited Green Acre, in August, 1912, the wealth of Massachusetts in

1946, after the nineteenth year of its existence. Of this visit to the Spiritual Assemblies of the 4361st year Harlan wrote: "The Bahá'í of Massachusetts to solemnize Bahá'í marriages. 'Abdu'l-Bahá rescued the Green Acre Conferences from oblivion . . . His talks dealt with reality and gave a new direction to Green Acre." Numerous teaching trips were made by Harlan over a period of many years throughout the United States and Canada. Early in his Bahá'í life he planned to spend half his time and Harlan's close friend and classmate, Alfred Lunt, had an increasing amount of the other half in earning a living. He was do, as they were for many years active in the every step confumed in this endeavor at Bahá'í conferences and schools throughout his life. there. Harlan's early services to the Faith included, outstanding Bahá'í teacher, with Louis Gregory, who was appointed posthumously first Negro besides diocese as president (1919-20) and secretary (1918-19) of the Cause of God by Shoghi Effendi, took him on many teaching trips to the Unity Executive Board, membership on the southern states.

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Harlan was constantly in demand as a speaker at Unity Conferences, at Bahá'í Summer and Winter Schools and Conferences held in the United States and Canada. Of one of these John Robarts, formerly of Toronto, nephew of Grace Robarts Ober and now a Hand of the Cause in Africa, writes: ". . . With a little persuasion Harlan would begin to tell a story about 'Abdu'l-Bahá, a hush would settle on the gathering and all eyes and ears would be turned to him. Then I knew the conference had begun. The Holy Spirit, with all its glory and joy, had descended upon us, Sometimes we wouldn't let him stop

and he would go on and on telling us those beautiful stories, bringing 'Abdu'u'i-Bahá right to us. What treasures were! I am sure I will love for 'Abdu'l-Bahá to dear Harlan." In 1906, Harlan was one of the first American Bahá'ís to visit 'Abdu'l-Bahá, who was still confined in the Turkish prison city of Akko. After returning, Harlan gave a talk from the notes of which the following facts emerge:

When the need arose to send American Bahá'ists to India to spread the teachings and show that the Bahá'í Faith was accepted in the West, 'Abdu'l-Bahá inquired of Mirza Asadullah Khan, Harlan's brother-in-law, who should be sent. The latter recommended Mr. Hooper Harris, whom he had known since he was ten years old. He had taught in New York City. In due time a Tablet came to America from 'Abdu'l-Bahá asking that two teachers be sent to India, Mr. Hooper Harris to be one and a companion to be chosen to go with him. Dr. William Moore, brother of Mrs. Lua Moore Getsinger, was chosen. When Dr. Moore suddenly died the next morning Mrs. Getsinger suggested to Harlan that he should go in her brother's place. Harlan was delighted at the prospect, and 'Abdu'l-Bahá approved the plan. Harlan's family, however, had not accepted the Bahá'í Faith and opposed his trip to Haifa, with its dangers of plague, cholera and cobras, and Harlan

Harlan Foster Ober

newly-arrived pilgrims to

continued :

"It was a beautiful

It is indeed because

Sapper by Konardo da Vinca.

went around the long table,

each plate. Then when all

walked back and forth, the

on his face and flowing

which he repeated for us

at breakfast. While he was

Feast, two young Persians

and Tablets. The large

the varied Oriental

faces of the believers, the

present as everyone turned

etched an unforgettable

picture on our

did not have the means for financing such a journey. But money was borrowed by Mrs. that Harlan was introduced to, and seated next to, MirzL gaydar- Harris and Harlan Ober sailed from Hoboken, New Jersey, for Naples and 'Akka. As time passed the two pilgrims from Anlerica grew anxious because they arrived in 'Akkri after dark. When nothing had been told them about their trip to India and evening>He told &em He was giving a Fear what they were supposed to do. Twice they spoke to the interpreter for forty pilgrims from Persia who were (Miss Laura Barney) and asked her to speak to leaving the next day, and He invited the two 'Abdu'l-BahB about

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it. He replied that He would send for them at the Theosophical Society, two listeners later. On the third day He asked them to become convinced of the truth of Bahh'u'llih's come to His room. We then said: Message: one was Dr. Hermann Grossmann, "I will now speak to you about India. In now a Hand of the Cause; the other was Frau Iaclia people believe that God is like the sea Lina Benke, who told her husband, (absent and man is Like a drop in the sea, or that God from the city where the meeting was held), of is like the wasp and man is like the wool of what she had learned, He later became the this coat. But the BahB's belief is that God first European BahL'i martyr. is like the sun and man is like a mirror fixing Harlan's third pilgrimage to the Holy Land the sun." was made in 1956, to visit Shoghi Effendi. On After this was translated to them, 'Abdu'l- this pilgrimage Harlan was accompanied by Bah6 began to repeat the statement. Miss his second wife, Dr. Elizabeth Kidder Dber, Barney said: " 'Abdu'l-Bah&, I have already She and Harlan had been married in Beverly, told them." Then He said: "Tell them Mass. on June 21, 1941. (Harlan had been again." Which she did. Then He died by widowed in 1938). After their

pilgrimage they
saying : went to South Africa as
planned, and were
"Whenever difficult questions or problems arise, turn your hearts to the heart Guardian to help form the first
beloved
come to you, turn your hearts to the heart Guardian to help form the first
all-African.
of 'Abdu'l-Bahá and you will receive Local Spiritual Assembly in Pretoria. They
help." returned to the United States
to settle their
This was all. that 'Abdu'l-Bahá told them and, in December 1956,
settled in
about teaching in India but it was adequate. Pretoria as pioneers. At that time
the Guardian-
By following His instructions, every question I spoke of Harlan as a champion
of the
was answered, and often the answerer was Cause of God.
as astonished as the questioner. The Indian I-larJan was appointed a m
e d e r of the
Bahá'ís were delighted, and on one occasion Auxiliary Board for Protection in
Mica in
when Ms. Harris was speaking to members October, 1957. He served on the
National
of the Arya-Sonlaj they were astonished at Teaching Committee of South and
West
the answers. These few words of 'Abdu'l-Bahá in Africa for two years. In November,
1957 he
were like seeds coming into fruition whenever they flew from South Africa to attend
the funeral
the hearts were turned to Him. service of the beloved
Guardian in London.
Later 'Abdu'l-Bahá told Harlan: "Sixty On his way back he visited the friends
in
the people, speak in the meetings, love them Douala, Cameroon, and Luanda,
Angola.
in reality not through politeness, embrace John Roberts' letters tell
of the spirit that
then as I have embraced you. Even if you abandoned Harlan's services:
should never speak, great good will be "Harlan wrote inspiring
and most loving
accomplished." letters to the friends in his
territory. EEE
Concerning this visit to India, 'Abdu'l-Bahá brought 'Abdu'l-Bahá close to us
with his
wrote in a Tablet to Harlan and Grace Obar wonderful stories about Him. He had
great
dated July 11, 1916: "Truly I say Mr. Obar knowledge, wisdom, life-long

experience in rendered a great service to the Kingdom of the Faith. He bved to answer questions and God and undertook a long and arduous trip to help others to a better understanding of to India." The beloved Guardian wrote in the Faith, its signiEcance in the world, its Gad Passes By that this trip lasted "no less history, its teachings, its believers, its ad- than seven montl1~". ministration. He was dedicated, devoted, Harlan's second pilgrimage was in July living a iifc of service. His perception of the 1920, when, with Grace, he visited 'Abdu'l- inner meanings of the tcachiilgs was keen Bah&in Haifa. They returned via Germany and he could clarify them, often very vividly, and England, where they had the privilege of so that others could perceive them. I-le always meeting ShogM EiTendi, then a student at had a ready, merry laugh. He visited the Oxford University. friends whenever possible. He read and In Germany, at the suggestioll of 'Abdu'l- studied the teachings constantly and could Bahti, Harlan and Grace went to Lcipzig to relate them to whatever was the problem at speak on the BahB'i Faith. At a public meeting hand. His approach in helping othexs to sect their problems in perspective was heart- The Beloved, whose Cause you are serving warming. We left one free, aflcr looking with distinction and exemplary fidelity, will no doubt co~~tinue to bless your squarely at various aspects, to think out a solution and make one's awn decision." In October, 1937 after the passing of Alfred Another friend writes: "Harlan never tired Lunt, Dr. Zia Ba&da& and Mrs. Mary of trying to find comrion ground between Hrznford Ford, "outstanding figures in the the believers on which he could build mity. , Cause in America," the Guardian, writing Harlan would be aglow hv\$th joy when he through his secretary, advised Harlan to spoke about his association with the Master; "remain in the United States

and assist in the
so alert was his mind that he would speak of teaching work there. Your
presence in her -
those experiences or nearly fifty years ago, he feels, is now
absolutely necessary, as
as if they were matters of just five years the Giends can ill afford to
lose the varied
experiences." rich experiences which
they draw
At the end of a few days spent by Elizabeth through their close association
with an old
and Earl in Lourenco Marques, Mozambique and outstanding teacher like
yourself."
bique, a young African friend said: "Tears Shaghi Effendi wrote to
Harlan on June 30,
wing their way across my heart at your going." 1938 :
When Harlan passed away, on July 20, 1965 the Reminders of the Cause in the Holy
Land sent the following cable, befittingly you are discharging your
duties, in spite of
summing up almost half-a-century of service the severe and crushing blow
you have
to this Faith: recently sustained, heighten
my admiration
"Deepest sympathy passing & car Harlan for you and reinforce the ties of
brotherly
love, devoted, distinguished American believer - affection that hit our
hearts together. I
cherish both Heroic Formative Ages Faith. Early greatly value your
observations, your ac-
global travels, membership Temple Unity accomplishments, your motives,
your example
Board and later National Assembly, historic and the hopes you cherish. .
."

services Africa pioneer Board member unfor- And on June 30, 1939:
gettable. Assure loving prayers Shrine. Hands- "Your letters are so
illuminating and so
reassuring in the spirit of selfless devotion,
He is buried in Zandfontein Cemetery, and of exemplary loyalty which they
invariably
Pretoria, next to an African Location in a breathe. Your activities, strivings,
vigilance,
valley surrounded by lovely hills. patience and accomplishments
are invaluable

During a period of over thirty years Harlan able assets for which I feel
genuinely grateful.

received letters from Shoghi Effendi which May tize beloved, whose Cause you
 are fur-
 guided not only his own services but also thriving in so many ways and with
 such a
 illumined the path of newly-formed adminis- noble spirit, cheer
 sustain you always,
 trative bodies, of committees and of individual and reward you a thousandfold."
 Bahá'ís. The first of these, dated February 14, 1914 read: "You are often in my
 thoughts, in these
 ". . . Just a word to assure you in person of days of anxiety, stress and
 turmoil, and your
 affection and esteem and constant prayers work, as a devoted, capable and
 zealous
 for your welfare and success in the service member of the National Spiritual
 Assembly
 of our beloved Cause! May you be beautiful I profoundly and increasingly value. I
 will
 spirit kindle many a receptive heart and may continue to pray for you from all
 my heart,
 the radiance of such lives illumine all the and trust that your highest
 aspirations in His
 continent of America. I have great hopes in service will be fully realized.
 Your true and
 both of you and you may rest assured that grateful brother, Shoghi."
 our beloved Master is with you always." In October, 1941, after Hulm
 was not
 "I am adding a few words in person in re-elected to the National Spiritual
 Assembly,
 order to assure you of my great love for you, the beloved Guardian wrote in his
 postscript:
 my deep-felt appreciation of your past and "Now that you are relieved
 of national
 present services, and of my constant prayers administrative responsibilities,
 I look forward
 for your spiritual advancement and success. to an intensification of your
 devoted and
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 highly appreciated efforts in the teaching
 Field - a field in which the American believers
 can achieve, in these concluding years of the
 First Bahá'í Century, their most brilliant
 and memorable victories."
 In this same letter the Guardian stated, At the time of the passing of
 Qasayn
 through his secretary: Uskuli to the Abhii Kingdom

two messages

"Shoghi Effendi entirely approves of the manner in which you conducted your marriage and feels you did entirely right. . . not having my church ceremony or minister to unite you. The more we associate with other religious bodies the better, but we should not in any way identify ourselves with their doctrines and usages." Faith. Fervently supplicating progress soul

unforgettable." Faith. Fervently supplicating progress soul

"Deplore loss ardent steadfast servaat and feels you did entirely right. . . not having my church ceremony or minister to unite you. The more we associate with other religious bodies the better, but we should not in any way identify ourselves with their doctrines and usages." Faith. Fervently supplicating progress soul

"Grieve passing dear steadfast promoter

other religious bodies the better, but we should not in any way identify ourselves with their doctrines and usages." Faith Uskbl. Reward great Kingdom. Praying

should not in any way identify ourselves with their doctrines and usages." E;Tusayn Uskm, a faithful and dedicated

and dedicated

In his letter of December 30, 1945 Shoghi Bahb'i and pioneer, was with honor for his

Ed said: steadfastness, simple We,

and his hospitality

'T was very happy to hear from you and whether in Tabriz,

to learn of your continued and highly valued activities in the service of our beloved

born in Usku - a township in ~ & i r b 6 ~ j a nnot

, far from

Faith. You are, I assure you, often in my thoughts and prayers, and I will continue to pray from the depths of my heart for the rest in the

extension of your labors to which I attach the utmost importance. Persevere in your the Faith through

valued activities, and rest assured that the EJaydar-'Mi, of the same

Beloved is well pleased with the long record of your distinguished and meritorious service. He was

well-to-do family, but in accepting the Faith had

vices." in accepting the Faith had

to pay the price

After the launching of the World Crusade hands. They opposed

the Guardian wrote to Harlan, though his him bitterly and persecuted

of severe trials at their

him bitterly and persecuted

him to the extent
secretary: that, after giving up all
his inherited possessions, he left his native place
" If by any chance it should seem economically sound and feasible for you to go to Tabriz, enjoying his
cally sound and feasible for you to go to stayed for a while in
Tabriz, enjoying his
Pretoria, and assist in the establishment of a newly-born life amidst the
friends. Soon after,
Assembly there, he feels this would be highly meritorious." he attained the presence of
'Abdu'l-Baha, and
meritorious." returned from this
pilgrimage with fresh zeal;
Accordingly Harlan and his wife Elizabeth were settled he soon
distinguished
went to Pretoria the following year. In the service and devotion. himself by his active
Guardian's last letter to them dated January 4, 1957 he said: After marrying he moved
with his family to TshqAbkd, remaining
there many years,
"Nay the Blessed bless your meritorious and serving as a member of the
Spiritual.
smiles, aid you to overcome all obstacles, Assembly, the BahA'i School
committee, the
and enrich the record of your past achievements. Ma&riqul-Aakrir and Welfare
committees.
illents for the promotion of His Faith and One of the joyous
experiences of those days
the consolidation of its institutions." in Turkistan, our father
often used to relate,
was the visit of a group of American Bahli'is
in 1908 to the h.la&riqul-A&k&r and the
friends in 'Iaqqbkd, when father with some
other friends went to Krasnovodsk, a Caspian
seaport, to welcome them.
In 1914 Uusayn Uskulitravelcd to Shanghai,
China, first with two Bah&'i friends and later
with I-iis family. I-Fe settled permanently in
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all the changes the years have brought. He
also greatly admires your devoted daughter
and son-in-law. He hopes you will keep in
good health, and that you will meet with
success in your work, and assures you of his
prayers, . . .

"May the Almighty bless your highly meritorious efforts, guide and sustain you in your historic task, and enable you to enrich the record of your splendid services.

Your true brother,
SHOGHI."

With what joy and radiant spirit Xusaycl Us@U must have ascended to the Kingdom Beyond on his release from the mortal cage in his eighty-first year, with such a blessed record of services to the Holy Threshold!

Albert R. Windust

ALBERT R. WINDUST

the fourth grade level. He ended his formal education in the sixth grade. Despite this, Albert Windust during his life attained a "Deeply grieved passing much loved greatly depth of knowledge and spirital wisdom admired staunch ardent promoter Faith, reached by very few. Albert Windust, Herald Covenant, whose At the age of fourteen Albert became an apprentice in the printing notable services Heroic Formative Ages firm where his Faith unforgettable. Assure friends relatives father worked. The following November his fervently supplicating progress so that King- mother died. dom. His interest in nature awakened a desire SHOGHI" to draw, and he became a pupil at Chicago's Art Institute. Through associations made in Albert Robert Windust was horn oil the printing business, he illustrated storks of Chicago's west side at Hull House on many authors, including Opie Read and H. Rider Haggard. March 28, 1874. His parents were Thorns Albert had an and Sarah Sheeide Windust. His father was an inquisitive and questioning a printer, who, shortly after Albert was born, nature. He learned of and became interested moved with his family to a section of Chicago in the Bahá'í Faith. Word of this came to the ears of the minister of the known as Woodlawn. They were members of the Methodist Church of which he was a member. The sermon the

school teacher and a very active church follower Sunday dealt with following false gods. While the sermon worker, was the founder of the First Christ gods. While the sermon thundered around his ears, Albert Windust heard the words of the Lord that had been said to Abraham: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee." He left the church.

In his early years, Albert Windust was not Lord that had been said to Abraham: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee." He left the church.

by his mother and entered a public school at Thorntou Chase, the first American believer,

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became instrumental in attracting a small tribe of Universalists. Albert also helped in

group, among them Albert who, in 1897, the compilation and publication of the first

became a Bahai and gave undeviating devotion to the Faith, until the day of his death. years 1925 to 1933,

He was unquestionably one of its strongest. In 1431 he made a pilgrimage to the Holy

and most competent servants. No activity Land to visit the Shrines of BaWu'll&~and

that concerned the Cause in America but the Bkb and to see the Guardian of the Faith,

was strongly influenced by his devoted efforts. Shoghi Effendi. He deemed it a privilege he

In 1900 he married Lucy Roberts and they were blessed by Shoghi Effendi to carry to the

had three daughters, Sarah, Isabella and Ethel, Moly Land the twenty original Tablets of the

The list of Albert Windust's achievements Bkb reproduced in Shoghi Effendi's translation

for the Bahai Faith is a long one. He was a member of The Dawra-Breakers, published in 192.

member of the first Spiritual Assembly Albert, from the moment he beard of the

(Chicago). This body enjoyed the distinction Bahai Faith, was active in spreading it in

of bearing the message of BapuZ'Adl (House America). He was a deep student of the

the

of Justice) and was so addressed by 'Abdu'l- Writings, an able speaker, a
 psofouad teacher
 BaM in a series of Tablets, the fist of which, of the Laws and Ordinances. His
 classes on
 before it was dispatched from the prison of the Covenant m d B W i
 Admir~istrationwere
 'Akka, had been engrossed by Mishkin-Qalam, most helpful both to newcomers and
 B d ~ i ' i s
 the celebrated Pexsian penman, in \$1 the of long association with the Faith.
 There was
 knnr~forms of Persian writing. a freshness and vigor in his
 teaching; he
 As a member of that itsfirst ,4ssembly, Albert radiated a love that reached the
 Izearts. Xn his
 was active in carrying on correspondence with every-day life he demonstrated
 the power of
 the BahB"l'sof the Orient which led to building the revealed Word o f
 BahB'uYZl5h,
 the BahB'i House of Warship in the United Albert Robert Windust will
 long be
 States. Through letters between the B&B'is of remembered. The inspiration of
 his faith and
 'I&qabad, Russia, and the "House of devotion bas without doubt moved a great
 Spirituality" in Chicago, news was received many souls into the orbit: of the
 Faith of
 concerning the erection of the House of BWu'llAh. Here was a m n who was truly
 Worship in 'X&qabBd. This activity had been a channel of a great spirituat
 force - it
 initiated by 'Abdu'l-BaMand was is awelous shoale in his countenance. Its
 rabrance was
 means of stimulating the work OF the Cause felt by all who knew him and its
 influence
 in America. Albert Windust was a member spread to all with wlmm he came in
 contact.
 of the committee 'tvllicfi drafted the supplica-
 tion to 'Abdu'l-BahB asking per~nission to
 exect a BakXi Rouse dWorship in the United
 States.
 Albert became the first publisher of the
 Writings of' the Faith in America. He printed
 booklets, early editions of prayers, and the PRITAM SINGH
 Hid& Words of BahihC'u711&; in 1910 he 1881-1959
 founded ruld started printing the fist Baha'i
 montl~lypublication, Star of the West. In its Professor Pritarn Singh
 will always occupy
 early years this pahlication carried a Persia~ a unique position in the
 history of the BahB'i

section. The Star of the West was circulated Faith in the Indian subcontinent as the first member of the Sikh community of India and brought into close contact with the Promised One.

After accepting the Faith he devoted his known thousands of volumes of Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahti from Tablets written to the Bahá'ís in Bahá'u'lláh. A very great number of people North America. He also assisted Howard of this country who have heard about the MacNutt in publishing the addresses of Faith did so through Professor Pritam Singh, 'Abdu'l-Bahti delivered in the United States for the far and wide to the remotest and Canada, in 1912, under the title Prumuka- corners of this country in its service.

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Professor Ritam Singh was born on November 6, 1881, in the family of a judge in Sidkot City, now in West Pakistan. We studied in Amritsar, the holy city of Sikhs, and later on in Lahore he received his higher education in the University of Punjab. From 1905 to 1908 he was a teacher in the Achison College, Lahore. It was during this period that he came in contact with Mirza Asadullah Khan Zaqani, a distinguished Bahá'í teacher and the compiler of the famous diary of 'Abdu'l-Bahti's travels to Europe and America. Later on in Bombay he met Mirza Mehram, and through the blessings of Bahá'u'lláh was won over to the Faith. Meanwhile, in 1908 for his postgraduate studies, he went to Calcutta to receive his Master's Degree in Economics from that famous University. He became Reader of Economics in the University of Allahabad from 1917 to 1920. Up to 1927 he continued to be a professor in various universities, but his main interest was to teach the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh to his colleagues and students and to spend most of his time in promoting its interests. Therefore, he gave up his profession and served Bahá'u'lláh,

Professor P r i t m Singh belonged to a
werttily family. His family was embarassed
that he, with all his brilliant career and bright
future, should leave not only his colnfo&db12 National Assembly for a number of
years.

way of life, but also his hereditary religion. His contribution to the
Administrative Order

Therefore, ihey started to place Professor of B&iA'u'Ilah in this land is as
outstanding

Pritam Singh under economic and other as his teaching work.

pressures. However, when their persuasions, Professor Pritam Singh has
left a iastillg

Aavored with the promise of a large fortulle impression in the pages of the
history of the

to be bequeathed to him by his father, failed, Formative Age of the Bah5'i
Cause in the

they even begged Professor Pritam Singh to Indian subcontinent. He, almost
single-

remain a Bahsi if he wanted to, but at least handed, established a BahB'i
weekly, to be

far t l ~ esake of the reputation of the fam~ly, numbered among the fist BahB'i
period-

to give up his ptzblic lctlxres and tmching icals of the world. The name of
this

tours. But the love of God was more precious periodical was "The Bah\$'i." Be
was a

to him than all the fortunes of the world. His disting.iisbehed writer. Some of
his articles

firmness in the Faith did. not waver with dl have been printed separately after
their

these thrcats and persuasions. I-Ie asked his publication in various BahA'il
magazines,

brothers to take care of all the wealth belong- such as "The World Order,"
"Kaukab-e-

ing to him and he, with freedom from all Hind," "Payambar," etc. Being
well-versed

worldly attachments, engaged himself iio t l e in Persian, he acted as a unique
interpreter

service of BahB'u'IEh to his very last breath. to famous BahB'i teachers of
frkn, visiting

On August 25, 1959 he died as a pioneer in India. He was also a companion of
Mrs. Keith

Amritsar in the vicinity of the famous Golden Ransom-Kelder, Miss Martha Root,
Mr.

Temple of Sikhs. He was buried as a BahB'i. Siegfried SchopRocher and others in
their

He was one of the earliest secretaries of the Indian tours. Perhaps nobody else

in this

National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the Indian subcontinent has visited so many universities,

of India and continued to be a member of the colleges, clubs, societies, regional and national

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conferences throughout the length and breadth following which she spent several years in

of India, Burma, and Persia, as Professor of sacred work,

Pritam Singh did. Possessing a beautiful

lyric soprano voice,

As a token of the appreciation of the Bahá'ís she left England to pursue her musical studies

of the country for his memorable services to the Bahá'ís in Paris. It was here she learned of the Bahá'í

the Cause of God, the National Spiritual Faith. In a short time,

after she had become

Assembly has made plans to erect a tomb for a deeply confirmed believer in the Teachings

Professor Pritam Singh in Amritsar. of Bahá'u'lláh, she was

inflamed with a desire

On hearing the news of his passing to the to visit 'Abdu'l-Bahá, who was at that time

Abolition of the Kingdom, the Bahá'ís of the subcontinent expressing her

continent held memorial meetings and prayed for longing to see Him, and her happiness knew

the progress of this precious soul, it was no bounds when she received permission to

lovingly called by them "Witama Kaka" make the pilgrimage.

(Uncle). The Wands of the Faith in the Holy Time and again her

carefully laid plans to

Land communicated to the Bahá'ís of India travel to Egypt met with

delays, but at last

the following cable expressing their sorrow she set out to realize her

fondest desire. From

over the loss of such a distinguished servant this moment her will was

gently laid at the

of Bahá'u'lláh: feet of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

Henceforth He manifested her

"Grieve not, outstanding Indian believer guide and her Master.

Pritam Singh, distinguished teacher administrator From America there came

to Egypt in time,

traveller Faith much loved and praised by the dark, Negro Bahá'í, his hero

a ~burning

t with love

Guardian. His devoted, untiring services so and an all-consuming desire
to serve the Faith.

long period so many fields unforgettable. He too had met with many
delays in his

Praying shrines rich reward Kingdom." attempt to reach the goal of
his heart's desire,

'Abdu'l-Baha. Thus Louis Gregory and
Louisa Mathew's pilgrimages coincided,
Louisa had to return to Paris before sailing
to America. Thus it was that she met 'Abdu'i-
Bahi again in France, and came to America
in 1312.

It was in h e r i c a that one day 'Abdu'l-Bahh

LOUISA MATHEW GREGORY summoned Louisa and Louis Gregory to
His

1866-1956 presence. He asked Louisa if she liked Louis.

She stammered, "Yes." He further questioned

"Grieved news passing faitlIfu1, consecrated her, "Do you love Louis?" She
replied, "Yes,

handmaid 'Abdu'l-BahP. Confident rjcl~re- as a E M i friend." To Louis,
'Abdu'l-Ball5

ward Kingdom. Pioneer services highly put the s m c questions aild
received similar

meritorious. answers, Then 'Abdu'l-B&&

piaced t b i r I

SHOIGN~" hands together and married them in New I

York, on September 27,1912. This became a

This cablegram attests the value of the tangible evidence of the power
of the BaWi

teaching services performed by Louisa Mathew Faith to wipe out the barrier
of color in

Gregory in the pioneering M d of the Bahk'i marriage, a symbol of the
Will of God as

Faith. expressed by Xbdu'l-BahA, and

a living

Born Louisa Mathew, on F e b ~ u a ~1,1866

y demonstration of the keynote of the unity

in southernEngland, she was raised in a large, of the races as sa-unded by
Babii'u'likh*

comfortably wealthy family. Her paents were Many were the cruel
strictures which an

very advanced and liberal in their attitude unthinking and blindly
prejudiced generation

toward education. Louisa not only received inflicted upon them.

'Abdu'l-BahB was once

the conventional education of a girl. of that infom~edby a visitor in Haifa that, "It is not time, but was permitted to attend Cambridge together, and some- easy for them to travel University. There she studied economics and times they cannot go to the same hotel." The languages, as well as voice c u l t u ~ ' ~She , Master rplied ernyhatica& that at Haifa received her Certificate of Education in 1895, they would bc received with open arms.

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Thxoughout the many years of their marriage, whether together in the northern states or in Haiti, or separated as they followed their individual paths of service in the southern states a ~ in d Europe, these two radiant sods kept the underlying significance of their union forever in their hearts. In a letter of July I , 1416, Louis wrote:

"My darling Wife:

". . . , Recdved a long, interesting and beautifd letter fron~ Mrs. Brittingbam. . . Reading this, I was most happy, as well as thankful to recall what was once told me by Mrs. True. She says that 'Abdu'i-Bahi was asked by sonleone about our marriage and repltierl: 'Those two souls fowd each other.' "How gratefd we should be to God for His great bomty and protection! This also explains some dificulties we have h a 4 and how by divine Kaavor, oar lives grow more and 1110re halmn~oaious.. ." In 1920, 'Abdu'l-BahB wrote to Louisa:

"Othou revered wife of his honor, Gregory!

Do thou consider what a bounty God hath

Louisa Malhew

Gregory

bessowed upon thee in giving thee a husband like Mr. Gregory who is the essence of the love of God and IS a symbol of guidance. . .," indicated in her lettes

to the united States; she

In addition to the i115~11ybounties bestowed upon her by 'Abdu'l-BahB and Shoghi Effendi

that she would remain at her

teaching post confident was she that the

if he so desired. So

d~iringihe lifetime OF her dear husband, she permission xhgt

Guardian would grant her

was destined to survive him and witness that she booked her passage. But
 as the day before she was to leave, a
 the Guardian of the Faith had conferred upon letter came from
 her the highest rank possible: after his death Hitifa saying that he
 wished her to remain in Sofia, and that she hoped
 he became the first Negro Hand of the Cause. there might be a
 f ~ b1927, %vfUhenLouis was devoting every strongly confirmed group of
 beliefs before she left. He wrote that he
 moment of his title to extensive teaching hoped Bulgaria
 trips throughout the United States, Louisa would become illumined and
 illuminate all. the Balkans. Although
 turned her steps toward Central Europe and Louisa had believed
 that the group could carry
 Louisa had believed joined Marion Sack in Sofia, Bulgaria. In
 on without her, she cancelled her passage a
 April, 1928 with Martha Root, she attended ~ i dn~tzdeplans to
 the Esperanto Congress at Prague. It was in be away only for the summer
 months. She wrote to a friend, "I could
 Sofia that Louisa used a technique of finding not leave after
 believers which has subsequently been used by such a message!"
 Baha'is throughout the world. She gathered Again she joined Martha
 Root, this time in Belgrade, Yugoslavia.
 about her young students and business men, From Belgrade she
 who were interested in learning French, journeyed to Vienna to
 render much assistance, later
 English or Esperanto. After her classes were where she remained until
 returning to Sofia, where she remained until
 firmly established, she selected those who of the Faith were secure.
 sure the foundations she formed a new class to study the Teachings
 were receptive to the Faith, and from these the German Bah'is
 she formed a new class to study the Teachings the German Bah'is
 the German Bah'is In 1932, after attending
 of Baha'is. Convention at Esslingen,
 Louisa returned to the States, She and Louis then
 Summer, 1928 when the heat of the city spent their
 became almost unbearable, Louisa wrote to summer-s at Eliot, Maine,
 near the Grange. Acre Bah'is Summer School.
 Shoghi Effendi asking permission to return and eventually

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this became their permanent home. Here they
BONS

EDITH DE BONS & JOSEPH DE

welcomed people of different races and religious
1871-1959

1878-1959

backgrounds, and furnished a unique inspiration
to all who came in contact with

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them.

Dr. Joseph de Bons was

born in Switzerland

Louisa Gregory was shy and modest. She
later became very

on July 31, 1871 where he

felt that her contribution to the Bahai' Faith
profession. Edith McKay de

successful in his

was to be made through "living the life*"
youthful years in

Bons had lived most of her

Whether in Europe or America, her teaching
mother, Madame I

Paris with her widowed

work was always with individuals or small
had studied at

Mark-Louise McKay. Edith

groups. She wrote:

the Conservatory in Paris

for several years

"I feel that our unimportant selves can
began her

and took singing lessons. She

somehow achieve more than we dream of.
Maclanin! Marie Ruge of

singing career with

even by the fact of trying our little best to
was also instructed

the Opera of Paris, and

lead a Bahai' life and our feeble efforts to give
the Message, even without being speakers
de Boas' on display

by Massenet and Cavalli.

I will quote from Edith

in large gatherings. . . . We must all do our
Baha'i:

to describe her life as a

best to proclaim the Cause to the extent of
became our Baha'i:

"It was in 1900 that I

our capacity, and feel the importance of this
evening (it was

It was 21 years old, One

time when the urgency is so great."
to my godfathers

Christmas) I was invited

There existed for Louisa two great shining
salon I saw an

home and on entering the

loves which dominated her life - her love
May Bolles, who later

angelic creature. It was

for the Faith and her love for her husband.
Mother of Rughayyah

became May Maxwell, the

One could almost say that they were synony-

Khanum~, A mysterious

foi-ce drew me to her
 mous. and I said: 'I believe
 that you have something
 The life of Louisa Gregory is one which to tell me'. 'Yes,' she said,
 'I have a message
 will continue for generations to inspire othexs. for you,' She then
 disclosed to me this secret,
 She walked the thorny pathway of life, serene which was the Eah5'i'i
 Faith.
 in the knowledge that God had o r d ~ n e dfor "I saw her maay titnes,
 and she taught me
 her that path and no other. Never did her the marvelous story of the
 Faith: the advent
 feet deviate. She walked unhesita.tingly of the Bab, of
 BabL'uY~h,of 'Abd~l'i-\$ah&
 through the bigotry md prejudice which were whom she had gone to see
 in Efaifa. I accepted
 freely strewn in her way. With consummate the Faith and became the
 first beJiever in
 dignity she became an example of sdf- Paris. I always considered
 Mrs. Maxwell
 sacrifice and radiant yielding to the decree as my spiritual mother.
 of God, living out the years of her long life "Later, my m o k ,
 Madame Marie-Louise
 far from the comfort and security she h e w McKay, also became a
 BahB'i, as did my
 as a girl in her English countryside home, fxiends H. Dreyfus and his
 wife, Madame
 to stand hand in hand with the husband she L. Dreyfus-Barney, Edith
 Surde~son,and
 felt was her "gift from God." others. Thus was formed
 the small ~ O L I P ,
 The end of this earthly life for Louisa fervent and full of zeal, to
 whom one day
 Mathew Gregory came on May 20, 1956. 'Abdu'l-Bahii sent this
 message:
 She was laid to rest beside her husband 'To the servallts and
 Handmaids of God
 Louis, (see Tha Baizd'i Warid, Volume MI, in Paris: He is God. O my
 dear Friends, all
 page 666) inMount Pleasant Cemetery, Eliot, the peoples of the world
 seek the shade og the
 Maine. fig tree which Jesus
 condemned, bat you are
 under the shade of the Tree of Life, in the
 Center of tine Paradise of Guidance. R o w
 great is your favor in the Kingdom of God

that such grace and such blessing have been vouchsafed to you! Know ye to appreciate them a ~ axise

and to accomplish that which beseeches such a condition. All are fast asleep; you are awake. All eyes are blind; yours are seeing. All ears are deaf; your hearing is clear. All tongues are mute; you are eloquent. All humanity is dead, and you are full of life, vigor and force through the benefits of the Holy Spirit. Render thanks unto God, and, according to His divine teachings, be merciful and benevolent to all. With all your soul and with all your heart, be kind to your fellow-men. My blessings and praise be upon each one of you.'

"Next year, 1901, I persuaded my mother to make a pilgrimage to Haifa, and after a short stop in Cairo, where we met other believers, we arrived in the Holy Land.

"Several Bahá'ís were waiting for us at the port, and brought us to the house of Dr. and Mrs. Getsinger. It was evening, and we Boris

Joseph and Edith de

were to meet the Master at noon next day.

"After a restless night, we gathered in the dining room, when suddenly we heard a many questions asked and answered, that

sonorous voice which we were never to forget, were children in the Cause and needed to

saying: 'Welcome, welcome!' All around me I lean very much. It was in Haifa that I made

knees, we wept with joy and 'Abdu'l-Bahá the acquaintance of those admirable women-

received us with infinite kindness. We then the sister of 'Abdu'l-Bahá, the Greatest Holy

took place at the table as He,

and having broken Bread, and His wife, the Holy Mother, Our

the bread, served us with His heavenly Guardian was then an adorable little baby,

smile. so charming and intelligent.

The Master was

"Those were two wonderful weeks. We were always ready to give us an audience; some would go each morning very early to the times He asked to be alone with us, and Master's house and He would teach us. although we could not converse, they were answering our numerous questions, explaining heavenly moments.

the scriptures and many things we had ignored. "Then came the time to
 leave. . . to leave
 There were always two or three interpreters in this Paradise. But we took in our
 hearts so
 for different languages. After that, the Master said precious things that our
 anguish was
 would dictate His Tablets, often two or three appeared. I came back to Paris
 and we
 at the same time, answering hundreds of started again our meetings with the
 friends.
 letters which He received; then all of a sudden a year later, my mother being
 very tired, we
 He would rise and go towards the door where decided to go to Switzerland. We
 chose Sion
 a crowd was waiting for Him, He would be in the Canton of Valais, where the
 friends
 go to town, visiting the poor and the sick had a little pension. It was there
 that I met
 and healing them. I witnessed some of these men who later became my husband,
 Dr. Joseph
 miraculous healings. de Bons.
 "One day He invited us to come to Bahji; "My husband belonged to a very
 Catholic
 another day on Mount Carmel to Elijah's family; his father was a judge. I saw
 was a great
 cave. He walked ahead of us, with a light mountaineer and made twice the ascent
 of
 brisk step, turning round once in a while, to chatter with Whymper. I was
 capable in
 address some work to us. his profession, he had the
 opportunity to
 "Sometimes the Master would ask me to treat at Zermatt the Shah of Persia, who
 sang in the evening on the terrace of the house, decorated him. It was a
 Persian Bilzian's friend,
 so that He could hear my voice from His only member of the party of the Persian
 Embassy
 house. I sang 'Holy City' which He liked in Cairo, who solely handed to him
 the
 very much. decoration.
 "How many lessons were learned! How "He was very fond of nature,
 especially of
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 flowers. He had a deep faith, though detached prove the believers in such a
 way that those I
 from the Church. As soon as I gave him the who are not entirely sincere
 will not be able

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BahB'i message, he accepted it with enthusiasm. Two years after the birth of our daughter Mona, tve both made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land to see the Master. This time it was in 'A k k A that we found Him." In a letter from Hotel Carmel, Haifa, Palestine, on February 5, 1906 my mother wrote: "Here I am again waiting impatiently for the blessed hour!. . . soldier who goes into ths combat: the brave one will resist ail day, but the fearful one will !!"

.. . A believer came to tell us that the Master was miring for ns and we at once distributed alms to a took a carriage for 'Akkii. The carriage Unfortunatly, bomced on the cobblestones and stopped at this moving sight, a kind of fortress. We got off and were met at the door by a believer who showed us into Zlim. a large room placed at oru disposal. We rested a little while, and then I went to greet the family. Presently I heard the voice! Oh that voice, so well knonn, the memory of which had never left me! My feelings were permitted to come to stifling me. . . At last He was before me, the hmily and

to stand the tests. A believer is like gold which is tested by fire; the more he is burnt, the more beautiful and pure he will become; but copper, passed through fire, becomes black and decom- poses. The Cause is now like a tmy seed planted in the ground. It is invisible, but soon the seed will become a tree and its branches will ovesslladow the earth. A believer is like a

"Today the Master number of poor at His doon. we.were not permitted to see for, because of the be see11 in the street with "February 9th. Alas, today the end of this wonderful seems that life ends and it of heaven that begins. "This morning T was the Master's room very early;

speaking words of welcome. I threw myself the servants gathered there
 for morning
 at His feet and kissed His hands which he prayers. The Master was
 sitting on the divan
 stretched out to me in His loving kindness. in the corner of the room,
 showing fifth kind-
 We passed to our room, where my husband ness their place to each new
 arrival. Being
 was waiting. The Master came forward, while placed almost directly
 opposite him, I dared
 my husband prostrate himself and the Master surreptitiously to lift my
 eyes to His counte-
 nance. No words are able to
 embraced him with ineffable kindness; the nance. No words are able to
 render the
 emotion of the believers was indescribable. beauty, the holy radiance of
 that unique
 Being, The eyes especially
 We passed to the table placed on a small were extraordinary:
 balcony overhanging a kind of oriental now penetrating and as
 piercing as steel, now
 verandah. At the table were the Master, a of ineffable sweetness. A
 lofty brow, deeply
 believer, an Italian governess who taught the furrowed- a brow of a
 thinker and a sage;
 believers' children, and we two. The Master the waving hair, almost entirely white, de-
 introduced us to this lady who was a Catholic, extending to the shoulders; a
 white beard, a
 saying that her heart was very pure and though thin ascetic face, a mobile
 and extremely
 she was a follower of another religion, He considered sensitive mouth. Of medium
 height, the
 her as one of us, Far, said We, only forms Master's departure had an
 equality, but the basis of all religions is axi- superhuman majesty which
 omly the same. We must love all religions and live in who see Him for the first
 time. He usually
 harmony and love with one another. The passes suddenly from absolute
 immobility to
 difference between the Bahá'í Faith and other the highest point of
 activity. His voice is
 Faiths is that they must not detest one another strong and deep and carries a
 penetrating
 while the Bahá'í Faith must love the Truth authority. Five years ago I
 had never heard
 which is contained in all other beliefs. the Master laugh, though He

always smiled

After these words the Master rose and when His eyes met mine. But
this year He

retired. laughed frequently,

especially when talking

"February 8th. This morning after breakfast to my husband and Mr. Woodcock.

He was

fast, the Master came for a moment into our in a very happy, it was

said, by the news

room. He spoke of the tests which we would receive: the Cause was

making great

have to face in the Cause, saying: 'God will progress,

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"These unforgettable days over, we returned Bahii once stayed, will remain as a
witness of

to Switzerland, but the Orient drew us the fidelity of these two servants of
God in

irresistibly, and presently I decided to settle the Cause of Bahi'is in

in Cairo. My husband established there his

practice as dental surgeon, and I opened a

school of singing. Those were happy years.

My little daughter was with us and we

associated a great deal with Bahi'is. In Cairo

we were surrounded by friends, and attended

Bahii's meetings every Friday. Among others

there were Abir-Fa'iq and Ahn-Ad-Yazall, Mrs.

Stainard, Miss Riscox.

"The Master, 'Abdu'l-Bah, passed through

Alexandria in 1911 and we visited Him. . .

"When the war of 1914 broke out, we had Dia'u'llah Akbar was born

in Mecca,

to leave Cairo where there was no more work Persian Academy in 1880, His

father was

for us and the climate too trying for my family at that time already a believer, as

were other

daughter. We returned to Switzerland in members of his family. His

father's family

1916. . . I wrote to the Master, telling Him we were believers in the time of the

Bah. In about

of my discouragement at my failure. He 1845 the whole family migrated to

Teheran

answered among other things: ' . . . The Shah was then Russian

Turkish, and

concerning the errors and negligence there IpiB'u'li was very active

in the Bahi'is

of the Swiss people. Before long, thou wilt see community, playing an important

role on the
 that the Light of attraction will become committee responsible for the Bahá'í
 schools.
 efficacious in that region and finally that Mr. Asbarztdih made his
 first pilgrimage
 country will be illumined. . . ' to the Holy Land in 1903,
 where he spent
 "And finally, here we are at the end of our several months in the presence of
 the Master,
 lives. My husband, bedridden and very sick, and in 15120 he was a pilgrim far
 the second
 but more Bahá'í than ever. Myself, unable to time. It was on this occasion
 that he brought
 do the work I should like to do for the Faith. to weave the beautiful silk
 carpet which the
 Nevertheless, we both cherish in our hearts Master personally laid in the
 an Inner Shrine
 the memory of the happy days when the of Bahá'u'lláh. This carpet had been
 specially
 Master wrote to us: woven for the Emir of Bokhara
 bur on
 'O ye two lamps enlightened by the radiance account of the Russian Revolution
 it could
 of the love of God? Your letter has arrived ~ i o lbe & lived. 5) i B' u' I Z A h
 As & ariadih.
 and the contents understood. 'Abdu'l-Bahá bought it and brought it with
 great difficulty
 has deep love for you and prays in your behalf out of faith ~ ~ sand
 in a throe; oh India to the Holy
 that you be assisted in this life and in the Lmd. Sane yeus later Shoghi
 Effendi, with
 Kingdom. . . ' " Bias approval presented it to
 the Mother
 in November, 1959 in the presence of Temple of the West at Wilmette, where it
 now
 several Bahá'í friends, a monument was hangs in Foundation ~ ~ Hall,
 inaugurated in memory of Joseph and Edith After his second pilgrimage
 Piri went to
 de Bons. The monument is a great block of live in London where he carried on
 business
 silve ~ granite surmounted by a bronze eagle, as a capstone until he
 pioneered in the
 and the eagle was given by the American Ten-Year Crusade. He knew the beloved
 Government to Edith the Bons' father, Colonel Guardian well, who loved and
 trusted him
 McKay, for services rendered during the War greatly.
 of Secession. Under the bronze eagle is a In 1921 at the time of the

passing of 'Abdu'l-
parchment roll on which was engraved the Bahá'í, Mr. Asáriz had just received
words of Bahá'í : permission for a further
pilgrimage and when

"Verily we are Exalted God and to Him we have arrived in Haifa he was given by the
shall return." Guardian the privileged task

of making

This beautiful monument, situated on the copies of the Master's Will and

Testament,

is located on the Lake of Geneva where 'Abdu'l-Bahá the original document, is to be
sent to

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of WORLD

1956 in San Diego, California, she departed
from this world. She was born July 16, 1877
in the Hindayan mountains in the family of
a British national of Irish descent. The
granddaughter of a distinguished surgeon,
Sir John L. Pall, K.C.B., she was educated at
Cheltenham College and at Oxford. She was
a member of the Illuminating Engineering
Societies of England and of America, a
founder member of the Electrical Association
for Women, an inventor of color filter
illumination which she installed at the
Barcelona International Exposition and in
such world-famous buildings as the Palais
de Glace, Paris; Sheghestr's Hotel, Cairo;
the Berkeley Hotel, London; the Fairmont
Hotel, San Francisco; and in hotels and
expositions of many other countries.

She became a Bahá'í in Paris in 1911, when
'Abdu'l-Bahá was there.

Persia, Turkistan and other eastern countries. "Beatrice Irwin, a blond,
young intellectual," Mme. Laura

Dreyfus-Barney khas

, 4 years later he married an English lady written, "had come to Paris to

study her
and they had three daughters. She was a profession... She had an unusual

gift for
active supporter of the London community color and for the use of light and

shadow...
and was a member of the British National To her, beauty was an expression of

spiritual-
Spiritual Assembly for various periods of time. When 'Abdu'l-Bahá came to

stay in Paris

1925 until 1941. When the Ten-Year Crusade he held small gatherings. . .
Beatrice Irwin
commenced in 1952, he was eager to play was often present." Many years later
she
his part and before the end of the year, recalled how she had been
"privileged to
though well over seventy years of age, he had met Him daily. . . and to marvel
at the
left England and settled in Jersey, one of the universality of His knowledge. .
. and the
Channel Islands. There he worked actively breadth and depth of His sympathy
with the
to make the Faith known and made many realities of existence."
friends for the Cause in the island. In 1914 'Abdu'l-Baha
revealed for her one
He passed on, still at his post, after an of His most important messages on war
and
illness of some length, in April 1956. His peace. A closing paragraph contains
the
tombstone records that he was a Bahá'í which, above all others, was the
guiding
pioneer and a Knight of Bahá'u'lláh. star of her Life:
"O people! . . . Hasten ye, hasten ye,
perchance ye may become able to extinguish
with the water of the new-born ideals of
spiritual democracy and celestial freedom,
this many-flamed, world-consuming fire, and
BEATRICE IRWIN
through your heaven-inspired resolution you
1877-1956 may usher in the golden era of international
solidarity and world confederation,"
"Grieved passing steadfast devoted in- Miss Irwin had endowment
and training
defatigable promoter Faith. Reward assured for a bright and versatile career. A
t one time
Kingdom, having progressed soul. she was an actress and
played with Sir Henry
Irving and Sir Charles Wyndham. She was
the author of two professional books, The
Suecia was the passport of Beatrice Irwin to New Science of Color and The Gates
of Light;
the Abhii Kingdom, when, on March 20, of a book of poetry, The Pagan
Trinity; and!
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of a collection of Bahá'í poems and essays
dedicated to 'Abdu'l-Baha entitled He~aEds

of Peace. Of her, Richard Le Gallienne wrote that she had the "right to a high place among living poets." At the end of her life she was moved by the Master's wish "that you will continue to pour the pearls of your thought into poetry." Through her attainments she had access to many important personalities and leading personalities. She spoke of the Faith to H.R.W. Feisal of Saudi Arabia, President Cardenas of Mexico, Rodin, Tagore, Satyajit Naidu, Luther Burbank, Jan Masaryk, Mme. Chiang Kai-shek, and many others. In twelve countries of Europe, North Africa, the Middle East, and North and South America she spoke on the radio, gave public lectures, and arranged important book exhibitions and exhibits at the model of the American Bahá'í Temple. She played an active part in the Bahá'í campaign during the first United Nations Conference in San Francisco in 1945. "Indefatigable promoter" of the Faith she truly was!

About 1930 she visited the Guardian in Haifa. Here her talents were galvanized and

Beatrice

trawled, for the rest of her life, on one supreme end. Her best and most fruitful years came after sixty. On four pioneer missions, at least two of which (Mexico and Tunis) were

returned to Spain in her

mid-seventies, to the undertaken at the suggestion of the Guardian, Island of Mallorca, in 1954. Despite this

Island of Mallorca, in

she achieved historic services. accidents, and her health being far from what

accidents, and her health

The first was her residence in Mexico, in visited many parts

she demanded of it, she

1937, when she broke the ground for the happy outcome of her

of the Island. The most

collective teaching under the first Seven-Year Carmen Nieto de

journey was that Dona

Nan, and widely scattered the seed for future believer of the Balearic

Miguel, first Spanish

harvests. In 1941-42, Miss Irwin spent six famous Spanish painter-

Islands and wife of a

months in Brazil under the auspices of the lived, became a

in whose home Miss Irwin

Pan-Pacific Press Association, She utilized

Bahá'í.

every inonlent and every opportunity
 herald, brave sol-
 adsance the knowledge of the Faith.
 thoughts were
 In 1943 she again preceded a teaching
 the New Day.
 plan; this time the Five-Year Plan of the
 eznanced from the
 Egyptian NSA. When she arrived in Tunis
 childhood. Ailve11-
 there were only seven Bahj'is. She became
 traveled the wide
 very active: weekly conferences in the Public
 professional and artistic
 Library were well attended by professional
 gone far had she
 people, a broadcast was made, Feasts were
 to personal success.
 re-established, the Spiritual Asselx~blyorgan-
 sacrifice, to walk
 ized, and a shost circuit of southesn cities
 expend hex personal
 of Tunisia was made during her five-months'
 BahB'u'llAh. Her life
 stay. was not easy. She knew
 loneliness, insecurity,
 Miss Irwin was blessed to continue her
 her true image.
 pioneer services nearly to her life's end. Slie
 utterances of 'Abdu'l-
 BahB we may best seek and h d the reality
 of Beatrice Irwin:
 ". . . For the sake of the love of God thou
 art a wanderer and traveler over mountain
 and desert and art the wooer of the Heavenly
 Beloved. Today thou livest in the city and
 at night thou passest on the plain and beyond
 the hills. Thou lmst no other aim save the
 diffusion of the fragrances of God and
 entertainest no other object except the
 .
 enkindlment of the fire af the love of God. .
 Becar~sethine intention is sincere and thy a h
 high it is mtain that thou wilt become con-
 firmed in the service d the Kingdom of God."

VICTORIA BEDIKIAN

1879-1955

MES. Victoria Bedikian was one of seven sisters of the Schnabel family and was born Victoria Bedikian in Boise, Idaho, February 9, 1879. All seven sisters were educated in art and music, both in the United States and in Germany. Victoria who first called Mrs. Bedikian "Buntic Victoria". While still young, she became deaf. This was the name which she cherished and was affliction caused her to abandon her musical lovingly known by for the rest of her life. Having had no children of her own, she Her husband, Madris Bedikian, a native of adopted one ~01%. Armenia, was an ardent admirer of Abraham~ Auntie Victoria never missed an opportunity Lincoln and, in accordance with her husband's to give the Message. She had a very keen sense wishes, Mrs. Bedikian painted many portraits of humor. She detached herself from every- of Lincoln which were given as gifts to the things save God. Her only material possessions mayors of various cities in New Jersey for were a tiny typewriter and her art materials the city halls. and the little black books containing notes In 1912 when 'Abdu'l-Bahii was in the and addresses of Bahis all over the world United States He sometimes visited the which she guarded with her life. oriental art shop of Mr. Bedikian in Mont- After the ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahk in Fair, New Jersey. There Mrs. Bedikian had 1921, Shoghi Effendi directed her continuous- a memorable meeting with Him. 'Abdu'l-Rahim, in her work, guiding her as had "Abdu'l- with Whom she later corresponded, asked her BahB. In 1926 he wrote to the National to devote her ~ art to the Faith, and this service Spiritual Assembly of the Bahis of the was rendered gloriously and uninterruptedly United States and Canada: "I have specially to the very last day of her life. requested that indicate@bb pioneer of the ,At one time Mrs. Bedikian cared for as Cause of God, our well-beloved Bahis"

sister,
many as forty orphans in her own home. Mrs. Victoria Bedikian, to concentrate
for
'Abdu'l-Bahb at that time wrote to her : "None the present all the resources of
her mind and
is nmre in the Abhri Kingdom than heart upoil this vast and vital
undertaking.
thee far the work thou hast done for the I have urged her to direct her
encrgies to this
childven. . ." I t was this group of clzildren lofty purpose, and by the aid of
her most

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valuabie letters wouse both the East a ~ the d remains were Idd to rest in
Greenwood

West to a El-ish consciousness of the signifi- Cemetery near where she had
lived. The grave

m c e and urgency of the object you iuve set is an the side o f a hill,
facing the east as she

yourselves to achieve." (The erectiotl of the had requested.

BabB'i Temple.)

Memorial services were held

for Auntie

In the early days of her B~ah&i' activities Victoria 011 August 14, 1955 in
many BahCi

Auntie Victoria wrote to 'the cl~ildrenof laally cornmi&@ of India, Piikistin,
Burma,

lands, orgaz~izing children's Gardens of Ceylon, South East Asia, Indonesia and
Fellowship, giving each "garden" the name Islands of the Indian Ocean, flyhere
the loving

of a flomr. The Guardian at that time told influence of her letters had
awakened many

her that these gardens of fellowship would hearts.

serve as seeds for futurs BahA'i communities.

Auntie Victoria also inspired the editing and

Doms EBBERT

publishing oP a little magazine at this time

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called "Children of the Kingdom," in tvhicIi
the various children's gardens all over the
world were pictured aed written about.

In 1927 Auntic Victoria spent three months
in Raifa with the family of 'Abdu'l-Daha zs
guest of the Guardian, having traveled thele
with Mrs. Keith Ransom-Kehler, Her meeting
with 'Abdu'l-Bah&in the United States, and
the Guardian and tlae Greatest Holy Leaf
(sister of 'Abd~i'i-Bafii) in Haifa, were the

ABBASALLY BUTT

18%-1959

Mr. Abbasaliy Butt, member

Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Atlanta: "Praying Butt who either directly enlightened them, or progress soul indefatigable, wholly conse- through his outstanding transiations of Bahri crated promoter of the Faith. Wcr services literature, such as The .Kitrib-i-fq&., Bol3ci"d- unforgettable. Love." 11~37~lrzclthe IYPw Em, Some

Answered Qires-

A beautiful funeral service was held in tios and a score of other books and booklets,

Atlanta for her on July 6, 1955 and her earthly increased their knowldgz of their Faith.

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at the instructions of the belated Master, to enshrine the precious remains of" the Bfib on Mouat Carn~el.

In 1913 he was again called by the beloved Master, 'Abdu'l-BahB, to the Holy Land.

There he was engaged in emslating Tablets of 'Abdu'l-Bahd to the wtstern friends and also translating their letters to the Master.

However, when the first World War began, he was forced to leave Haifa and return to India to continue his ~ficritorious services in various fields of activity.

His contribution to the BahB'i administrative activities is no less outstanding than his teaching and translation work. For years he was the chairman or the secretary of the National Spiritud Assembly of the BahB'is of India, PiMstAn and Bulma. He will be remembered as the first member of the Asian Auxiliary Board to be appointed in India.

This gave him still another opportunity to increase his wonderful services in spite of his iU health and weak physical constitution.

The Bahk'is will always remember Mr.

Abbasally Butt as an example of devotion

Abbasally Butt and sincerity to the Faith of BMu'ILah and for his manifold services in this subcontinent.

Mr. Abbasally Butt was born in Ludhiana, As a token of appreciation for his long

life in India, in 1894, in the family of a service, the Hands of the Faith in the Holy

Kashmiri Muslim shawl merchant. He was later cabled their decision to erect a befitting

a graduate in arts and also a bachelor of memorial on his grave in Rangoon, Burma:

education. Later he qualified himself in "Deeply regret passiy distiiished member

the Persia language in the University of Indian community, b n g standing, faithful,

Plmjab. His fist job &as.that of headmaster- devoted servant Bahit'u'llih Abbasally Butt,

ship of the Muslim High School at Rangoon Services National Assembly, Auxiliary Board,

from which he was expdled by the school teacking fieid unforgettable. Passing Rangoon

authorities for his being an active Bah2i. crowns selfless labors Faith.

Praying Shriaes

Then he joined the St. Gabriel Mission progress soul joyful reunion beloved Guardian

High School, Rangoon, as a teacher of Per- AbM Kingdom Advise hold memorial sian. From those early days his attachment meetings. Hands Cause will build gave,"

to and love for the BaM'is of Burma took

H. M, ILMI

deep root in his h a r t and he always longed

S.H. KORESHX

to breathe his last when he was in B u r m with BahA'i friends there.

Mr. Butt was fortmate in having received close and constant companionship of early believers in Burma who achieved historic accom~plishmentsin that country. Along with husband, valued

ANTHONY YtTEN SETO
1890-1957

the friends of fanlous Siyyid MugfapM consecrated, high-minded promokr BahCi Rlimi who, after his death, was nuinbered Faith. Rewrd his deeply appreciated services,

-Grieved sudden loss dear

by our beloved Guardian among the f-Iands both America Asia unforgettable. Reward

of t l ~ cCause, Ms. Butt was fortunate to be great Kingdom. Assure loving, fervent prayers

among those few who had the privilege of progress SOU^."

carrying the marble box, prepared in Burma SHOGHIEFFENDI

Cablegram from

Anthony Yuen Seto was born in Hanapepe, Kauai, Territory of Hawaii, November 18, 1890, He was descended from a long-lived Family, stsong morally, pI.~ysicallyand mental-ly. In chiidhood he attended a . epublic scl~crois in Wanapepe a d HanoIulu, Hawaii, and later in San Rafael, California. In the year

1906, Ere went with his father to Detroit, Michigan, and there he entered Cass Technical High School. After graduation, he decided to study engineering and entered the University of Michigan. After two years' study of engineering he changed to law and was graduated from the Detroit College of Law. He first practiced his profession in Honolulu, Hawaii, and later in the State of California. In 1950 he retired from his profession owing to a heart ailment. In his profession he was well versed in immigration law, and many of his countrymen will remember him for his able handling of their cases.

Anthony Yuen Seto

He was kind, generous, patient, with capacity for sacrifice. He possessed quiet courage, a characteristic of the Chinese, as I came to know them in their land. Besides being an attorney, Anthony was a business man and World War II time and a t b t i o n

made wise investments in real estate and were taken up with his work at Schofield

advised his people along business lines. Barracks, Honolulu, where he was in training

Anthony's way of life was that of the at the Reserve Officers Training Camp. pioneer. He was one of the first young men A group of devoted believers resided in

of Chinese ancestry to enter the legal profession- Honolulu for a number of years, at whose

session and one of the first to practice law in former homes the friends gathered for Bahá'í affairs.

Territory of Hawaii. He was also one of the After we established a home our place was

First Chinese attorney to be admitted to open for classes to study the Bahá'í teachings,

practiced law in the Supreme Court of the and former meetings of various kinds, including

United States. He was the first and only the holding of Feast Days, Anniversaries and

Chinese believer in the Bahá'í Faith in the Holy Days. From then on, Anthony served

Hawaiian Islands, and until a few years ago in many ways; He was elected chairman of the

the only Chinese Bahá'í in America. first Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of

In the autumn of the year 1916, Charles E. Iandolo and served for several years there-
Mason Remey, distinguished architect, and after in that capacity, He spoke at meetings
one of the first Bahá'is in America, went to for the believers and at public ones. He also
Honoldn together with the late George aided with the work for the children.
Latimer, and remained for six months for the Xn HEionnlq where Anthony was well
purpose of teaching tlm Bahg'i Faith. Meetings known, he boldly proclaimed the Faith.
were held weekly at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Through him his business and professional
George J. -4ugur who were then residing in associates, friends and others learned of this
Japan and teaching the Faith in that land. world religion. The degree to which he was
These meethgs were well attended. Here were recognized not only as a latvyer but also as a
gathered the humble, the well-known, artists, devout foHower ofthe BahA'i Faith.is recorded
business and professional peapb. In addition in the following tribute paid to him in a
t o the townspeople, many tourists came to ~esolutionby the members of the Bar of the
learn of this new Faith. In I916 Anthony and Supreme Court, Territory of Hawaii, on
I accepted the Revelation of BaWu511&. In October 15, 1957:
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",. He was adndtted to practice before Prince Ednpad Island; Moncton, New Bxutuns-
this Court in 1916, and excepting for a period wick; and Halifax, Nova Scotia. On this trip,
of two years when he served our Country in Anthony's value as a pioneecr became apparent.
World War I, he carried on the legal profes- His g i ~ i a Zmanner made friends for hiin
sion in Hoilolulu very commendably until instaitzly. He could wit1 lease become acquaint-
1932, when he moved on to San Francisco, ed with people. Xn approaching editors. his
California, where he continued his Iegal friendliness won for us their hdp. Tl~ese
career, retiring seven years before his decease Irindly Scotch editors printed every artieie

on May 5, 1957, in Tokyo, Japan. A sincere presented to then without any change what-disciple of the Bahá'í Faith, he taught, soever. lectured, and practiced the ideals, precepts, With the launching of the Ten-Year and tenets thereof. in the last few years of Crusade in 1953, a plan designed to bring his life he devoted his full time to disseminate the Bahá'í teachings to all parts of the globe, bringing the teachings of Bahá'í Faith in the Orient, there came the call for the followers of Bahá'í particularly in Hong Kong . . . A man of unflinching courage to go to near and distant parts of the strong religious convictions, he was honest, world to teach the Faith. We planned to forthright, and scrupulous to a fault. For his assistance our beloved Guardian's wish. A year of hard work and conscientious efforts, he later, one of the places not yet open was able to prospered in his business, and as a lawyer in the Crown Colony of Hong Kong. On a clear, was a credit to the profession. On a bright autumn day in 1954 we arrived there. "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Bar of this Court, that out evident. In Hong Kong he met former and respect to the memory of ANTHONY YUEN mates, clients and friends; to each one ANTONY SETO, this memorial be spread upon the minutes of this Court, and a copy thereof being in Hong Kong. be forwarded to his widow and family." Early in 1956, Anthony became ill while In San Francisco, where we resided from a return of heart trouble and steadily grew 1932 through 1954, Anthony practiced law wisely, until in September it became necessary and engaged in real estate transactions. At for us to return to California. After five the same time, he served faithfully the Cause months' time, he improved in health and we he loved, Here was a wider field for his returned to Hong Kong. On our return lie activities. He served from time to time as expressed a strong desire to attend the Conventions of the Spiritual Assembly, spoken to be held in Tokyo for this:

purpose of
 at meetings and gave talks at the Geyserville electing the first Regional
 National Spiritual
 Summer School. He also assisted several Assembly of North East Asia.
 Bahri'i communities with their incorporation. He was the only Chinese
 believer present
 papers. at the convention, which last
 he mentioned
 We returned to Honolulu for the summer many times and deeply regretted. All
 went well
 and autumn of 1941. At that time the Honolulu and he thoroughly enjoyed all
 aspects of the
 Baha'i Community had set the date for trip and the interesting sessions of
 the Convention
 the dedication of its newly constructed center. tion, particularly the
 uplifting message of our
 Anthony was one of the speakers on this beloved Guardian covering the progress
 of
 important occasion. He prepared a very the Ten-Year Crusade.
 scholarly paper on the Faith, with an interest. His last day on earth was a
 happy one. A
 interesting background telling of the contributions trip to the ancient and historic
 town of
 and sacrifices of the early missionaries in Kamakou where we beheld the
 colossal
 bringing the Christian Faith to the Hawaiian statue of the Buddha, built in
 the twelfth
 Islands. century, and a happy dinner
 hour with fellow
 In the evening of 1843, the work of the believers closed the day and we
 were ready
 First Sewn-Year Man, launched in 1937, was to depart for Hong Kong, our home.
 nearing its close. There were pieces in Canada. When the airline
 limousine that failed to
 where Bahri'i teachers were needed. We arrived and a taxicab that came fifteen
 minutes
 volunteered and went to the Maritime late caused a delay of forty minutes in
 starting
 Province. We taught in Charlottetown, for the airport. This delay shortened
 greatly

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our time for clearing customs. The haste,
 anxiety and strain were too much for An-
 thony's weakened heart. On reaching the I immediately upon
 hearing of the death of
 plane, he collapsed and died within a few minutes. Edith Sanderson. Shoghi

Eendi, the Guzrd-
 utes, So ended, an May 6, 1957, his sexvice ian of the BaWi Faith, sent
 this telegram to
 lo the Faith that he had embraced as a young the Spiritual Assenib'iy of
 Paris:
 man and had served faithf~ily for lbrty "Deeply grieved. Deplore
 loss stauxch,
 years of his life. courageous, tireless
 promoter Faith, Edith
 Interment took place in Yokohama at no011 Sanderson, greatly beloved
 'Abdu'l-BahB.
 on May 8. Ninc believers representing Iran Long record historic
 services covering heroic,
 and the United States were present and they formative age Faith
 imperishable, reward
 chanted and read prayers and verses froun the Abhk Kingdon1 great,
 assured. Urge believers
 Roly Utterances. In the evening of tbe same centers France hold
 memorial gathering,
 day in an atmosphere of reverence, an extol exemplary spirit,
 emulate noble example.
 in~przssivemenlorial. service was heid at the Exert utmost burial Paris
 execution BahB'i
 Bahrf Haq'ratu'l-Quds in Tokyo. Twenty- laws."
 three believers representing Japan, frh and Edith Sanderson, one of
 the firsr pioneers
 the United States gathered to bear the revered of the Bahi'i Faith in
 France, taught by that
 Guardian" Iovixx cablegram of sympathy distinguished BahB'i, May
 Bolles Maxwell,
 and appreciation, and to listen to messages has finished her life on
 earth: but the G-umdian
 from relativcs and from believers in different assures us of her entrance
 into the AbhA
 parts of the world. After selections from the Kingdom. Even in the
 sadness of separation,
 Writings on life eternal were read, a r&stm& of we imst rejoice ill her
 attainment to a higher
 Anthony's life-work for tine Faith was given. state of b&g.
 Laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery of Her life aamoni: us was
 long and beneficent.
 Yamatemachi on the bluff in the city of An American, she passed her
 earliest years
 Yokohama, he sleeps in a country fie admired with her Faniiy iil
 Sacranlento, capital of
 m d loved-Japan, Land of the Rising Snn. California, where her
 father was Chief Justice

Today believers and friends from Yokohama, Tokyo and nearby places a>i.ileto his her four daughters grave and keep his memory alive by their education. They frequent visits, floral gifts and loving prayers. ddest, Sybil

A letter frola the Guardian, through his secretary, to the newly-elected National Spiritual Assernbiy of the Bahzis of North East Asia, gives a final tribute to the services of Anthony Seto:

"The work so faithfully carried on by the sister, Edith, became American and Persian pioneers, has born its first fruit. The long and Ioyd services of dear Agncs Alexander, who so faithfully casried out the beloved Master's wishes and served the spiritual interests of japan for decades, the joy and honor of has been ricllly crowned. Even the death of the devoted pioneer, Mr. Anthony Seto, has added a blessing to t l work ~ in that region, wars, Edith Sander- for he scz-ved in spite of failing health and power to preserve remained at his post to be iaid to rest in a BahiriB'iFaith. Her distant land, his very dust testifying to the the Bgb, of BahB'u5- greatness of the love and nature of tlxe ideals was continuous a ~ i d BahB'u'llah has inspired in His servailts." growing knowledge of Pa-sian she achieved an evar Inore direct coi~gicl~nsion of Tlteir Writings. Although fragile in appearance, she bad rare will-power

of the Supren~eCourt of that death, Mrs. Sanderson took to Ewope to fiiiish thzir settled in Paris, where the Saide~son,became one of the singers OF the end of the The composer Massenet several operas, in which w~.nposedfor her. In 1901, the youngest a Baha'i and went several Land, where she lived with 'Abdu'l-Baha. These visits periods of her life. When to P a i s in 1912. she had receiving Rim in the home Avenue MalakoT. D ing the two world son d ~ deverything in her in France the Arne of the study of tilt teachjngs of li& and of 'Abda'l-Bal-18 profound, and with her

ANNEMARIE SCHWEIZER

One of the earliest Bahk'fs in Germany, Annemarie Schuleizer was affectionately known as "Tank hfariele" to many Bahk'is throughout the world, as weil as hGermany. She and her husband, Friedrich Schxveizer had ihe great privifegz of beconling BahA'is before World War I. She followed the path of BahB'u'IEh with great enrhusiasm, md taught indefatigably in womc~'s clubs and associations and itherever there was an oppartunity lo do so.

In the years 1911 and 1913, in Park, Stuttgart and Esslingen, Frau Schweizer several times met 'Abdu'l-Bahh, who honored her by staying in her hone in Stuttgart-Zuffenhausen, Friesensisasse 26. Since that time this home has been a center of activity m n g the BahB'ls in Germany. From here Edith Sanderson communications went out to the whole world.

To this home came letters from BahKis of d1 countries. Friends visiting Stuttgart found and fidelity, and she displayed a coufage their way to this home. One could almost say, "Who did not know Annemarie Schweizer?" almost heroic in spreading the BahB'i Faith in a country where it found little response. Who has not already heard of her?"

F r o n ~the time of her conversion to the end BahB'i Faith in Frau Schweizer taught the of hcr life, she gathexed in her home seekers its eady years in Germany; 'Abdu'l-BahB greatly appreciated her of the tmth. She kept well-informed of the efforts. AEkr His passing she held fast to current writers of our epoch, such as Lecomte His Will and Testa- melt; all doubts which du Now, Father Teilhard du Chardin, and rebounded f m her as from arose in those years

S h o n e Weill, and consequently had. contact She became one of the mothers of the with writers or groups who were interested in German BahTi social and spiritual questions. co~nrrnunity and a light in the European

She was a force in these uncertain times, mother-community- of
 Stuttgart.
 a hope hours of desolation; she gave to the In the spring of 1934
 she was privileged to
 point of exhaustion of her time and her visit the Guardian of the
 Faith in
 means. Haila. She returned with
 new impetus to
 Like 'Abdu'l-Baha, she loved nature: activate the teaching efforts,
 During the
 flowers, trees, the sea, the beauty of clouds. prohibition of the Faith
 under Hitler she was
 She lived in a rarified atmosphere. Her many taken by the Gestapo, was
 tried before a
 ordeals could not efface the charm of her court and sentenced. After
 1945 she was
 countenance. again teaching the Faith,
 and undertook trips
 Let us give honor by our deeds to her to visit old friends and to
 contact and win
 whom we loved, who knew how to live as a new ones. Whenever there
 was a meeting in
 true Christian and a "true Bahá'í. the German Bahá'í
 community-teaching
 L. D. Duff conferences, summer schools, regional, na-
 tional and intercontinental conferences she
 was present. She was vivacious, generous and
 friendly to the last hour of her earthly Life.
 As she had always wished, death came to
 her among the Mends at the Swinmes School
 in Esslingen, on August 23, 1957 in her
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of Shoghi Effendi's telegram concerning the
 departed soul of Mrs. Zarrintaj Aherkhi.
 She passed away in Dar-es-Salaam, Tan-
 ganyika, where she left a brilliant name and
 set a high example in the fulfillment of the
 wishes of the beloved Guardian. She was
 given the gift of being one of the pioneers
 of the early stage of our spiritual Testimony-
 Year Campaign to Africa. With a weak body attacked
 by grave illness (cancer of the throat) and an
 exalted spirit inspired and blessed by the
 Blessed Beauty she bravely won the victory
 in the service of our beloved Faith.
 She was a grandchild of Razai-Rooh

who was one of the renowned souls who served the Faith. Her father was Colonel Ha' & in, a high-ranking chemist in the Persian army. She married Dr. Youness Afratih who was the personal secretary and interpreter of the Beloved Master for nine years in Haifa. She was well educated and received her diploma in midwifery from the American Hospital in Tiberias. She took an active Bahá'í committee work in ~ i & accompanied her husband in some of his teaching campaigns. She left two daughters, with their families, are her from our midst. Although in the spring Africa.

she had for days hovered between life and death, she still spared no effort to help the friends and strengthen them in the teachings, Annemarie Schaeffer is immortal in German Bahá'í history. Her home she gave in her will to the National Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Germany.

When the Guardian was informed of her passing, he sent the following cablegram: "Grieve passing distinguished handmaid Center Covenant much loved deeply admired Annemarie Schaeffer. Record notable services closing years Heroic, three decades Formative Ages Bahá'í Dispensation imperishable. Reward great Kingdom. Fervently praying progress soul."

"Grieve passing distinguished handmaid Center Covenant reward great Kingdom pray progress soul example she set worthy emulation spiritual sisters Persia," is the text Afratih

Zarrintaj

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In spite of being in bed all the time, Mrs. Afratih was crowned with an historic service in Dar-es-Salaam, for example, on her request and encouragement the Spiritual Assembly applied to the government for a plot of land for a Bahá'í cemetery and thus could receive the precious appreciation of the beloved Guardian for being the first

Fozdar that Dr.

that he availed of for his wife, and sent her Fozdar was protected by God.

This pilgrimage

travelling to all parts of India to teach the Cause. strengthened him further in the Faith, and

he stayed behind to look after his work and on his return he advised friends to go and

his children. The Cause in India has been met by the beloved Guardian as "he gives new

impetus in many cities with the name Fozdar. spiritual sustenance."

His acceptance of the Faith antagonized When the National Spiritual Assembly of

his mother and other relations, and he was ill and started his seven-year plan,

Dr. Fozdar

persecuted by them for some years; but he volunteered to settle in virgin

territories and

remained undisturbed. When the Parsi priests succeeded in establishing groups and assemblies

attacked the Cause in the press he countered them.

X N M E M O R I A M

In obedience to the call of the beloved Guardian to Singapore as the authorities on that island

Guardian far pioneers to southeast Asia, Dr. Fozdar would not prolong his stay.

Fozdar resigned his government post in the On his return to Malaya,

Dr. Fozdar

railway, four years before the period of settlement in a virgin

territory and within

retirement, and went to Singapore. A complete settlement was succeeded in forming

the new Assembly

stronger to that city he established himself as a settlement. His spiritual

children settled in virgin

a medical practitioner. He gave the Message to territories and the Cause

spread rapidly.

to the elite, to his patients who came from all At a time when he was

actively preparing

walks of life, and to humble folk. We kept his Convention which

Convention which

home open for all who wished to know about the Cause was to be held in Singapore

two days later,

the Cause and would discuss with inquirers he was suddenly, but

peacefully, called away

until midnight. To wide souls to the Faith to be the guest of God.

had become second nature and he was very The name of Fozdar in

Singapore and

often misunderstood and called a fanatic. The name Malaya is a household word

and is linked

beloved Guardian at that time wrote to him in Malaya through his secretary, "Your departure for movement for Ilu-Singapore and safe arrival there brought him morality, amity great joy and he has high hopes for the success of your teaching work, particularly since old when he receiving the atice, published in the press BahB'u'llhh. there, w h i l you recently sent him. The devotion with which you, your dear wife, and now your son and daughter-in-law serve the Cause of God i s truly exemplary and cannot but attract the blessings of Bah2-u'liah and His confirmations. Your heart must rejoiee that God has so blessed you and favored you."

Dr. Fozdas was blessed with five children: three sons and two daughters, d l B M i s . a steadfast He trained his children to be devoted to the the low of God" who Cause and encouraged them to play great Bail~\$u'llih for r6Zes in the fidd of teaching and pioneering; Mosul, the largest and he gave them all a very good education. was aware of the In order to prove to the people &at Baha'is Qur'an and the practise service to Ilumanity, Dr. and Mrs. Pozdar started a free school in Singapore ill Mosul; his *re 300 underpsiv2eged women were taught Scriptures had to read and write. The people of Singapore people. were inlpressed by this spirit of sacrifice, and about 1845 through other organbations and individuals later Klishau, who had -Eollo\vedsuit and many nwse such free classes to Mosul ~ ~ i t h for poor wonlen were started. The Cause

with the BahB'i Faith, which represents a progressive ~nanitytowads spirituality, and unity. Dr. Fozdar was sixty years died in active service of Mu115 &mad AI-Mailkb was believer "ki~~dkd with had raised the banner of almost half a century in city of northern 'Iraq. He nlysteries of the Bible, the Baha'i Scriptures. He had most of the BahB'is residing explmations of the divine attracted the hearts of the He accepted the Fairh MirzB 'Ali Zayn'l-'Abidin been banished from t3agbdAd many Persian believers soon

after Baha'u'-

became better known and in 1952, two years after his pioneering to Singapore, the first Spiritual Assellbly was formed. In 1953, Dr. Pozdar attended this Inter-continental Conference in New Delhi. When the appeal for pioneers was made for virgin territories, he volunteered to go to Andaman %assumed before the tsIm~ds; this pleased the beloved Guardian, of Islam) to answer zed he received the title of Knight of B&i'uT- accusation of e~nbra-

118h's bailishment to Istanbul. Mirz&'AH was living in a room in the same

inn known as man El Mufti in Sarai market,

where Mulla Aljmad used to work as an

ophrhahlogist. When Mulla AWad em-

braced the Cause his family tusned hiin out

of his house and he

h f u f ~ i (ie., Head Priest

qi~estiotasrs, wding the

ing 2 new religion. Muilk &mad defended

the uew Revelation with such power and

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he quoted from the Qur'kn. The two young men testified that it was Mull5 Ahnlad who converted them to the Bahii'i Faith, which they wholeheartedly embraced now. At last the court found the 111 innocent and not guilty of any crime, and released them, declaring that there was not a single reason that BahB'is in Mos~IZand in another town, Ba'qubah, should be regarded as communists.

In a special message from the beloved Guardian to 'Ehc 'PrBq National Assembly Rc glorified the courage the believers of Mosul and Ba'qubah displayed during the trials and persecutions they suffered. In 1939 Mull& Alpnad received a cablegram from the Guardian expressing appreciation of his merits and beseeching for him heavenly blessings. In March, 1940 the Guardian mentioned the name of Mull&*ad before some 'Mqi pilgrims as being kindled with the love of God and corresponding to the believers of America.

Mulla Ahmad saved every penny he gained to support the Bahji funds at home and abroad. He was a salt-seller by profession and ability that the clergy were astounded, remained healthy and sound until the last moment of his life.

Mulla Ahmad dedicated his whole life to the sacred task of teaching the Faith, completely dedicating his time to it, he led a long life of celibacy and detachment. He expressed his desire to spend the remaining few days of his life among the Bahis of the new believers, established the First Bahai Center in Mosul, to the bitter dissatisfaction of its fanatical population; armed with different weapons and tools of butchers, carpenters and blacksmiths, they marched on the Bahai Center and attacked and beat down Mulla Ahmad mercilessly. Mulla Ahmad defended the Faith through distinguished pro-writing excellent articles which he sent to Muslim periodicals in Mosul and Baghdad which had continually attacked the Faith. On June 22, 1939 the police raided Mulla Ahmad's house, gathered the Bahai books they found there, put the lot into a sack and obliged the aged Mulla Ahmad to carry this heavy load on his back to the carriage which took them to the custody of the Court. He was detained for a fortnight with two members of the young Bahis, Bahji and Bahji and Bahji in its early days in America.

Two months before his death he suffered pleurisy. He did not wish to die. He expressed his desire to spend a few days of his life among the Bahis of Kirkuk, a neighboring city. He actually spent ten days among the friends in Kirkuk and passed away peacefully on October 15, 1957. On October 31 the following telegram was received, which was really the last message he received from Shoghi Effendi: "Deep sorrow passing Mulla Ahmad his services richly rewarded praying progress soul Kingdom."

Among the distinguished members of the young Bahis, Bahji and Bahji in its early days in America.

During the long process of the trial Mulla Ahmad appears the name of Dr. Al-Amin

LeRoy Locke,

Alyc~adcourageously defended the Faith and noted American Negro author and educator.

proved the Lordship of Bd~&'u'Ilith by verses Aiain Locke was born in September, 1886

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in Phiiadelphia, where he received his eleinen-
tary and high school'education. At the age
o f eighteen he entered the Philadelpl~ia
School of Pedagogy, and on graduation three
years later he enrolled at Efaiiard College
he graduated in 1907 with honors

from ~ h i c h

in Philosophy and English. i n recognition
of his outstanding ability and achjeverneilt,
this same college, in 191S, honored Dr. Locke
with a Doctor of Philosophy dcgree.

In 1918 Dr. Locke was awardcd a Rhodes
Scholarship which entitled him to three yzars
at Oxford. This was followed by a year of
specializstiorxin pIxiZosophy at the University
of Berlin.

Folwing his return home to hme~ica,Dr.

L o c h spent six xnollths in the Southern
States where, for the first time in Ixis life, he
came actually f x c to face with the race
problem. From then unkil his death on h u e
3, 1954, d l the while teaching philosophy at
Howzrd University, Dr. Loeke devoted his
literary and avocational interests to the anal-
ysis, interpretation and recognitio~l of the
culturaf achievenlents of the Negro and his
relations with orlw races.

In the e d y 1920's Dr. Locke came into Negro and His Music, and The Negro in
Art.

contact with tile BahA'i Faith in Mi8shington, From 1948, in spite of failing
health, until his

D.C. He immediiiateEy recognized and accepted death, he was a valued and active
member

its teachings as %heonly tm solution to the of the Book Committee of The Key
Rqorter,

problems arising from prejudice among men. the official quan-terly of Phi Beta
Kappa of

This belief was reected in his pubXic ap- which he was a member. At his death
he held

pemances atad in his writings wherein Ile the title of Professor of

Philosophy-Emeritus

continually pointed out that the rapid advance at: Howard
University, Washington, D.C,
of the Negro was not a social and economic
encroachment, which the prejudice of the
whites fought to hold in check, but that it
was part of the common advancement of all
mankind, lifting the level of civilization as
a whole.

During one of his travels abroad, Dr. Locke
had the rare privilege of visiting Shoghi
Effendi, the Guardian of the Bahá'í Faith,
and the Sacred Shrines of the Báb, Bahá'u'lláh
and 'Abdu'l-Bahá. His experiences at this-
spiritual center are recorded in his article, "George Spindlove combined in
his life and

F. ST. GEORGE SPINDLOVE

1897-1962

"Impressions of Haifa," which was published with the deeply spiritual and the
brilliantly
in Volume III of The Bahá'í Texts. A further intellectual, and became
distinguished and
statement of his conviction of the truth and much beloved not only among the
Bahá'ís but
power of the Bahá'í Faith appears in Volume among his professional
colleagues, as well.

Under the title, "The Orientation of the Artist." His chosen profession was the
world of art

Dr. Locke's books and poems on racial and archeology, in which he made a name
himself in America, Canada,
Europe and
known being The Negro in America, The Far East. The Foreword to his first book,
The

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Face of the World, Canada, contains the following where I last saw him. He
introduced me to

tribute, written by Lorne Pierce, editor of The Bahá'í World. In many books and many
thoughts and influ-

Ryerson Press, publisher of the book: influenced my mind. I am not
speaking of him as a

"Both in what Mr. Spindlove writes and in Bahá'í, but as a human
being... the inner

the things he collects can be discerned the whose heart was healed,
after the terrible

qualities of his character-his restless curiosity, experiences of war, by the
teachings of

his integrity, his dislike of affectation. His Baha'u'lla, and who became
His devoted

thinking is warmed by deep emotional and spiritual attitudes. Aided by a phenomenal George's telling that and photogaphic memory, by a vast capacity studying the BahB'i Faith for patient and psolonged concentration, his notebook in which to uncanny instinct enables him to tell the good scientifc researcher, any froin the bad and the real from the shoddy. be answered satis- A specialist orspecialists,with an almost fana t- Teachings. After thirty years ical love of the minutiae of evide~~ce in his book, at Green Acre, highly specialized xvold, he reinains delight- not a single entry fully hwllan because of his interest in people, years later, he was asked and also bccause of his saving grace of humox. admitted there was This rich vein of humor is perhaps the best clue to his OWXI personality. Certainly it is a part of the Green clue to his vast interest in everything hunzan in Eliot, Maine. in aur history, in everything that in any way vacations he taught touches man.. ." courses which opened to many tine depth and George Spendlove was born in Montreal, beauty of the Bah2i Teachings. It was at Green Acre that he met Canada, April 23, 1897; his family was well Dorothy G. Spurr of known in that city. He was educated privately Sparkill, New York, and they were married in 1929. Their son David by tutors; he showed particular interest in and their daughter Dorothy was born in 1933, and their daughter Dorothy art histmy, and early acquired tastes which were to influence his future carecr, At 19 After being in business as a dealer in fine a r t s for several years he enlisted far the war and served in the year 1932-1933 hz sold out and spent Europe, suffering seve16 concussion which India and the Far East. travelling in Palestine, injured the nerves of his ears. The deafness

follower.. ."

Many will serneniber

when he first began

he got himself a large

jot down, as a good

question he felt could not

factorily in the

he rreferrzd again to this

and told that there was

in it ! Again, several

about the notebook. We

still no entry.

Gem-ge became a vital

Acre BahA'i Summer School,

Duriilg his sumner

courses which opened to

beauty of the Bah2i

Green Acre that he met

Sparkill, New York, and

in 1929. Their son David

and their daughter Dorothy

After being in

a r t s for several years

the year 1932-1933

India and the Far East.

which resulted was to plague him all his life. year that George made He returned to Montreal in 1919 but was pilgrimnazs to Haifa. Iie unable to work for two texs. It was during and art collections, the latter part of this period that he became communities. interested 4a rhe Teachings of Bah2u'llrih him May 8, 1933; through readi~lg a book oil conlparative from acknowledging religion. receipt of your welcome letter and from hatu.1-Bah& RS\$yyih MhBnum, wife of as a token of my the Guardian of the BahB'i Faith and the des7otcdandnotable former Mary Maxwell of Montreal, has Icherish happy recollect-written concerning this period of George*slife: sl~ooxtpilgrimage, and trust the "I remember George coming ta the meetings you can make in our home when X was a child. It was after &shrines. May the tZze first World War. . . He gradually accepted you, sustain and the Cause and was a devoted friend of niy you to achieve your mother and of nle as I grew up. . . George Spendlove was always a fascinating person. return from this He had a most charming and individual to take a two-year mind; he was also a thinker and a man of archeoaogy at the Courtauld great culture. ?b talk to M m was always a University of London. On treat for me, whzthcr as a child, oi. here when hc was given the he came on his pilgrimage, or in Toronto Dipbmlz in Arche

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It was during this his first of two visited not only museums but many BahZi groups and Shoghi Effendi \)rote to ". . . I cannot refrain adding a few words in person lively appreciationof your services to the Cause. tions of your day may not be distant when a longer visit to the holy ALmighty keep and bless protect you, and assist heart's desire." The year following his trip George went to London course in Chinese Institute of the completion of 'this cowse Academic Post-Graduate

of your historic services to the Faith. You have upheld the principles of our Faith, spil-i1ual

as well as administrative, and with exemplary loyalty, courage and wisdom. I will, from the depths of my heart, supplicate for you the Master's richest blessings. Persevere in your high endeavors."

After George's death, David Hofilian wrote from London concerning these services: "He was one of the first Bahá'ís, in the Maxwell home in 1933, whom I met and I was always running into him after that. He introduced me to the British community when I came home. . . He played a very great part in establishing the British N.S.A. 011 a firm foundation and beginning the Administrative Order here."

In November, 1936, George returned to Canada to join the staff of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, in charge of the Japanese and East Indian Collections. After several years he became curator of the Modern European Collections and was appointed special lectures in the department of art and archeology of the University of Toronto. F. St. George Spence Toronto, corresponding to the rank of associate professor.

The wide extent of his knowledge and of his interests is shown in the varied subjects he assisted the Royal Academy in preparing a catalogue of his lectures, given at art galleries, art museums and schools, in Chicago, Boston, Kansas City, Milwaukee, and Williamsburg (Virginia) in the United States, besides Montreal and Toronto. When working with Chinese art by teaching himself a copy of one of his lectures asked for a copy of one of his lectures to read the printed language. He was appointed by a friend unable to attend it, his reply was, "I have it all in my head." This was true, as its assistant secretary and the editor of the Chinese art, his first whether the subject was its catalogue.

Royal Society of Arts, the Royal Geographical Society, the long, searching moment, then unerringly- Museums Association of London. He was oil the precise cause of yow charter member of Far Eastern Ceramic dilemma. It isn't always easy to face up to Group, and was elected to membership in the look into the exacting mirror of truth. But Michigan Academy of Sciences, the Royal Asiatic Society of Belgium, the Royal Societies saw with better grace and firmer resolve to do Club of London, and was moderator of the constructive about it because you First International Wedgwood Seminar. Post- knew he expected it of you." humoasly I was awarded a certificate of George's fkesides in Toronto literally commendation by the American Association sparked that community into activity and for State and Local history. growth. One of those who for fourteen years During all these years of intense application regularly attended has written:
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in his chosen profession, George lectured at ". . . As the evening started one was aware Green Acre, nearly every year, and for over of George's almost unbearable fatigue from twenty years had a Tuesday night Bahk'i the efforts of his strenuous day at the Museum, fireside in Toronto. and the struggle he would undergo within EE's courses on BahSu'llBh's Book of himself to draw on the opening prayer and his Certitude (~itab-i-iqgn) and on Gleanings~ own inner supplication for spiritual strength. f i m the Writings of Btdlu'lfdf~will long be Soon, it would come pouring out, and he remembered, He was also generous with his would gain a mysterious momentum which time for individual consultation. His keen carried us all into his rare atmosphere. .. perception was active primarily in his under- We were dI spetlbonnd. . . The pristine ~vords s h ~ d i n g of the spiritual reality in man. The rolled out, and you plucked from a surfeit

shoddy or superficial was stripped away what you lesser mind could grasp. He within a few words. If you could not stand repeated himself often, so that you could go

this searchlight of the spirit, it was your loss. back still tie the pieces together, but it was

If you came to him with a problem, he set never boring to hear the same phrases over

you again on the path of love, service and again; it only made you more aware of their

obedience; the particular was gently but simple truth. 'It is always possible to do

firmly put in its true proportion with the whole. what God wants you to do,' he would say.

His humor was ever present, wholesome and And this was somehow annoying because clarifying, you knew that it was. George

put you on a

Many will remember his oft-quoted close, intimate connection with God as a admonition, "Be very careful what you pray 'dear friend, who loves you more than your

for; you may get it." He was an ardent own mother or father could possibly love advocate of prayer, of the daily obligatory you.' And George had a sense of hmmm that

prayer, and of all the laws of Bahá'u'lláh. He outlined out everything he said-the true

was sure all prayers are answered, although mark of greatness. 'Honourably,' he would say,

the answer 'my son-in-law' "no." and then look around at us mischievously.

One Green Acre friend has written¹³, recalling B e meant this in the sense &at without God

George" services: directing our lives we were nothing. With

"I often thought how aptly he was named, God in our lives, he would go on, we could

St. George. We seemed to me to have con- become the most fulfilled, the most mature,

quered his personal dragons with quiet the most happy people that it was possible to

dignity in order to have dispatched the 111 with become, I felt stressed that there was no such

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thing as accident or coincidence, that God having been in excellent spirits, though

knew every line that our eyes would follow complained of tiring easily.

in these papers, that He was deeply interested Raiyyih minum, after being informed

later years he had too great respect for the veillance les croyants, ainsi que
ceux qui
preciousness of the Gwdrdirtn's tiim to burden dbirajent se renseigner sur la.
Poi BahQie.

him with correspondence. EUE bs a regus, d'abord 8 17
' rue Bolssonade

After George's return from this pilgrimage, ou elk v&ut jusqu'h la mort d'Edwin
Scott

he was looking forward to his retirenl~t. He en 1929, puis ti 12 rue Victor
Considgrant 00

wrote to an old friend in February, 1962: elle s'installa aprb, dans un
autre atelier,

"I am leaving the Museum for good on toujours entourkc des belles oeuvres de
son

June 1st (what a relief!) and we are going to rnari et dam un quartier qui h i
etait familier.

the farm for a couple d months. Some rime Dans Zeur prem3re demeure,
M. et Mme.

in August we start on a 'crawl' to the West Scott eure~ltle grand priviltge de
recevoir

coast, and take our ship for Sydney at deux ou trois fois 'Abdu'l-BahA quand il
vint

Vancouver on September Eth, Our final port en France. Il s'adressa dans leur
grand atelier

of call will probably be Seoul, and I am going 5 un auditoire de cent & deurr
cents perso~~nes,

to see (if God permits) if I can be of any use l l s eurent aussi la joie de bien
cannaitre

to the Koreans. They have had such a hard Shoghi Effendi; il venait bs voir
quand il

history! . . . I am going to various places in traversait Paris pour se rendre B
l'universiti:

the Far East, and if l lind a place where l can d'Oxford.

be of use to the Faitl~,even at my advanced Dmsla secoade demeure de
Josephine Scott

age, it is my intention to stay there. However, fut instalike la bibliothkque
BahB'ie et cette

inan proposes and God disposes. . ." demeure devint un centre de
reunions.

On May 10, 1962 George passed away Mentionno~is specialement les confkrences
peacefully in his sleep in Toronto, seemingly organisCes par les gtudiants
persans en

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"The soul that harh reinaiued faithfill to
the Cause of God, and stood unwaveringly
firin in His Path shall, after his ascension, be

possessed of such power that all the worlds
which the Almighty hath created, can benefit
through him."

What proof we have already had OF the
truth of this statement! A power is stirring
within Finland. People are definitely awak-
ening, searching for the Light of Truth.

The passing of ELsa VENTO in Finland,
on August 31, 1955 has left a great gap in the
Bahá'í ranks in Finland. We did not realize
how dear she was and how we all leaned on
her- and loved her until she was taken from
our midst,

Josephine Scott
that

Elsa radiated a superb spiritual vigor

that charged the atmosphere of our meetings. Her
bright eyes danced and sparkled from sheer
Europe since 1932 to 1938, inherent joy. Her weakening
physical strength put
two or three times a year. Des questions impor- into greater relief her
-sublime spiritual powers.

tant y étaient pour des jeunes Bahá'ís All those who came into
contact with her

iraniens. Des exposés étaient faits par &verses during her brief stay in a
nursing home

personnalités, notamment par l'historien du remarked about the great
power of her

BBB, Nicolas, par Emile Schraiber, auteur beautiful eyes and
luminous face. This some-

d'un reportage sur la religion Bahá'íe dans thing intangible, difficult
to explain, through

l'hebdomadaire L'Illustration. of heaven, which felt also

on reading her letters,

En 1948, pour des raisons de santé dues en a true source of
inspiration. The writer

partie aux privations de la guerre, Mme. corresponded with her in
Espérance for twelve

Scott fut obligée de s'installer dans une years before meeting her
for the first time

maison de passage. Les Bahá'ís qui allèrent la in May 1950 in Helsinki,
voir furent profondément touchés par la Elsa Vento was born in
Tampere, Finland,

ferveur de sa foi et son intérêt croissant dans on March 14, 1886 as Elsa
Matilda Hellstrom.

le développement de la Cause à travers Ze Being of an original bent
d mind, an early

moilde. searcher of Truth, she
 always blessed the
 Ce couple Baha'i, si profondi.nlent uni day God led her faoi8steps to
 the glorious Teachings of BahB'u'liiih.
 repose maintenant dans le cimetikre de
 She first heard and accepted the Faith in
 Scezux, aux environs immbdiats de Paris. Toronto, Canada. in
 Des tabjea~ur d'Edwin Scott se ti-ouvent 1938. By 1944 she was
 pioneering in Prince Edward Island. She always
 dans pltisieurs Mus6es d'Eusope eF dans des longed to return
 ktablissements officieis, B Washington meme. to hex- native Finland to
 share her inestimable
 jewels. After trventy-six years in Canada,
 vlith her scant earnings, her dream was
 realized in the early spring of 1950. Financial
 pressure, however, made a retwn to Toronto
 imperative, but after putting aside penny
 upon penny, April, 1953 found her again in
 three weeks of beer passing. She was a pure,
 humble, self-sacrificing, noble s ~ u lwho
 , nwer
 wished credit nor the limelight. She was
 dearly beloved by dl the Finnish Ba'hlB'is.
 From 1938 on, EIsa traildated many of tlse
 Baha'i writings and talks, which were pub-
 lished in Finnish newspapers in the United
 States and Canada. Many of her poems zlso
 appeared in newspapers, magzGnes and in
 pan~phletform. She was the means of con-
 firming two of her sisters besides many
 others. Truly a great pioneer!

DR. JOHN GEORGE MITCHELL
 1907-1957

"Greatly deplore loss nluch loved 3oh11
 Elsa Matiida Vento Mitchell staunch, consecrated promoter
 Faith.
 Fervently supplicating progress his soul."
 Thus read the cable received from the Guardian by the National
 her beloved Finland-this time to remain. Spiritual Assembly
 The fo llowing is the appreciative cablegram of the British Isles. John
 Mitchell was a
 from tbe beloved Guardian: "Grieve loss much loved man, loved by
 the Guardian and

precious pioneer Elsa Vento. Her historic contact with him. He services unforgettable. Praying progress soul kindness. generosity and in Kingdom. Love." skill as a doctor. The most me~xorabieevent

From Gerd Strand of the Northern Coan- of his life came in 1953 when he made the pilgrimage to the Holy

tries Regional Committee: "We feel with you Shrines in Haifa and Bahji, and had the

all in this terrible loss of our dear Elsa, a soul privilege of meeting Shoghi Effendi. The

so devoted, so pure, so detached, so cleansed Guarlian thought very highly of him and

of all the worldly things. Her visit with us in entrusted him with his original nlap of the goals

the Regional Committee in Stockholm will be of the Ten-Year Crlisade to take to Rome

one of the most outstallding memories eon- for printing. Tle was born in

nected with the work an that committee. Her Biddenham, Bedfordshire, England, on November

mind remained clear to the end because her 19,1907. On the death of his father, when John

light came from above, and in that direction was thirteen, his mother contin~~ed to run

her vision was never blurred. . .I was the one the farm on which they lived. John went to

to get the greatest benefit from her burning college and took his B.A. at Jesus College,

Torch. . . she filled me with awe every moment Cambridge, in 1932. He then entered St.

of the time we spent togethex, and now that Bartholamew's Hospital, London, and qualified from

she is relieved of all pain, her help in the there in 1937 with the diploma M.R.C.S.,

Cause she so dearly loved, will be indispu- L.R.C.P. From May to November of that

table." year he held the

Elsa's activities spread throughout Finland, posts of non-resident

anasthetist and junior resident anaesthetist at

even ta L a p h d . She wrote IeEters about the this hospital, and

Faith and sent Bahd'i literature to clubs of all gained his diploma in

anaesthetics in June kinds: youth, scientific, labor, ed~rcationaland 1938.

women's organizations. She worked quietly
Worcester Infir-
and unobtrusively, actively and persistently
years served in the
under the most trying conditions to within
Sanitorium near Bedford.

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where he was in charge. The Matron there
said of him "he always thinks of his patients,
never of himself". Many workers in the nearby
first pioneer to give
brickworks revere him with gratitude
SahB"u'Hfi amidst
as he it was who helped them recover from
Swaziland, and one
tuberculosis.

post during the Ten-

John heard of the Faith in the latter 1940's
and became a Bahai in 1950. He soon took
first to arise and

an active part and from 1951 to 1953 served
beloved Guardian,

on the Consolidation Committee. He was
pioneers to leave their
a member of the National Spiritual Assembly
indifferent to

from 1952 to 1954 and during that period
Elizabeth Fisher

became national treasurer. He said that he
African pioneer-

felt he was then a part of history. During
her goal in life;

these years he toured the country, took the
land that she

friends from one town to another in his car,
finally it became her

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opening up new territory to the Faith. As
the people to whom

treasurer he worked hard, starting early in the
Bahai'Ukh.

morning and often missing his meals, trying
the pioneering

to cope with the books and letters.
covered wagon

Upon his return to England from Haifa

He subsequently went to

Mary and during the war

Moggerhanger Park

MAUDE ELIZABETH TQDD FISHER

Maude Fisher was the

her life for the Faith of

the sweet green hills of

of the first to die at her

Year Crusade.

She was also among the

answer the call of the

Shoghi Effendi, for

homeland. Forgetful of age,

weakening health, Maude

was determined to reach her

ing post. Swaziland became

then it became her home, the

end of all; then

last resting-place among

she had brought the light of

Maude Fisher was born to

spirit. She drove her own

across the great western plains

and into the

John pioneered in Blackpool for several months and then pioneered to Malta, becoming a Knight of BaWu'lljh. It was in Malta that his illness became apparent and he was flown home early in 1956 for treatment in London. He seemed better for a while, but later.

an operation on his brain became necessary, which left him partially paralyzed. English, Scotch was said that the

Having hardly any relatives left in England

Frenchman he then came to live with friends in Leicester and thus the Leicester Bahsis, few in number then, were privileged to get to know Izim and Slay, was a woman

were helped by his presence amongst them. and deep religious

He died on February 19, 1957 and is buried in a Leicester cemetery, his body lying

told her, "Don't worry, Maude; as you work your blessings will come."

His headstone aptly records: "A life for her father's others spent,"

eighty-acre Kansas farm. All his efforts went toward the education of his five sons. His four daughters, he felt, needed only a good home and a husband who would love and protect them. He had at least some rebels among his daughters. One was Maude Elizabeth. She had the same pioneering spirit which had led her grandmother to cast aside a useless life and sail for America. Her father always said laughingly that she was a find for two queens. Maude Elizabeth's regal manner and diplomacy won him over

mountain country of the

heart was restless, always

seeking that finer land that

to satisfy a longing thirst

be quenched until she

of Baha'u'llah many years

She was descended from

and French ancestry, and it

tall, dark, handsome and silent

who had married her maternal

was part American Indian.

Her mother, Lydia Ann

of manual industry, vision

conviction, She understood

in her daughter's heart and

worry, Maude; as you work

will come."

Maude Elizabeth grew up on

eighty-acre Kansas farm.

until he agreed that she could have a limited education. By sheer determination and encouragement from her understanding

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motl~er, Maude Elizabeth worked until she secured an elementary teacher's certificate. This proved to be a wise investment, for one Mrier winter - .hen the crops aL1 failed\$it was the meager salary of Maude Elizabeth which helped support the family.

She also persuaded her father to let her take lessons in art. Maude was very gifted in this field and was soon illitking more money from her painting than she could make teaching school.

Maude Elizabeth married a young farmer from rearb by whose name was Elmer Fisher. After the birth of two sons, they decided to "go west." They purchased tvo fully equipped covered wagons and started westtvards.

The journey was exciting and thrilling but it was also tong md dangerous. Maude drove one of the wagons herself. At one time her wagon burst into h n e s ; at another the children were desperately ill, and at still another her wagon was swept downstream whib she Fisher

Maude Elizabeth Todd

was fording a fast-ru~mingriver.

Maude and EInler decided that Idaho was not the place they wished to bring up their children. They moved down to California to a darkened

longer be content to return

where there were bet& schools. Here, at last, she began holding

room. To help her friends,

Maude's longed-for dream of truly beiag wrich she knew

classes in Bible prophecy

able to work for the rights of women was enabled to lead

and loved. Pn this she was

realized.

gradually and wisely those

with pure hearts

She joined several political c l ~ ~ b sshe ; to the fulfilment of the promises recorded

became bi-county president of the Women3s

in that book.

Christian Temperance Union.

In 1945 when her husband

passed away,

She was in the midst of this work when she

she went to live with her

daughter and son-
 first heard of the Message of Bahá'u'lláh, in-law, Valera and a John
 Allen, and their thir ~
 1927. Maude felt here was either the greatest sons. Her daughter has
 stated: Her good
 truth or the greatest hoax that had ever been witnessed
 by her, understanding nature, her deep, steadfast belief in God and
 offered to mankind. His Plan for this
 Soon Maude knew that this was the pure day had a profound influence
 upon the boys.
 fountain of truth for which she had been She was an untiring worker
 for the Faith,
 seeking all these years. This Faith not only serving on the Local
 Spiritual Assembly,
 elevated women to their true station in teaching wherever and
 whenever she was
 life, but it exalted all humanity to a new needed, never missing a
 community function.
 dignity and stature by bringing them close to Her greatest days of
 service to humanity
 God. were yet to come. At the age
 of eighty-two.
 Maude Fisher embraced the Faith of a grandmother and
 great-grandmother several
 times over, she was about to
 Bahá'u'lláh and began teaching it. She spoke
 embark on her
 out with the same courage and conviction most exciting journey of
 all, a 12,000 mile
 which had carried her across plains, rivers, journey into the heart of
 Africa to bring the
 mountain ranges and valleys, unafraid of my light of Bahá'u'lláh to a
 land where it was yet
 obstacle that stood in her way. She withdrew unknown. Maude Fisher was
 going to pioneer
 from the church. Her friends came to her in in the greatest religious
 corners of the world
 consternation. But Maude Fisher had found had ever known, and she
 would allow nothing
 the lamp that was alight and she could not to stand in her way.
 She made her plans to pioneer in Africa They promised, and again, in
 the United
 States following the great Bahá'í Intercontinental Congress, she became ill. In great
 pain she made
 a Conference in Chicago in 1953. She was going the long trip back to Swaziland to
 begin the
 to Swaziland with her daughter Valera and last and most fruitful years of

service. With her son-in-law, John Allen. The rest of her a remarkable return to good health, she made family, who were then not followers of teaching trips to Mozambique, Southern and BaMu'ilAh, urged her to stay at home. They Northern Rhodesia, and South Africa. She tried in every way to dissuade her. They spoke to the friends wherever she went. She pointed to her advanced age, her health, her won their hearts by her courage, indifference home, her friends, her Family; she would have to fatigue, and dedication to the work of the nothing but suffering and hardship in a Faith. It was her life. She helped to establish, strange land, a people whose language she and she served as the first Local Spiritual could not even speak, a backward and Assembly in Swaziland. primitive country where even the strong and Even in her last illness, when her pain and hardy would find it difficult to survive. Suffering were set, her thoughts were on Maude smiled, thanked them for their contribution to the progress of the teaching work. One cern, and went on packing. Her health declined evening at the hospital, she said to her daughter fail her. John and Valera went on to Swaziland after Valera: in order to reach their pioneer posts, but "We must keep the fire burning, so that Grandma Fisher had to be left behind. She the light can be seen everywhere. Not only in was determined to follow them. She finally Swaziland, not only in Africa, but it must be reached the midwest, and was stricken with a such a big fire that it can be seen all over the complete breakdown. The doctors gave up world," all hope of her life. She rallied, borne along She spoke of the beloved Guardian and by her will to reach the goal set for her by her of her deep love for him, then peacefully beloved Guardian. began another pioneer journey, this one to Once again the family entreated her to the Abh5 Kingdom. She had fallen at her turn back and remain at home where she post. She had been the spiritual soldier who would be safe and taken care of. The doctors loved by the Master, the one who puts on his

her!"

Maude Elizabeth Todd Fisher was buried high up on a hillside looking down over a great green valley toward the Lobornbo Mountains and the people she loved. The African people call this valley Ezulweni, which, like the word Ridvgn, means "paradise." A small vial of attar-of-rose, a gift to her from her beloved Guardian, was placed in her hands.

Words were spoken in both the English and African languages on that sunny July day when the earthly remains of Maude Fisher were laid to rest; words that told of the happiness she had brought to the African people.

The ceremony was closed with a prayer of Bahii'u'llah and these words spoken on behalf of all the African friends who loved her: "Tsama2a hantle, 'M'a rona kdofeela. Re fi rata hahob." ("Go well, another of us all. We love you very much.")

Until the death of the older one, on November 7, 1954 and the younger one, on August 8, 1957 these two devoted men continued to serve the Egyptian Bahri'i community and to stimulate and inspire the believers in their country to ever greater efforts in the path of God.

After the passing of 'Abdu'l-Baht, in 1921, the history of the Bahá'í Faith was enriched through the lives and the devotion to the Cause of God of two Egyptian Bahá'ís, devoted, were insular brothers, the oldest, 'Abdu'r-Rahmān Ruddi, the younger, 'Abdu'l-Fatḥ Sabri. When helping to create, the Cause was still in its infancy in Egypt Effendi, the 'Abdu'r-Rahmān accepted it during the first of the Faith in World War. In a small Musiim community such as that he lived in, in Tehel-Barroud,

a group of the Guardian of the Faith and his brothers, ever loyal and diligent in protecting the Covenant-breakers and in helping to create, under the guidance of Shoghi Effendi, the present day administration of the Bahá'í Faith in Egypt. Both brothers served at

different times and
 this was a sign of great independence of the National Spiritual
 Assembly of the Bahá'ís of Egypt and Síon; Bahá'ís of Egypt and Síon;
 thought and spirit; he hastened to convey both assisted in
 the good news to his brother, 'Abdu'l-Fattáh contacts with the
 authorities and winning a Sabri, who likewise embraced the Faith with degree of recognition of the
 infant institutions equal devotion and enthusiasm. of this Cause,
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WILLIAM KENNETH CHRISTIAN
 1913-1959

One does not expect death. at 46 years of
 age; Kenneth had never had what might be
 called great material success or any degree
 of ease. His life was a torture of stress and
 strain in his profession. As a teacher in col-
 leges, he found it imperative to earn a doc-
 toral degree and this meant eight long years
 of carrying a full teaching load, doing his
 research and writing in his "spare" time.
 These, too, were the years during which he
 served as a member of the National Spiritual
 Assembly of the Bahá'ís of the United States
 and it would have been understandable if he
 had died then from sheer fatigue.
 In 1953, the beginning of the Ten-Yew
 World Crusade, Kenneth became inspired
 with the desire to pioneer in a goal area.
 Kenneth wrote to his beloved Guardian of
 his hopes in this matter and when the answer
 was received, plans were made and finally he
 and his family set sail for Africa on December
 10, 1953. For nineteen days at sea he talked,
 prayed and planned. Then there were six
 months of failure, six months of eternity in
 At the time when Mr. Ruadi and Mr. Sabri efforts to find a job, any job, and
 personal
 accepted the Bahá'í Faith there were very few and faith was a hardship to the
 roots. Here
 few believers of pure Egyptian background. was Kenneth's own Gethsemane, with
 agonies
 The fact that they were, and that they had of mind, body and spirit to be
 continually
 accepted this new religion, not only attracted, In retrospect he was

probably truly
many other Egyptians to the Faith but brought barn during those days and nights
of despair.

upon their r n ~ ~ ccriticism

h and even pesse- He was unable to find work and thus repay
cution. Heedless of everything except their his debt to the National Spiritual
Assembly;

love far Bahii'u'llfih they served until the the lai-gestbarrier was that he
couldwnot teach

horn of their death with steadfast devation the Faith in the only way he kne ;
circum-

and enthusiasm. Such was the quality of this stances in Southern Rhodesia at
the time

devotion that their children arose to follow in made it inlpossible to boldly
proclaim the

their footsteps; many of then1 have pioneered Faith or to even openly try to
ftnd native

outside of Egypt and are spreading the Africans to whom the message might be
Messzge of God for this day in distznt places. taught. Until this time, "to
teach" had meant

Upon the death of 'Abdu-I-Fattall SSabri, "to talk", and such restraint was
almost

in 1957, tile beloved Guardian sent the overwhelmingly difficult to accept,
following cable:

After a period of trying to

get settled in

"Grieve, deplore loss distinguished pro- Africa, unsatisfactorily as it turned
out,

moter Faith. Long record services unfosgt- Kenneth asked, and received,
pern~ission

table. Rewad groat Kingdom. Praying from the Guardian to go or1 to Athens,
progress soul."

Greece, where through the help

of another

Although the words of the Guardian on pioneer i3e found a job 'teaching in a
sinall

the ocltasion of the death of the older brother Anlericansponsored college.

Since Greece

are not available at this we feel sure was a goal country he was happy
to again be

the same bcantiful tribute applies to both oil the way toward accoxnpiishing
what he

of these devoted servants of the Faith. had sot out to do, With hopes
soaring thus

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began anoti~erperiod. Bur again there was
frustration, fear, financial need and a govern-
nxnt which made it unlawful for anyone to

here people come to a home for the purpose of promulgating any religion other than the religion of the country. Again Kenneth's lips were sealed to teach the Faith without restraints. During three years he began to look inward; he went to his beloved books; he established patterns of prayer-campaigns; he sought understanding. His eloquence, his intellectual cleverness, his lightning-like thought processes and his tremendous knowledge of the teachings-all seemed useless.

In short, during these times he began to become a growing spirit. It was also during this period that a pilgrimage was made to the World Center at Haifa, and to meet the beloved Guardian---a never-to-be-forgotten event. Also during these years Kenneth was accepted as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and the Royal Geographic Society.

At the expiration of his contract to teach in Athens Kenneth became acquainted with a man who persuaded him to apply for a position as a cultural affairs officer with the Christian

William Kenneth

United States Information Agency, He was accepted and returned to Washington in 1957 for a five-months training and waiting period, was truly happy and his relationships with.

at the end of which he was assigned to the Indonesian people were thrilling to watch;

Djakarta, Indonesia. they adored him, although he never was able

While Djakarta was a goal area there was to learn their language. The Americans with

already an established Spiritual Assembly whom he associated at the Embassy, and at

there and this disappointed Kenneth to some the USIS, loved him too and called him "the

extent. However, by this time his attitude little Doc," an affectionate term for a man

was very humble and his gratitude great; who had become a humble, sweet and outgoing

he was radiantly happy. At the peak of person.

excitement and happiness, and a new beginning- This is Kenneth's story. The story of how

one day, came the news of the passing of the God burned him and pressed him and sent

beloved Guardian. On the day of the funeral him the thousand boils of Job; and how, in the in London, Kenneth Christian, and his end he became, truly, a Bahji. fanGly, \vex again on the way to yet an- There were many noble thoughts in his other pioneer post. hemt and mind as the 'esult of his special Kenneth found great difficulty functioning hour af meditation in the dawn of each. day as one of the two western people on the which was his lifetime habit. On the early aII-Persia Spiritaal Assenbly in Djakarta. morning of May 4,1959, I heard him choking, Those who knew him could imagine the inner Going to him I quickly gathered him into a effort it took for him to understand and live sitting position, trying to help him to breathe, among this loving, enthusiastic, but to him but his spirit flew from its pain-racked body incon~prehensiblegroup of eastern peoples. in a matter of fifteen minutes. His death was But Kenneth learned well and he came to due to coronary occlusion. How merciful dearly love each and every one of them. a death it was for him \rho Izad, most of kis His American friends never knew the life, suffered physical pain or distress of one entirely different person Kenneth became. He sort or another. To have been ill or to have

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suffered for any length of time would, I think, some sort are essential to growth. . .Bordefis have been difficult for him. may be great, but God is greater. He not only I3is funeral was attended by people of creates the burdens, but He has crated the every conceivable color and rank-from strength to bear them." Embassy oRleiaX to native servant. The dear April 1959: "We should personally think Persian Bahji men, who had once been such in terms of 'hopes,' not 'musts.' IF we think a somce of n~ystificationand irritation to him in terms of 'I must have,' we cut off the srrbtle just eighteen months earlier, washed his body connection with God. The easiest thing in the and anointed it with the attar-of-rose which world is to fink that our wills are sacred.

Shoghi Effendi had placed in his hands The greatest delusion is to think that we during the pilgrimage, and read prayers at absolutely know our own needs," the house and at the same. Kenneth Christian, April 24, 1951: "Marks of Maturity: 1-

Knight of Bahá'u'lláh, was the first Bahá'í to illustrate the assumption of moral responsibility, 2-

be placed in the Bahá'í burial ground - that is, the acceptance of the conditions of life, 3-the

karta. Many people made efforts to learn just enough to grow and understand, 4-the

what the religion was that made so fine a man. practice of social responsibility."

Thus Kenneth learned that to teach is not April 25, 1959: "Any set of conditions in

any way to talk and perhaps in having grown life can be a straight-jacket made a prison.

and learned so much, so fast, he was ready This idea is expressed in the folk-saying: 'The

to enter into the next phase of life's journey. grass is always greener on the other side of

His writings are a heritage that all can cherish the fence.' A person may be free, no matter

and he also left in this world a legacy of love with his circumstances if he (1) has really

which he could never have dreamed of - accepted life itself and (2) has understanding

because he threw himself so freely upon the path of life as a goal."

altar of full sacrifice-and this recalls the recurring dream of his adolescence of the Phoenix who is destined only to rise and soar heavenward again.

Someone has said that wisdom is "to see much, to study much, to suffer much."

Kenneth Christian became wise, indeed, in all

of these ways-from theoretical knowledge SALVADOR TORMO to true reality,

Known to his best known through his many The sudden passing of Señor Salvador

articles, poems, and essays. I submit here the Tormo in an airplane accident on September

last flowers of his brilliant and ever-developing 7, 1960 was a grievous loss of a noble and

mind in the form of jottings in a little blue tireless servant of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh

book of thoughts which he kept sporadically who died after carrying out a teaching

all the years I knew him. mission in the Republic of

Paraguay so

On March 31, 1959, he wrote: "Life must triumphantly that his last mission may well

have the principle of growth, not just action."* have changed the course of Bahá'í history in

And-"We need to know how to call to om that country.

assistance #e reinforcements of God." And- Selior Tornlo's long record of services to

"A man must be 'saved' many times. This is the Faith in Latin-America are too numerous

tr* because change and growth are essential to recount here in full. However, he and his

to life. Each time a m m consciously recog- dear wife, Adela, established the Spiritual

nizes and accepts a significant truth, he Is Assembly on the Island of Juan Fernandez

saved from error and misunderstanding. (Robinson Crusoe Island) in 1953 and the

Indeed, a man must be saved many times. If annual International Bahá'í Summer School

not, his whole view of life becomes frozen. has been held on their property in Ezeiza,

Eze becomes spiritual midget when he could Argentina, for many years. Salvador Tormo,

be a giant." who was a Knight of

Bahá'u'Bk, s p e d as

April 4, 1959: "The life of faith involves chairman of the first Spiritual Assembly

moments of agony. Pain and difficulties of Buenos Aires and was manager of the

Bahá'í Publishing Trust in Buenos Aires from 1957 to the time of his death. He was a

constant ~ ~ a i ~ s l a o f t o English

r teaching materi-

al and Bahá'í books into the Spanish language

and included among these translations were

the Kitáb-i-Íqán and the Gleanings from the

Writings of 'Abdu'l-Karím Qásimí. He was also a member

of the Regional National Spiritual Assembly

of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and

Uruguay from the time of its formation in

1957, and at the time of his death he was the

elected secretary of that body. In his capacity

as international teacher, translator and ad-

ministrator, Salvador Tormo contributed

inestimably to the establishment of the Faith

of Bahá'u'lláh in South America.

That Salvador Torcno was guided and blessed in his work for the Faith is very clear from the many letters received from the Guardian. One letter written to him, dated July 1, 1941, reads:

"I was truly delighted to receive your letter and I am truly proud of the work which you and your collaborators have thus far achieved. For the success of your efforts of your historic assembly (Buenos Aires) I will specially and fervently pray. Be assured and new relax
Tormo

Salvador

in your numerous efforts, which the Beloved, whom you serve so splendidly, will assuredly bless. May He enable you to follow the footsteps of that valiant soul, May Maxwell, Cause with great devotion and love in whose dust reposes in your city and whose lifetime was beloved of all hearts, Shoghi Effendi, who associated with your Cause through her Effendi, and arose to serve, after the passing of his sacrifice and death is an eternal inspiration of our beloved Guardian, with greater to all who labor in your promising country." measure in pioneering, administration and Salvador's many friends will not forget his all other fields, gladdened the heart of the splendid qualities and characteristics, his beloved Shoghi Effendi and now is alive in the unflagging enthusiasm and cheerfulness, his Abhi-rasmi, in his presence," delightful sense of humor and his eloquence and deep knowledge of the Teachings, with that power of conviction which could stir all who heard him speak.

Possibly these words which were received from the Hands of the Cause in the Western Hemisphere best exemplify this wonderful plan: "According to the sacred writings, death is but an ascent from this material world to

MAX GREEVEN
1369-1981

Throughout a long life

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the spiritual one and an obvious progress, exemplified the Bahá'í standard of conduct especially as in the case of our dear Tomo, in his personal and business affairs, although who rendered such wonderful services which he had never heard of the Faith until he was

sl~allalways make him immoxtal. Indeed he fifty years old. This might serve as an illustra-
was a shilling-example to the B&\$is. Hc left tion of what 'Abdu'l-BahB meant when He
the friends heart-broken, bur look refuge said we cannot make Bahh'is, but rather go
with his Beloved in Ihe Abhk Kingdom. What out and find them.

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His first knowledge of the Bah%'i Faith The Guardian wrote r e g ~ d i
n gthese Brst
came through Mrs. Grrzce Krug of New York, publications in Dutch: "You should rest
in March, 1920 when she was en route to Raifa assured that your painstaking efforts will in
with her party of twelve piIglims. She gave tine bear fruit. . .the harvest which the future
a number of public talks during the fourteen- shall reap will be incalculably ~
i c hand
, great
day voyage tto Naples, at mchich Mr. Greeven wig d s o be your reward for having so tin-
was present. It was for Mrs. Kl-ug's ability remittingiy toied in bringing it about."
to organize #is trip in those early postwar In March 1434, Mr. Greeveix visited Haifa
years of diEcult travel that she earned the where some of the members of the Germail
name " 'Abdu'l-Bah&'s General," given her National Spiritual Assembly were already
by the Master upon her arrival at Kaifa. gathered. This was his first meeting wiih ;he
After XIr. Greeven returned to lxis hon~ein Guardian, a Iong anticipated event. He was
New Yo&, be had no further contact &irfi deeply touched by the heavy responsibilities
h e BWEs until a ysar later and o ~ l became
y carried by Shoglg Effendi, the enormous
a declared bdiiever in 1927. Shortly tl~ereafter, correspondence and the burden of family
he was instrnmentd in putting into effect the affairs, and his seat desire was fson~then
desire of the Local Spiritual Assenibly of New on to be of some service to him,
The Guardian
York to prese~ta specially bound. set of tlze reco&ed certain qualities in Mr. Greeven
B&\$i Teachings to the Emperor of Japan. and told the German friends he would be

The protocol attendant upon the seixding of "pleased" if they should elect him
ro the
a gift of this sort to the Imperial Household National Spiritual Assembly. On
March 27,
called for permissioil from the State Depart- he wrote a believer: "Mr. Greeven
&illgreatly
ment in Washington, and only after nearly reinforce your effortsfor the
effective prosecu-
a yeas's correspondence with the proper tion of your task. His attachment to
the Cause
authorities a a s MT. Ereeven notifred by and his realism combined with his
remarkable
Dr. R. Masujima that the books were at last capacity for appreciating spiritual
values, all
on the shelves of the En~peror'slibrary. these are undoubtedly
qualities if
Mr. Greeven moved from New York to properly translated into action, can be of
Bremen, Germany, in 1930, to become a treinandous help to the general welfare
and
partner in the firm of Clason 6c Burger, the progress of the Faith," The
Guardian was
European branch of the cotton iism of Ander- not disappobted in his
expectations, because
son, Clayton & Co.,Houston, Texas. He was a year later he wrote on March 6,1935
;"Dear
authorized to reorganize rhe business, which and prized Co-worker; The letters
I have
had not recently been shaming the profits of received from Germany beat witness
to the
fonner years, and he adopted with great remarkable in~petuswhich your efforts
In
success the pro5it-sharing policy advocated recent months have lent to the
consolidaiisn
in the BrthtiY Teachings. of the Faith." Shoghi Effendi
was eager to
During the next few years he was responsible have the S w m e r School at
Esslingen become
for the publication in Bollvld of the following firmly established, and urged
Mr. Greeven
BaM'i books, which had been translated into to work towards that goal. He hoped
that
Dutcl~by Captain 5. A. Liebau, a believer increasing numbers of BahZi travelers
in
from Rotterdam: "Bahau'llAh and the New Europe would fiud it "a center of
proibund
E~E,"by Dr. E s l m ~ n t ;"Hidden WorW'; attraction." In referring to this
School again,

"The Kitkb-i-fqh." The translation of "Some as well as the conference held in Northern Answered Questions," which had been completed, would have followed if the war had well-beloved Co-worker: I am delighted to not prevented. The Custodian was deeply leal-n of the spXendid progress that is bcing interested in seeing this work accomplis~eed achieved both in Northern arrd Southe~zt an&, as each book was released, requested Germany. To both movements you arelending tiyo hundred or l o r e copies be sent to him. powerful and unique lis~petus.I feel profound Unifortunately, in any of the remaining books ly thankful for your increasing achieveme~ts. were stored itt the warehouse of tkle publishing la return I cannot but pray that He who is the firm and dwing tile bcnlbing of Rotterdam, Giver of every good and perfect gift m y rain in the war of 1940, this building was butned. down His blessings upon you, cheer your heart and reinforce your high endeavors. With my best wishes for you. . . affectionately, Shoghi."

By 2937 conditions in Germany had worsened and were pasticulaxiy ominous for the Baha'is. Their books and funds had been seized by the Government, and their nleetings dissoIved, The Guaxdian's cailcern for the friends during this period was constant; one never knew from day to day what new test nligld befall them. He wrote that his only fear was "r-ather for those Gicnds who, due lo their insufficient reaiziation of the divine power that inysteriously operates in the Faith, are prone to look at such deve'loyments as coilstituting the death knell of the Cause," whereas, in reality, he continued, "Trials and tribulations, as BalzB'u'IIAh says, are the oil that feeds the lamp of the Came and are indeed blessings in disguise." During this time the Guardian was directiag Mr. Greevea's contact with t l ~ eMinistry of Church Affairs, in an effort to have rescinded the edict curtailing all Baha'i activities. Promises were made by the Government. but never keut. However, the Guardian nevel relinquished

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his purpose of pressing this matter, and
meanwhile wrote to the National Spiritual
Assembly of America to intercede with its
Government for assistance to the German reward herein in the following words:
"Dearest
friends, as by this time one of them had been Co-worker: Just a word to assure
you of my
interest. It was, as the Guardian wrote, a ever-deepening gratitude and
admiration for
"delicate and difficult mission" and that he the efforts you are ceaselessly
exerting on
felt Mr. Greeven was "indeed the man of the behalf of our oppressed brethren.
Babk'u'ilib
situation, as his matured experience, wisdom is no doubt watching over you,
and the
and above all his unwavering loyalty still Beloved is well pleased with your
historic
attachment to the Cause, eminently qualify endeavors. Whatever the outcome, you
have
him to undertake so delicate and difficult a work for yourself an abiding place
in the
mission." affectionations of tile believers.

Affectionately and

Although Mr. Greeven was forced to move gratefully, Shogbi."

to in the autumn of 1937 due to

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business restrictions, he continued to travel to

Germany to make repeated pleas to the

Government, but always received promises

without results. Finally, the Guardian wrote

that further appeals might only have the
effect of displeasing the authorities, and
shortly thereafter the war closed all doors of
hope.

J E H W I E O T T L I A A N D E R S O N

Mr. Greeven never wished for any recogni-

1884-1960

tion for himself, finding his reward in being

able to carry out the Guardian's instructions

Jennie Ottliia Anderson was

born in 1854

and always hoping to be able to send him in Ganznlalkil., Ostergbtlands,

Sweden and

encouraging news. But the Guardian did come to the United States in 1901. S ~

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introduced to the Faith by her brother, Peter, "011 Sunday morning our

guide took us

who had settled in Seattle, Washington. This to a Congregational Church on

Jennie wrote of her and her husband's 'Abdu'l-Baha's arrival. Shortly after our experience in meeting 'Abdu'l-Baha in Chicago arrival Re came in and was escorted to His room, where He was to interview the Bahá'ís.

"What we . . . received the news of 'Abdu'l-Baha's arrival. Dr. Z. Ba'adkadicii served as His interpreter at Bahá'ís intended visit to the United States that particular time. It seemed as though joy and excitement filled us all. I can remember 'Abdu'l-Baha knew that we had a long way to go before the meeting in Kenosha, Wisconsin where we go back home since so far away. He called everyone was making some plans to go to on my l~usuid and myself to be the first ones in Chicago so as to be sure not to miss 'Abdu'l-Baha to come up to His room. Later I was told I had to go to Bahá'ís. However, we lived in the country seven miles from Kenosha at that time, and had the Greatest Name tattooed on his hand, which was my two small children, so I really didn't see how my husband, and his wife. We had never seen we could go. . . . When the time came my 'Abdu'l-Baha came closely, nor had He ever seen my husband said, 'Let us get ready and go,' - us closely, yet He had called for the man with the Greatest Name on his hand. 'Abdu'l-Baha five or six a.m., as we had two miles to walk warmly embraced us both, gave us His blessing, and said to my husband that his hand was the only hand in the world which had the Greatest Name written on it and of coffee.' The restaurant that we entered was that it was greatly blessed. empty except for a Persian gentleman who was . . . "Some time later 'Abdu'l-Baha came to Kenosha. . . . 'Abdu'l-Baha went around the table and shook hands with every one of the friends who were there. Before the friends 'Abdu'l-Baha was staying. I asked Mm and seated themselves at the banquet table he said that he knew where 'Abdu'l-Baha first seated Himself at

the head

was and that he would be our guide through- of the table and beckoned the children to him,

out the day.

taking them one by one in His

lap and giving

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each one a piece of fruit,. . . On Sunday morning He spoke at the Congregational Church in Kenosha on the subject of the equality of the sexes, and stayed at the home of one of the older believers in Kenasha."

Having always in mind the love and burning desire to aid the people of her native land to gain their rightful place in the arena of Bah'u'lli's glory, Jennie pioneered alone in Stockholm for two years, 1947 to 1949, and then returned to the United States to be with her family. In 1955 her husband, who had also served the Faith so well, passed into the Abh Kingdom and Jennie returned to Sweden again, all on her own this time and not sponsored by the European Teaching Committee as her previous trip had been, She settled in Goteborg and while there Shoglli Eendi se ~her

i &c following message

in January of 1957:

Jennie Ottilia

Anderson

"Your letter of January 14th has been received by the beloved Guardian and he quickly has instructed me to answer you on his behalf. deserved rest

over to the couch and then very

death overtook her; her w d

had come and her soul found

release. The

"He is very happy to see with what devotion and tenacity you are persevering in the service of the Faith in Sweden, and he

Bah'i funeral service for her

wants you to know that he attaches great importance to this work, particularly in view of the Fact that the Scandinavian and

teaching medium, which was her

desire, and shall never be

forgotten in the

present, for the

hearts of those who were

importance to this work, particularly in view

spirit was heavenly.

of the Fact that the Scandinavian and the Hands

Quoting a letter received from

Finland National Assembly will be formed of the Cause residing in the Holy Land, in this coming April. He feels sure that this part, is fitting: will mark a new period of unfoldment for "The soil where the remains of a pioneer the Faith there, and you will have had your are laid to rest is indeed blessed. Not only share in this wonderful work. He will pray does the Bahk'i world today know and for you and your success in the holy cherish the memory of pioneers gathered Shrines, and assures you that you are near to the Abhir Kingdom, but future genera-

to him in spirit. tions will recognize what they owe to the

With loving greetings, courage and the sacrifice of these valiant souls, .."

"May the Almighty bless continually your meritorious endeavors for the spread of His Faith, guide every step you take, remove every obstacle from your path, and LOUISE M. ERICKSON enable you to enrich the record of your deeply appreciated accomplishments. Louise M. Erickson was born in Sweden

and with a healthy curiosity and interest Your true brother, SI-IOGRI" in other lands travelled to the United States at the early age of thirteen. She heard of the On October 2, 1960, while at her home Bahk'l Faith through some of the earliest Jennie remarked that she had some pains in believers, and had the privilege of knowing her chest and needed to lie down. She hurried some of these wonderful Bahk'i teachers

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this." He then telephoned the Royal Palace I and an interview was arranged limited to twenty minutes-the outcome was that the I I Crown Prince gave her two hours. I

Louise Erickson attended many Bahai functions, including Convention in the United States, Stockholm and Denmark, as well as summer schools in Green Acre, Maine, and Denmark. She loved the Faith and did all she could to support its activities and functions.

She passed away Oct, 12,1960, in Goteborg.
BahA'i services were held for her, and she rests
in the same cemetery with only a single grave
between her and that of Jennie Anderson,
another wonderful Swedish pioneer, whom
she had known and loved. For Louise
Esickson, too, the words of the Bands of the
Cause can be quoted:

"The soil where the selnains of a pioceer
are laid to rest is indeed blessed. Not only
does the Bahj'i world today know and
cherish the memory of pioneers gathered
to the Abh& Kingdom, but future genera-
tions will recognize what they owe to the
Louise M. Erickson courage and the sacrifice of these
valiant
SOU~S."

while living in New York City before her

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return to Sweden. In 1912 she visited 'Abdu'I-
in Chicago, New York City and Pazis;
He showed her great kindness.

Mrs. Erickson visited Shoghi Effendi in
1955 at which time tl-ie Guardian encouraged
her to sponsor the translation and publishing
of Bahri'u'iiuh and the New Em in Swedish;
that distinguished

this she did in co-operation with Mrs. Rudd-
devotion to her

Palmgren. She traveled extensiveIy th-ou&out
courage in her

Sweden, presenting the Faith an& giving the
physical body, and

Message to everyone she coul& At one time
problems witl~out

she gave the Message to the Crown Prince
Faith in Latin-

of Sweden, and also the Swedish Minister
abiding Faith

Carl Lindl~agen.She had also informed the
borne by this

Mayor of the City of New York, when she
curly red hair.

h ~ resided

d there of this Faith.

placed upon hal

The steadfastness of Louise Erickson and

ELISABETH ROPE CHENEY
18\$5-1959

Severence is the quality

Elisabeth; single-minded

Lord. She expressed a shining

domination of ller weak

faced and solved incredible

fear, in her work for the

America. Prayor and a deep

were the standards proudly

dainty little woman with her

A flower, fresh as springtime

left shoulder, was her

insignia.

her great wish to spread the Message were
April 19, 1937.

prominent qualities. Nothing could prove
Ohio on November

a hindrance to her desire to do this and she
Paraguay, there

never missed an opportunity to bring forth
Faith and to

and spread the knowledge of the Faith to
However, in 1941

which she was so deeply devoted. Carl
United States because

Lindhage, Minister of the State of Sweden,

having heard the Message from her said:
health to some

"Louise, the Crown Prince must know about
the death of her

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Elisabeth became a Bahá'í

She left her home in Lima,

28, 1940 to go to Asuncion,

to open a new country to the

help establish an Assembly.

she had to return to the

of illness.

Elisabeth regained her

degree, but during this time

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mother occurred and so after this loss she
to live with

left, for a second voyage, on November 28, and continued to teach in the
same school.

1944. During this trip she rebuilt the Assembly - Her work with the fourth grade
for a period

in Caracas, Bogota, Lima, Santiago, of three years was such that

Elisabeth Hope

Montevideo and finally returned to her home in Cheney will never be forgotten there.

She

beloved Paraguay, although some delay by was gently but kindly guided the children
to self-

encountered because of a shipwreck, arriving understanding and the right path.

June 27, 1945. After rebuilding this community Elisabeth made many teaching
trips in the

she left in October to aid Central America, Dominican Republic and during 1957
when

facing revolutions, and incredibly difficult the National Spiritual Assembly of
the

problems within the Bahá'í communities.

Greater Antilles was elected,

Elisabeth became

On July 9, 1946 Elisabeth was recalled to a member, and the following year she
was

Chicago, Illinois to serve as the Secretary of elected to serve as its

Secretary. However, ill

the Inter-America Committee and to help health was to prove too much of a
barrier

guide, inspire and encourage its members, and she was soon unable to serve in the
for new provisions were now arising to fulfill capacity of Secretary, although she continued
the second Seven-Year Plan. She organized to serve everyone through prayer and as
and co-ordinated the Committee work which much service as she was able to give. she was so eminently well prepared to do. On December 31, 1958, at the request of
Her ability as a writer and her brilliant mind Horace Holley, the Secretary of the National
were invaluable in preparing the South and Spiritual Assembly of the United States, 1
Central American friends to form their brought Elisabeth to a hospital in Miami,
National Spiritual Assemblies in 1951. Florida where, much to the amazement of
In October, 1949 Elisabeth made her third the physicians there, she survived two major
trip to Latin America, holding teaching operations for cancer and then went to her
conferences in Havana, Mexico City, Guatemala - home in Linla, Ohio. Her letters to me were
temala, San Salvador, Honduras, Managua always filled with the constant hope and
(Nicaragua) and Costa Rica, and arrived in desire to be able to continue to serve the
Panama on February 13, 1950. Having fought Faith but this was not to be for her frail body
illness all the way she finally took to her bed was unable to withstand a third operation
for five weeks and was very, very ill. But her and on October 8, 1959 Elisabeth passed on
courage and devotion helped her to publish to the Abingdon Kingdom to join her Lord, and
Cornelia Bahli'i, and she helped prepare her adored Dorothy Baker.
and publish the Plan Divine. She had formerly prepared the pamphlet, Prepared for the National Spiritual Assembly of the United States. In December 1950, she was again
recalled to Chicago, Illinois to guide the formation of the two Latin American National Spiritual Assemblies, serving as Secretary of the Inter-America Committee. With the National Spiritual Assemblies of South and "In His service" is the simple but all-
Central America elected in April of 1951 the encompassing inscription on the

tomb of

Inter-America Committee ceased to exist. Bawkat 'Ali Faraju'IEhh, erected in Tripoli

As a memorial to her beloved spiritual in North Africa. Service characterized the

mother Dorothy Baker, Hand of the Cause, thoughts and actions of this noble lady who

Elisabeth set out on her fourth trip an August was born in the cradle of the BahA'i Faith,

27, 1954, having obtained a ten-month &frAz. In this soutl~ernPersian city aawkat

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teaching contract in Monterrey, Mexico K h i n m first saw the light of day in the lasb

which was a goal city, The pupils of her decade of the nineteenth century. She lived

s&ool, ranging from twelve through eighteen there until aromd the age of Ulree years and

yezrs of age, offered Elisabeth a new field of then was taken by her family to Egypt, first

service, and her knowledge and love helped t o Cairo and then to Mallawi.

to guide and orient these children. At an early age she married the distinguished

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pionMrs. Her knowledge of both Persian and Arabic, her unswerving steadfastness and loyalty to the Cause of God and to His Sign on earth, her open-handed hospitality, her sympathy and understanding, were outstanding. It was fitting a memorial service for her should have been held under the auspices of the Nation& Sp?ritual Assembly of the Baha'is of 'IrAq, in Ba&d&d.

Severe illnesses did not diminish her ardor for serving the Faith and the friends. In 1950 she jour~seyed to the United States, a nation whose customs and language itere almost wholly new to her. She qnkuicMy attracted a throng of admirers and well-stishers, 6rst in New York and then in California.

Sawkat 'k;hdnum was eager to extend the range of her activities and it was with a happy heart that she hailed the prospect of settling in Africa. She accompanied Ella Barley, Bahia, her grandson, and the writer to Tripoli in

July 1953. The following Rigvkn she became
 a member of the first Spiritual Assembly aE
 Triooli. Xnde~endent in outlook. wise in
 judgment, humble and gentle in manner, her
 virtues as an ad~nistratorwere not incon-
 siderable. The one drawback was lack o f
 BaWi publisher, g a y & Farajn'llkh Zaki freedom to teach, to use
 those wonderful talents that had attracted
 al-Kusdi, who had been attracted to the Faith many people of
 by MirzA Abgl-Fadl, greaiest of BahFi capacity ta the Faith in
 Egypt and 'XrBq. Her humility and love for the
 scholars. &ayU Faraju911&h aas a youilg boy Faith*her unfailing
 had left his native MarivBn in Persian Kw- loyalty to the Guardian, and
 her daily life of sacrifice for His loved
 disttin and traveled to Cairo where he becanle ones merited the
 a student at aI-Aiihar, the thousand-year-old praise and endation accorded
 her by the Islamic university. h-iends in Egypt, 'Irdq,
 America, and Libya.
 &aym Faraju'll&h was deeply loved by They olten remarked that she
 did not have a selfish bone in her body.
 'Abdu'l-Bah5, and received many Tablets Het h a l illness in
 from Him; Shoghi Effendi mentions his name mid-February 1956 was
 in his Bahd'i Administ~ationletters. &ay& short and her last words
 were of thanksgiving and gratitude, She kept
 Faraju'llih edited with imticulous care repeating, "Thank
 and published many Bahk'i books in Persian you# thank you," ta the
 attendants at the United States Air Force
 and Arabic. Associated with him at every step Hospital at Wheelus
 was Bawkat a 8 n u m . She proohad manu- Field. Her sweet Persian
 words to me wilt
 scripts and assisted in the multitude of tasks ever be graven upon my mind
 and soul. As oxygen was administered to
 connected with the painstaking and arduous her she said in
 business of publishing. Her patience, per- Persian, "This is the door
 of Paradise." Little did we realize that her
 severance, and serenity were vaiued assets in earthly end would
 these activities. come in a brief hour or two.
 The passing of Bay& Fafaju711-;1htoward The beloved Guardian cabled

assurances

the close of 1937, marked the beginning of Secretary-General of

a new chapter of service for a new Council wrote on

In the spring of 1938, she joined her daughter, Bahia, in Bahia, where she was of constant

distressed. He March 10, 1956: "The Guardian was very

comfort and aid to Bahá'í travelers and daughter and relatives asks that you assure her

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and she is praying fervently for the progress of her soul in the realms beyond. She will surely be richly rewarded by Bahá'u'lláh for the services which she has rendered so sacrificially and unselfishly all the years of her life. Her services reached their climax in her becoming a member of the Spiritual Assembly of Tripoli, one of the beacon lights of the Faith in that country."

ROQUE CENTURION MIRANDA

Roque Centurion Miranda, the first person to accept the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh in Paraguay, died very suddenly of a heart attack on January 31, 1960. The history of the Faith in Paraguay will forever be associated with his name for he led the small band of believers together through the example of love and devotion for a period of nineteen years. He served on the Local Spiritual Assembly from Miranda

Roque Centurion

the time of its formation, was their delegate to the Latin-American Congresses and was flanked by big Latin embraces and to

Paraguayan representative to the Bahá'í visiting Bahá'ís his name was always open

Jubilee in 1944 in Wilmette, Illinois. He served toward a warm welcome in Paraguay.

on the Regional National Spiritual Assembly Although renowned his life was characterized

of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and as one living almost in

Uruguay from the time of its formation in most humble of

neighborhoods. 1957 to the date of his passing. A Minister of the

Government of Paraguay

Re was a man greatly loved in his country said of Rogue that he was the true Guarani Paraguayan who represented and all radio programs devoted hours to the soul of his country. An Anibassador said eulogizing both his life and his theatrical personage who sepresented chat he was a achievements at the time of his death, He was of Paraguay and generations the new spirit the head of the National School of Theater r?.f Paraguayans in Pafaguay and was known as an artist, will gratefully ren~enzbei.that such a man lived among thenl. playwright, poet and teacher. During his He gave numerous talks last year of life he was paid homage for some about the Faith on various radio stations thirty yeass of devotio~lgiven to the culture and he spoko of the Faith constantly to the many of Paraguay. His body was laid out in state daily visitors in the Municipal Theater, with thegovernment to his office. The Hand of the Cause Dr, of Paraguay taking charge of his funeral, in Aemann Grossnian said, "Does his coulltl.y really recognize its greit co-operation with the Baha'is, with BahthB'i a great sou!." An Auxiliary loss? IZe was truly manorial services held in the theater and at the Board member, cemete~y.A gsief-stricken country joined In who knew him well, wrote that Roque's sacrifices and sufferings a shared sol-row. for the Faith had Roque was known for his great humility, been intense and that it might &ell be that colnpassion and sympathy toward the suger- his death would prove a rallsom for &is country and bring a hai-vest ings of his people. As he would walk down the streets of the city oT Asuncion everyone into the Faith in the future.

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Roque Centurion Miranda was like a father to the Paraguayans, and even during his last hours, ever mindful of the Faith, he kept repeating again and again, "What more

can I do for my people? What more can I do
for my Faith? What more can I do to serve
Bahá'u'lláh?"
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FMTZX SHAVER
1895-1958

Mrs. Fritzi Shaver, ardent follower of
Bahá'u'lláh, left her home in Minneapolis,
Minnesota, in 1943 to pioneer with her sisters
in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

A nature sparkling with beauty, laughter
and love, Mrs. Shaver attracted hearts and
enkindled minds. Her chosen professional
fields were music and dramatics, and after
becoming a Bahá'í, she augmented these
with her greatest of all delights namely,
teaching the Faith. Hers was the gift of
sensing deeply the spiritual needs and aptitudes
of her listeners.

Fritzi Shaver

In 1946, when the beloved Guardian passed and patience, teaching from her bed to
launched his Second Seven-Year Plan and the very last. Her faith was
indomitable and

called for pioneers to establish the Faith in shed its radiance in her angelic
submission

the capital cities of ten Western European to the Will of God. Deeply touched
by the

couplets, the two inseparable sisters offered special prayers of the beloved
Guardian, and

their services. The European Teaching Commission - by the love, helpfulness and
generosity which

Initiative of America chose Bern, Switzerland, streamed in to her from all
directions, she

far them, and on April 7, 1947, they arrived and would frequently remark: "It has
been worth

at their post, overjoyed to be met by four of all of the suffering to
experience this divine

the Geneva friends who had so faithfully love!"

travelled to Bern to welcome them. On the Two thousand friends from
all parts of the

same day - Easter Monday - the first Bahá'í world attending the Frankfurt
Intercontinental

Feast in Bern was held by this little group of twelve were witness to
another rare

six, in the sisters' room at the Krantz Hotel. privilege which God in His great
bounty

The story of the development of the Cause in accorded our beloved "Fritz?". On

July 27,

Bern in those early days will be written by 1458, when the message of her passing was other hands. read from the podium in

Firmhurst, this

After six years in Bern, Mrs. Shaver's glorious assemblage rose to its feet and

took pioneering in other cities, including centered its thoughts upon her while prayers

Basel, where she again joined her sister, and were being read. How unfathomable

from whence she left Switzerland in 1956 to spiritual forces which were reelected

pioneer in Luxemburg. Before many months moments! In the words of returning friends,

Mrs. Shaver became seriously ill and was Fritz was carried to the Ash

Kingdon

forced to return to her sister's home in Basel. the wings of boundless love and devotion.

Intense suffering lay before her, during which On August

First Switzerland's Independence

she began her affliction with undimmed sweet-ness Day-under blue skies and a smiling

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sun, Mrs. Shaver was carried to her resting Bahri's. It seemed to me that it wasn't an

place in the beautiful Hornli Cemetery of achievement--it was an endowment from

Basel. The accompanying friends, heartbroken God. She did not believe-she knew."

by the loss, yet gave silent thanks that God To a close friend Farrington

confided that her had released this faithful one from earthly earthly and happiest Bahri's

limitations for activity in the timeless freedom her sponsors at Geyserville

Bahri's School in

of loftier spheres. California. She was present

in 1927 at the

ELSA STEINMETZ official opening of the school and attended

each summer thereafter for twenty years until

her family moved to Wilmette, Illinois. She

served on the school committee, taught classes,

and many youth activities. A intimate friend

of those days writes:

"She loved to sit and listen as a child for

endless hours to deep and profound discus-

Farruwas was gifted with a superior sense of the meaning of life and the thrilling intellect, a warm and vibrant nature, with which the Faith knits all the aspects of life great personal charm and, above all, with togetherness. She was passionate about discussion- spiritual capacity that was transformed into actions, and remained so. She found it essential service to the Faith which was the beacon to follow a thing to its ultimate conclusion of her life. Farruwas many friends felt the which made her a superb teacher." void that is left in the world which she once said that in her early years she was radiant personality passes on; yet the thought engrossed mostly in the spiritual and social was expressed repeatedly, in the hundreds of teachings but that her father's classes on tributes that poured in to her family, that administration had awakened a keen interest now she could fully and joyously use all of the in her in this aspect and it became of deep and innate talent which she possessed to such an vital interest to her. She was an articulate outstanding degree. exponent of the administrative order, its

Farruwas was born Mary Lorraine Ioas but uniqueness, and of its eventual fruition into was known from early childhood as Farrukh, the World Order of Bahá'u'lláh. She was a name meaning "Joyous One, - bestowed deeply consciors of the historic period of the upon her by 'Abdu'l-Bahá name which Faith in which she lived, spanned by the she loved. She grew up in a family who were leadership of the beloved Guardian, Sr. Effendi. At the time of his completely devoted to the Faith of Bahá'u'- Effendi. At the time of his passing, while Sr. Effendi, her paternal grandparents having been flying to London to attend his funeral, she among the earliest believers in America. Her wrote her thoughts of him: '?. one - her father's life had been indelibly stamped, as a man of us had never seen, but who was young boy, by his meeting the Master in identified as an integral part of the very America in 1912. He was to be called many fabric of this our Faith, one who had been

years later by Shoghi Effendi to serve at the very pulse of the word Bahá'í for those World Center, in Haifa, where he became one of us who were born and grew up under his secretary-general of the first international alone." Bahá'í Council. Earlier he had been appointed Farru was seventeen, ready to graduate a Wand of the Cause. In 1955, her mother, from high school in 1937 when the first Sylvia, was also appointed to the International Seven Year Plan was announced. In January Bahá'í Council. Farru was aware of the fall of 1937 Shoghi Effendi stated that to establish these bounties; but she had, as well as a the Faith in thirty-four new states and superior mind, an independent spirit and her provinces of the United States and Canada conviction as a Bahá'í was not based upon was the obligation of each individual as well acceptance but upon certitude. One who as Assembly. Her thoughts and feelings had learned of the Faith from her and who had been galvanized by the Guardian's Plan and her-self became an outstanding teacher and she put aside her education in 1942 and went pioneer has stated: "The quality of Farru's to Boise, Idaho to pioneer in a state that did faith was unique in my experience among not yet have a Bahá'í Assembly. In April

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several Texas communities; and in April of 1948 both Dallas and San Antonio formed their Assemblies. During her years in Wilmette, Farru served in multitudinous ways: as a public speaker on many platforms and in Bahá'í Temple meetings held in Foundation Hall; on the Public Relations Committee; the Bahá'í World Editorial Committee; as an editor of the Bahá'í News. She worked in the office of the Bahá'í Publishing Trust in Wilmette for over a year in an editorial capacity. She compiled The Story of Salvation used in institutes throughout the United States and other countries.

It was during her work at the publishing office that the message from Shoghi Effendi concerning the World Crusade of 1953-1963 arrived. Her response was electric. Her mind leaped ahead, contemplating how this awesome Plan would affect the world, her Bahá'is, her own life. She could not know then that in 1943, Boise elected its first Local Spiritual Assembly, she would pioneer once again on the home front, in two countries abroad, and finally throughout her lifetime, Farruú was to be released to the Bahá'í Kingdom, before its response in this way to the messages of Shoghi Effendi. She went to Texas again and Effendi. A Bahá'í recalls vividly how she helped to establish the first Assembly in France. When Shoghi Effendi announced the World Plan in April, 1955. The following year, in 1956, she was elected to the second Seven Year Plan: "Farruú's joy and devotion to France at the request of the European enthusiasm were all that our Guardian could have wished. Here she served on the Executive Committee of the National Teaching Committee of Paris. She became the first Bahá'í to be elected to the National Teaching Committee because of the way Farruú spoke of it. It worked without cessation in developing the life I have had a special feeling about pioneering - chairman of the National Teaching Committee. She made it seem that pioneering was the most excellent teaching program that included teaching, workshops, and it sea'." a 13 details of her work. Leaving Boise, Farruú returned to university regional conferences with that same quality of life and graduated with distinction, a Phi Kappa Phi organization and followed through that she Beta Kappa, from Stanford University in had. four Local Assemblies were formed in 1945. A fellow student at Stanford recalls the provisions. She helped to locate the Bahá'í site for France west of Paris on the Seine and the endowment property located in the southwest, central part of

the country,
 evaluating them and using them in new both goals of the World Crusade, One of
 her
 contexts. She was a joy to her teachers who &st, magniificent services to a
 community
 on more than one occasion in my presence which she loved was her indefatigable
 work
 praised her attitude and ability." As a Bahá'í the preparation for the
 convention that
 she also felt that her ~niversitywork was a elected dm first National
 Spiritual Assembly
 reflection upon her Faith and her self-imposed of Fcauce in 1958. Throughout all
 of these
 standards were very high. yeass of service, imde diEmlt
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 Her participatioxl in the second Seven of Shoghi Effendi, Farm& was outstanding
 Year Piad began in the south est, particularly for her ribsolute firmness in
 the Covenant, for
 in Texas. She fbXIou.ed a series of public her elucidation of and courageous
 adherence
 meetings given by her father with a regular, to the ai% mU~istrative
 principles of the Faith.
 weekly drcuit or te'tchixy: that included There were times when krer efforts in
 these

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directions, coupled with her less than robust was elected to the Rqiaaal
 National Spidtr~al
 health, brought deep suffering. Assemnbly of the Bah2is of
 Central America,
 Early in 1959 she returned to America for Mexico and Panama, which at that
 time also
 medical treatntent. Though aware of the encompassed the Greater
 Antilles and a
 seriousness d her illness, she showed her major part of the Islands of
 tile Pacific. In
 moral courage at this time in insisting that 1954 she was re-elected and
 served as Record-
 her beloved parents should not know or be ing Secret;ll.y.
 distressed at a time when they were over- Amy llow decided she would
 pionezr to
 whelmed with work at the World Center. Escash, Costa Rica, and offer
 what services
 Regaining some vigor, she once nlore re- she could in the consdidation
 of the Assembly
 sponded to the call for pioneers and in the and the comni~mitythere. 1x1
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autumn went to Florence, Italy-her last she was again elected as a
 member of the Regional National Assembly and
 post. If her health failed and finally she was
 prevailed upon to return to America early still in poor health she
 voluntarily offered her services as Assistant
 in 1960 for treatment, though adamant in Secretary, After a year of very
 Cori-responding her desires and plans to return to Europe. A
 intensive few months later, on April 14, she passed B&2i activity in Costa Rica,
 Amy had to away and was buried in Washington on a return to Panatla for further
 medical treatment beautiful spring day that reflected in its nlwt and because of physical
 bright sunshine, bird song, blossoming shrubs it was not possible for her to
 return to Costa Rica. She knew for her health she should
 and flowers not only the radiance of her own return to Colón but she did not
 wish to leave the pioneer field, and her last request prior
 to leaving the National I;la7iratuy1-Quds in
 Panama to return to Colón was to be placed
 aboard a ship destined for Bluefields, Nic-
 aragua which she hoped would fulfill her
 past assignment as a traveling teacher to
 a goal city which was so dear to her heart.
 On December 17, 1960 Amy passed away
 AMY ISABEL McALLISTER during the time the Regional National
 1907-1960 Assembly was in session in Guatemala City;
 all the members present knew how much she
 Miss Amy Isabel. McAllister was born on had wanted to attend this meeting. T i
 was May 6, 1907 in Colón, Republic of Panama, decided that during the seven
 National the daughter of Emma Louise and George Teaching Congresses to be held at the
 end Alexander McAllister. She attended an of December, in each of the seven
 countries English-language elementary school, the comprising the regional area, memorial
 E. A. Kerr School, and afterwards completed services would be held in her
 honor. her studies at the Uruguay School in the city Amy McAllister was a vital
 part of Shoghi

of C o l h . Then she further continued her Effendi's World Crusade and she was
dedicat-
education by taking up accounting at the ed to the beIoved Guardian azd gladly
gave

Professional School in Panama City, graduat- her life to the service of the
Faith of I3ahA'u'-
ing in 1927. Ilih, A most bcfirting tribute

to Amy Mc-

To her family and the business world Amy Allister would be found imi the words
of

was thought of as a self-discipljnwian and the Master:

was always methodical in her pt~rsaits "The disciples of Christ

forgot tl'ieinselves

throughout her life. Her ntotto was, "There and all earthly things,

forsook ail tiieir

is only one way to do anything, and that is, cares m d belongings.

purged thenlselves

the right way." of self and pgsion and with

absolute

In 1953, scarcely three years after entering detacluilenl scattered far and
wide and

the Faith-yeas .n,hicli had been spent in engaged in cdling the

peoples of the world

stalwart and constant service to the Local to the Divine Guidance,

until at Iast they

Assembly and community of Coi6n-Amy iliade the ~ o r l

danotiler world, illumined

the surface of the earth and even to the last

hour proved sdf-sacrificing in the pathway

of that Beloved Oue o f God."

ELLA W. DUEFIELD

1373-1962

Ells Warden Dxfield was born in Pitts-
burgh, Pennsjilvanra in IS73 of Scottish-X~ish
descent. the family name bekg SenlpXe. Both
of her parents were from the region of New-
townards and Belfast, Irehld, but they had
come to the United States wlior~they were
very smaU chi!dren. Ella's parents were
merubers of the I'resbyterian church and
she was reared ill a family whose life was
deeply influenced by the essential teachings
of Christianity and a strong bdief in God.
Ella had a great love for nIusic and her
ability to play the piano Iron1 an euly age
found her attracted more and moss to the

world of music. She also had a high caliber voice and during a period of ten years was well known on the concert stage, and she felt that it was possible for her to sing in several of the largest churches in her native city. She was an avid reader and her constant study of the creative Word gave her a great reserve of potential which served her well. She married Dr. Thomas Cann, a surgeon, and from this union a daughter particularly in her later years was born. Her unhappiness in this marriage was mentioned in the Guardian, Shoghi Effendi, called "The American Believers" which was published within four years of her husband's death. Three years later she re-married, this time to Dr. William Duffield, M. D., and they established their home in Los Angeles, California. It was during this time that Ella Madeira on September 30, 1953. Ten months after their arrival there they were asked to go to France by the European Teaching Song which gained her international recognition. Committee of the United States, where the work of consolidating the Faith toward the formation of a National Spiritual Assembly. In 1933 Ella, inspired by her daughter, had been inaugurated by the first home of the Faith at the home of Mrs. Martin Carter, and the speaker at the time was Beulah Stosrs Lewis. Ella often the Faith on Madeira so Ella and her daughter said that she did not know the moment when she accepted the request of the Teaching Committee, but that it happened and arrived in the city very soon after she began reading the Teachings, which was Nice (Alpes-Maritimes), France in June of 1954.

station of Bahá'u'lláh.

Ella Duffield was in very

delicate health

From the time she accepted the Faith when she left her home. but in spite of this

her life was spent in dedication to serving she was able to serve for nine years of the

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Ten-Year Crusade instigated by the Guardian.

It was during the last four years of her life, at a time when she was prudently bed-ridden, that her great spiritual capacity was most strongly felt by everyone who came in contact with her, and although many of the people who visited her at this time did not speak her language. nor she theirs, they felt the great assurance in the Faith that she had and Ella, who knew that a new and happier world was being born, gave forth a quality of humor that was a delight to those around her.

In her 89th year, this Knight of Bahá'í passed into the Abhá Kingdom and she is buried in the Cemetery de l'Est, high in the hills overlooking the Mediterranean.

FRANCES WELLS

Frances 'C'Yells

1906-1960

Frances Wells, West, was a pioneer Guardian was particularly pleased with her

whose labors for the spread of the Faith of achievement of being able to take the Faith to

Bahá'u'lláh took her far north to Alaska to Barrow above the Arctic Circle, where,

and then, much later, to Luxembourg in the under most difficult conditions she worked

heart of Europe, where, on December 22, among the Eskimos for three years, which

1960, she passed away and she was buried led to the acceptance by the first Eskimo in

in her goal city of Yifferdange. Her determination of the Faith of Bahá'u'lláh.

mined and dedicated services recall these the Pilgrimage to

In 1955 Frances made

words of Bahá'u'lláh: "They who are for the World Center in Waifa. Stopping in the

saken their country. The purpose of teaching Benevolent countries on the way back to Alaska,

On the day she decided to answer the urgent
call to
strengthen the faith in the pioneer in a European
city and on
great can contribute to it. . . . On August 3, 1959 she arrived
in Luxembourg
indeed the prime of noble deeds." and settled in the town
of Differdange.

Frances was a child of six when 'Abdu'l- Although ignorant of the languages and
Baha'i visited Los Angeles. As in his custom, customs, she followed in the
steps of other

He called the children around him and Mrs. pioneers and was able to gather a
group of

Hattie Cline brought her nieces to him. Little sincere friends around her.

Frances was

Frances, with her flaming red hair and green faced with many tests in her new
post and

eyes received her gift of roses from the handled them with the same courage and
Master, but secretly, she told us, she wished perseverance that she had shown
in other

they had been candy. adverse circumstances.

All her life Frances served the Faith, first After attending the
ceremony of the laying

in Los Angeles and in Big Bear and then in the corner stone of the Mother
Temple

1943 in Alaska where she pioneered for of Europe at Frankfurt, Germany. on
November-

seventeen years. In Anchorage she worked for 20, the condition of great
fatigue which

with Honor Kenton helping with her Frances had been a feeling suddenly became
famous "Book Cache", giving radio talks, very acute. On December 7 she

entered the

teaching, visiting many cities, and engaging hospital at Esch where 11
months = months

in many other Bahá'í activities, The beloved diagnosed as leukemia; she lived
only three

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more use. During that time she was lovingly
attended and nursed by her Bahá'í friends
until on the night of December 27 she quietly
slipped away.

December 31, some seventy Bahá'ís and
townspeople assembled to pay Frances homage
at the service held in the open air before the

casket. The Mayor of Differdange was represented and Mr. Donald Cruz, the secretary of the American Embassy, represented the United States Government. Mr. Ben Levy, of the Benevolent National Spiritual Assembly had been chosen as the spokesman of that group as it was though hearing Frances teach the Faith in Alaska that he had become a Bahsi, and Hanor Kempton, whom Frances had followed to Alaska, and who had introduced the Faith in Luxembourg in 1946, read the last prayer.

Frames Wells, pioneer, lies on the slope facing the Holy Land with the Gospels of Bowers that she so loved spreading out in a bright carpet around the area, and the great iron mines toward the rear, symbols, perhaps, of her iron determination served the softer flowers or spirit.

Harry Edwin Ford

in the woods with his father;

the world of

VIRGINIA ORBISON nature was his home.

He received his education in Upper New York, graduating with a B.S. degree in education from Syracuse University. In 1910 he

HARRY EDWIN FORD accepted his first official teaching position

1892-1954 and from then until he retired in 1948, in

order to devote all of his life to the Bahai

The little white signal flag went up in the Faith, he was a teacher and principal of

window. schools,

There was a shout, "Uncle Harry is well When Earl-y first heard of the Faith about I

enough to have us come." 1936, he said at once, "But I

have thought

Small feet hurried along the apartment out my own religion; it does not need a corridors. church and does not harm any

living thing."

Tile children's hour had mine! In truth he had been waiting for the Bahai

Up to the last day of his life on earth, Faith! He became active at once. He taught

Harry was with children. at Green & re. wrote short stories for children-

How well he understood them, and how often, served on national committees. they in twilight, loved him. Upon the suggestion of Shoghi

Effendi,

This understanding of children, and for the Harry and Bahiyiyib Ford moved from New

world of nature, were Harry's dominant York State to Colorado Springs in 1948. characteristics.

Mr. and Mrs. Mathews had asked them to

help manage the International Bahá'í School.

Harry Edwin Ford was born in Rushford, For five years Harry was active at the school

New York, August 7, 1892. His father was in the summer months. then traveled ex-

a lumberman and their home was a cabin on tentatively during the winters teaching the Faith.

the edge of the forest. Harry was the eldest of In 1952, in response to a question from me,

six children; the first little ones he loved and Shoghi Effendi again conferred a mat

care for. Much of his early youth was spent blessing upon Harry by asking us to go to

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Johannesburg, South Africa, to pioneer. have cause

The XfaWis of the Antipodes

Although. Harry was ill he knew this was the services; her name

to be grateful for her many

the event of his life and with all his one of the

will be forever remembered as

he prepared for the trip. from this area.

&st pioneers of the Faith

July 1953, Johannesburg became his final home. In a small one-room apartment, he prayed to be allowed to find receptive hearts in this city of no friends.

His strength was rapidly failing but he could just manage a short walk each day.

CYRUS SAMANDAR~

One day he met the children! Like a pied piper he found them. Soon they were believers received the

This radiant young

approval of the tiny flat until his only way Guardian for his

approval of the beloved

to have quiet was to put up the little white flag in the window when he was able to see

pioneer project to Son-aliain

1955. Assured by Shoghi Effendi

the promise of success which

them. He told then stories of all the growing things around them, and of the new Messenger

had given him, he arrived in

things around them, and of the new Messenger

our Bahá'u'lláh's birthday,

and by his warm-
 for his Day. The children told their parents; heartedness and beautiful
 chanting endeared
 the parents cruel to see the much loved himself to us all. His style
 of chanting was,
 "Uncle Harry." Thus the first class on the indeed, unique and he became
 a nightingale.
 Faith was established. He studied hard and
 learned to speak not
 On January 31, 1954, Harry quietly passed only Arabic but sufficient
 Somali (which has,
 from this world into the next. He is buried in as yet, no script) to be able
 to teach Efe Faith.
 Johannesburg. Efe taught with such love,
 patience and
 The tributes he would have wanted most, sincerity that he was able to
 attract many
 followed his passing. A cable from the beloved souls. He not only taught the
 Faith, but
 Guardian reading: "Profoundly grieved pass- mathematics, Arabic and
 English to the many
 ing devoted exemplary pioneer-reward Abhari young men who were unable to
 study at school.
 Kingdom-praying progress soul. . ." The &st IRf\$vbN after his
 arrival in Mo-
 A lovely bunch of African flowers on his gadiscio, he was elected to the
 Local Spiritual
 grave was marked: "From The Children." Assembly, and he was also an
 active member
 of the local teaching committee. He continued
 to serve on these two bodies until he fell ill.
 He taught early morning, mid-day, evening
 and night, and even during work, fearlessly
 DULCIE BURNS DIVE and with as much wisdom as his ardent
 nature
 permitted. He showered love upon his converts
 On Tuesday morning, 18th September 1962, and in less than two years
 brought six souls
 valiant pioneer, Knight of Bahri'u'llah, Mrs. to the Faith, in a country
 where fanaticism
 Dulcie Burns Dive, passed to the Abhari and opposition made many
 difficulties.
 Kingdom in Auckland, New Zealand. The Most young men would
 have been bored
 Faith has surely lost one of its most devoted and complained of the
 dullness of their life
 servants in the Pacific area. here, but although he lived

such a simple,
 Mrs. Dive, after working with her own restricted life, he was always
 radiantly happy,
 community in Auckland, moved to Australia, which, combined with his
 kindly, sympathetic
 where she was active in the teaching work and nature, made him not only
 magnetic but a
 served for some years on the National very successful teacher.
 Even the fanatical
 Assembly of Australia and New Zealand. people who came to the shop
 to threaten M m
 When the Guardian called for pioneers to during his life, were shocked
 to hear of his
 settle virgin areas Mrs. Dive left for the death and declared that he
 was a very good
 Pacific islands, where her services were young man.
 invaluable. She served on the Regional One of his spiritual
 children transferred
 Spiritual Assembly of the South Pacific from to Afgoi; together they
 started extension
 the time it was formed in 1959 until her death. teaching, Cyma waving in
 the crowded

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he was w~complai~~ing and unclen~anding.
 When his condition suddenly became serious,
 he was hurried to a hospital. This was during
 the Kampala Conference, which he had so
 hope to attend. A cable was sent, asking
 for prayers, and beloved Amatu'l-Baha
 R6l~iyiyih~ h n 1 1 herself called upon the
 friends to join in praying for his recovery.
 The cable informing us of her solicitude for
 him came to lighten a very dark day of
 suffering. After the conference, his uncle, the
 Hand of the Cause, Mr. Samandari, visited
 Mogadiscio and gave Q r u s great happiness;
 some of his old radiance returned to his face.
 It was discovered a serious operation would
 be necessary, and he was sent by air to Nairobi
 on March 19; with broken hearts his relatives
 in Mogadiscio helped the now frail and
 pathetic figure to board the plane—a shadow
 of the former Baha'ly built, handsome young
 man. The operation proved to be useless, as
 he was suffering from advanced cancer.
 Doctors and nurses were all deeply impressed

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with his gentle and courageous character.

He dipped from this life to the next on the

Somali bus or an open lorry. One of the evening of April 5, 1958,

with the Nairobi

contacts that he made in Afgoi moved to the pioneers watching over him.

Altho~xghit had

bush; Cyrus found a young man who can% been hoped that he could

regain sufficient

from the same bush village and was returning strength to pass his last

days with his beloved

on foot that evening; he insisted on accom- in other, he was destined by

God to serve the

panying him, although he was told that the Faith in death as in life.

The Nairobi friends

way was rough and long. They arrived at were able to acquire a BahZi

burial ground

at nightfall and Cyrus went to the hut of his and obtain special

permission to bury both

friend, shared his strange hold and slept black and white in the same

area. Thus he

beside him on a mat. The other villagers were helped to win another god.

astonished to see a white man strajlii~gwith 11 The Hands of the Cause in

the Holy Land

them. Next day, very early in the morning, cabled: "Confident spirit

devotedly enkindled

they made their journey back to Afgoi, #c pioneer receiving reward

presence beloved

sun beating down on them, and the dust Guardian Abha Kingdom.

hazy Shines."

choking them. Cyrus returned alone, burnt by

the sun, tired with the long walks but happy

that he had obeyed 'Abdu'l-Bah's wish

literally.

When Cyrus heard of the passing of the

beloved Guardian, the radiant light was

extinguished, and he said in a broken voice:

"There is nothing to live for now. Life without

the beloved Guardian has no meaning." The high point in the

lives of our parents

Not many days later he became unwell. was in the summer of 1921,

when we all

At first he was nursed at home, all this time visited 'Abdu'l-Bah in &fa,

Palestine,

receiving a diwan of students and contacts, la* a farewell talk, on July

23, 1921, He said:

who came for lessons in Arabic or mathematics, or for "bedside firesides." He continually apologized for giving trouble, though, in fact, Holy Shrines. You

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"You have journeyed from region and arrived in this Holy Shrine. You have visited the two

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must appreciate this gift. Not everybody has such a gift. You became converted in it with utmost sincerity and with your attention turned toward the Kingdom of God completely. While you were here, we were pleased with you and you with us. Visiting is good like this - it is of worship, This visit of yours is well accepted in the Kingdom of Abha. Its results will remain with you forever. Therefore, you should thank God that you attained to such great Bounty.

"Now that you return, your going should be like the breeze that comes out of a rose-garden-the breeze that has a very sweet fragrance. You who return should be in utmost joy and mirth, and with great glad tidings be the cause of the happiness of the friends, that whoever meets you may be filled with joy.

"Convey to every one of the friends the message of kindness from me. You, yourselves, must be like letters, letters that speak. I wish to write to every one of the friends, but Mattoon

Edtvin Whitaker

you know that I have no time. I am always with you. My heart is with you. I will never forget you."

When leaving this

invitation, they received an

It seems to us this was true; our parents various spent their lives in showing kindness and be discussed. At thoughtfulness to people everywhere. some of the Bahá'ís

invitation to a forum at which

religious subjects were to

these meetings, they met

Dad was born on a ranch near Galatea, developed a keen

who lived in Urbana. They

Colorado. His parents, Edwina Charles Mattoon and Mae Whittaker Mattoon, were

interest in the Bahá'í

of the friends received a

letter fi-0111'Abdu'l-
pioneers to the W&. With then1 he lived in a Bahri, it was a treasure
for all and evzryone rushed to read it.
sod hut for a few years. Very early in life, Dad's interest in the
Dad learned to recite and sing. One of his
Faith contimed to glow, as was shown by his
great pleasures throughout his life was taking
correspondence with mother during the
part in and directing amateur dramatics world war (he %as a
and talent sliows. 13s parents returned to First Lieutena~itin the
United States Army). Illinois when he was twelve years old. Dad
centered wound his Many of his letters
received both his Bachelor of Science and thoughts about the Faith
and the Bahk'is he met in other lands.
his Master's degrees from the University of Illinois, In the years after the
war, the desire to visit 'Abdu'l-BahB became
He married Annie Ellen Crathorne in 1912. stronger and
stronger; finally, he
They had a full and rewarding life together wrote and asked for
and shared he great experience of discovering permission for him and his
family to ixake the pilgrimagz. A few months
the Faith. They Grst heard of it while attending before 'Abdu'l-Bahj
a Sunday School class in tile Methodist died, their wish was
granted; we rerminsd in Baifa for niiieteen days.
Church in Urbana, Illii~ois. Prof. Jacob Kuaz From 1920 to 1929, oar
was the teacher and he told them of a great principal of the High
father was the prophet, Bahit'u'llgh, who had appeared in Illinois. He was
School in St. Joseph, the East. Shortly after this, Dad read an fine new school with
iiiistr~menta! in buiiding a is now the pride of the
announcement in the paper about a lecture at very interested in helping
beautiful gt.ounds which deseiving students.

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In 1331, Dad accepted a position with the highly meritorious. Assure fervent
prayers
Cl~icagoPublic High Schools. In 1435, w progress his s o d AbhA Kingdom."

bought a home in Wilmerte, Illinois. From His body lies in the
mn~cteryin Key West.
then on, Dad's activity centered m t m d the On the marble stone that covers
the grave
BahA'i House of Worship where he can- a-e engraved the words of Bah5'u'll&h, "1
tinuallyserved as a guide. He was the cllairnlan have made death a messenger of
joy to thee.
of the Natio-nal BahA'i Archives Committee Wherefore dost thou grieve?"
from 1834 to 1947. We served on the I~~tes-
America Teaching Committee for many
years. He visited most of the countries in
Central and South America in the summer
of 1949 assisting the Bahi'i activities. This
meai~tnmch to him; he always wished to
retwn. He also visited and worked with the
Omaha Endians in Macy, Nebraska. CARL SIGURB H~GBERC
During all this time he was a loving husband, 1902-1962
father and grandfather. He had a capacity
for giving freely of his time and devotion On J m ~ e27, 1962, seated
on a bus coming
and love. Nothing was ever asked for in home at noon, Carl Sigurd Hiigberg
suffered
return. a heart attack and died.
Dad had long desired to pioneer, and after Boxn in Giiteborg, Sweden, in
1902, Sigurd
the Guardian launched the Ten-Year Crusade had gone to Amexica at the age of
24. Having
this desire gtew into a reality when he and conlpleted his school. education
and served in
nlother arrived in Key West, Florida, in the Swedish Navy, he sought a wider
field
A u y s t 1954. There he devoted his energies of opportunity.
to teaching, He had realized Ms dream and Was it a foreordained plan
which fed him
felt very grateful. He made many friends and to the B W l Faith, through his
wife, Alethe
gave the Message to everyone he could. He Holsapple, and then back to his
native land
became wdi known to the Negroes in Key as a BahB'i pioneer? At the time he
became
West and was asked on several occasions a BaWi in southern California in 1948
to speak to the students attending the Negro Sigurd's work as a salesman took
him through
High School. eleven western states.
Earnestly he en&avored
Pa February, 1955, he suddenly became ill to apply the principles to business
relation-

but continued active in the Bahá'í community and to put into action those
Words of
and to his great joy Assembly was formed Bahí'u'lláh: "Should any one of you
enter

in April, 1956, The loving spirit of the Bahí'is a city, he should become a
center of attraction

was a great solace to him. His spirit never by reason of his sincerity, his
faithfulness and

faltered, love, his honesty and
fidelity, his truthfulness

Mother has written: "During his last and loving-kindness towards all the peoples
months, he was so unbelievably brave and . . . of the world, so that the people
of that city

never complained. He never lost his desire may cry out and say: 'This man is
unques-

to go to South America and when the Conference was held in Bahí'í." Over this
widespread

reference was in session in Havana, Cuba, he said many prayers and sowed
many

said he felt able to go. . . he surprised the seeds. In order to attend
Feasts he often

friends there, He came back very happy about traveled long distances to reach
the nearest

meeting them. Just a short time before he died Bahí'í community.

he gave an inspiring talk to a group of Bahí'í. What a joy It was to
Sigurd when the first

Group is and guests in Key West. . ." Spiritual Assembly in Mother's home
community,

On December 24, 1954 Dad passed into Culver Township, was farmed! He felt his
the next world. Mother asked us to notify home richly blessed through Bahí'í
firesides

the Guardian. The Guardian's reply, which and by welcoming groups of Bahí'í youth
was a great source of comfort, is as follows: and their friends,

"Grieved news dear Father's death. Pioneer 511954 Sigurd suffered a
serious illness and

teaching administrative services unforgettable, a period of discouragement
followed, One

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Dwight Lamb, and later by Father's passing of a 1954 and, accompanied by Mr. and
Mrs.

cherished daughter. Perhaps these were the Edward Bode, went to Mexico,
Mexico.

incidents which drew Mother away from the 111 1855 Mother transferred to Costa
Rica. For

social world to which she belonged, to search two years she assisted the work
in Costa Rica,

for the things of the spirit. first in the City of Alajuela,
a ~ i d later in the
The friends she selected were sincere, village of Esca~u, Costa Rica. At this
time,
d them as a result of her advanced age, her health
forthright persons like herself, a ~ with
she explored many avenues of religious began to fag. She was not one to
complain
thou&t. She I~ad no use for sanctimonious but she deplored the check-rein it
put on her
piety and never considered that she had any being active. In 1957 she returned
to Mexico,
special virtues, her sense of honor was too the country of her first choice,
and there in
great for that. January of 1859, she passed
away.
She first received the Bahá'í Message in -4t her me~norial service, in
the National
California in 131e early 1930'5, Frit ~t was not Eja&-atu'l-Quds of Mexico, Dr.
Edxis Rice-
kmt~Z1938 that she turned with all her heart Wxay said of her: ". . . She
seemed to love
to B&2ufil&. She was seventy-one y m s of everyone and certainly everyone
loved her.
age at this time, a reserved, direct ~ ~ v m a Her~ . failing health even
before returning to
Her love for Bahá'ra'll&h 1109~'occs mne such Mexico, made it i~npos~bie
for her to serve
a force in her life that any fo'ar~xer barriers h e Faith very actively.
However, she came,
af reserve were dissolved. She extended her determined to do what she could.
Even when
love m d friendliness to God's children of ail she couldn't leave her bed at
the last, she Bras
races 2nd nationalities. Her every thought coarsantly assistifig in every way
possible. . .
seemed to be dominated by the example of "I think one of the most
striking things one
'Abdu'l-Bahk. Her home in Scriverly Kills, notices about the Bahá'í Faith is
the old
California was given over to innumerable people. They never appear se~~ilile,
but are
Bahá'í activities as well as to r g d a Stmdag dynamic and alive until the
last. Pi. i s their
evening "fireside" ~neelings. These meetings faith which makes a difference. It
is one of the
averaged from twenty to thirty persons, In any greatest proofs of the Faith, And

Mrs. Young

of which became Bahá'ís and she now serves it to a very great degree."
throughout the world, Her grave stands high on
the mountain

When attending the Inter-American Conference on the Slopes that Overlook the Valley
of Mexico.

When she came in Chicago in 1953, she was quickened by the simple headstone the
beautiful words

by the spirit of the world-embracing Crusade of Bahá'u'lláh are written in
Spanish:

and especially with one of its most important objectives, of carrying the Message to every

messenger of joy to "I have made death a

corner of the earth by 1963, the Centenary of the Declaration of the Báb. Wherefore dost thou
grieve? I made

of the Declaration of Bahá'u'lláh. She never thought of herself as a teacher-
its splendor. Why dost thou veil thyself

therefrom?"

coupled with her strong will and she was always

humble. When she heard Amatu'l-Eslám

Rubiyiyih Mahdavi, the beloved wife of the

Guardian, who had come to the Conference

as his special representative, she determined

to leave her native land and do what she

could to serve Shoghi Effendi in helping to

fulfill the goals of the Crusade. She was

eighty-six years of age at this time. The Lutfullah "Alizadeh" and

his wife came to a

statement which had impressed her was the Africa from Persia at the

beginning of the

fact that they could serve regardless of age. Crusade and despite perpetual ill

health "Eu"

Those who were too old could join to foreign lands in his pioneer post. He

was born in

countries, there by example, they could reach March 9, 1893 in TaSRiz, Persia.

One day he

others and they could "lay down their bones" stood with a group of young

friends watching

in these foreign lands.

a carpenter at work and this

man began to

She wound up her affairs, by the fall of sleep to the group about the Bahá'í

Faith.

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carried him along, enabling him to continue

his service to the Cause.

The Bahii Cemetery, Nairobi, has been blessed to receive this second pioneer to give his life for the light of God which might be ignited in Kenya. His funeral was truly international, attended by Africans of several tribes, Americans, Persians, Scottish, Irish and English friends who came to pay their last respects; the service was in Arabic, Persian, English and Swahili,
W. 'Atf z h n r ~

MUHAMMAD TAFA EFFENDI S ~ L ~ M
1899-1962

Muhammad Effendi passed to the Abh Kingdom on 23rd November: 1962 in Tripoli, Libya. Born in Egypt on Oct. 17, 1899, Muhammad Effendi embraced the Faith at an early age and rendered memorable services to the Alexandria
~ to the Natiaailal
Community,
Spiritual Assembly of Egypt and the Shahn,
Although Luffullah and the others were all and to the pioneering effort in Libya. His
Muslims, what was said by this man interested was the privilege to be in the presence of
him and he kept going back again and again Shoghi Effendi in 'the Holy Land at a time
the day came when he totally over his pilgrimage was permitted only in
to hear more of it
embraced it. This choice caused a great deal of exceptional cases. His loyalty and devotion
of unpleasantness in the family and finally he was shown at the start of the World Crusade
decided he would have to leave Rome. He when, alone and without employment, he
first went to Russia where he arrived and he proceeded to Benghazi and later in
the beginning of the great revolution there. He was a member of its Local Assembly, the first one
managed to escape and made his way to be formed in Libya. In 1953 he went to
Rome, Austria and finally, London. Tripoli and became a member
of that time's
When he arrived in London, he knew no first Assembly, which was formed at the time
English but regardless of this handicap he in 1954, was Vice-Chairman of the

Assensbly

was soon giving his services to the B&Wi at the time of his passing.

Cause there 2nd he was one of the handful of

young people who started the first youth

grmp of h~f2i1d.He worked and tzught

with the English Brrhi'is for fourteen years

and then, with the Guardian's blessing,

returned Fo his n&e counkry of Persia in

1936 wberc he renxkii~~ed for twcnty years,

carrynlig on fils work for the Cause. By 1902, ten years

r?ftcrthe ascension of

When he heard the Guardian wanted Bah5'u111&h, Thornton Chase, an American,

pioneers for Africa, he joyfiilliy accepted this had becoine the frst from the

t-vestesrl world

opport~lnityand arra:?ged to go to Nairobi, to believe in Him; Robert Tu:r?er,

the first

Kenya. He becanli: a member of the Spiritual hn~esican Negro; Thomas Breakwell,

the

Assembly and also of the Keiyya Teaching first Englishnlan; I-lippolyte

Dreyfus, d c

Conunittee. Although for many years his first Freilchillan and Kanichi

Yamamoto,

health was poor, the strezgtlz of his spirit twenty-three years old, the first

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sure the Master ivould understand. He wrote

then in his awn language, humbly confessing

his belief in the Manifestation of Gad and

asking for ability to teach the people of his

native land. When he received a Tablet from

'Abdu'l-Baha in repiy, Yamanoto felt he had

been fully answered.

In February 1903 Moto received a second

Tablet. stating, ". . . there hath come a soul

from the remotest horizon wilo hath entered

the Kingdom of God."

In the early days of the Bah&i' Faith in

Honolulu there was no home where the group

of four could meet. Agnes Alexander,

Clarence Smith, Elizabeth Muthes and

Kanichi Yamamolu would go by trolley

to Pacific Heights and there on the hilltop

read the prayers m d Tablets.

Moto stayed six nionths in the Islands to

le a n more of theTcachings, axid left in 1903 to

become not only the butler but "a member

of the family" of Mrs. Helen S. Goodall in I
 Kanichi had left his parents in the province Oakland, California. Mrs. Goodall
 wrote I
 I
 of Yamaguchi, Japan and set out for a new soon after Moto's arrival that, "It
 seems
 world. He was an inciependexlt thinker, self- wonderful to me how the Spirit
 bas taught
 reiiia~t,earnest and adventureson~e.Brought Moto as he does not understand
 English very
 up a Buddhist, he liad becoille a devoizt well. . . . We is very happy and goes
 about the
 Chistian. In Hawaii on his way to America house as if he were walking on air,
 especially
 he worked for a B&ii'i f d l y , Also living if a believer comes to see us or
 we have a
 with this famiLy was Miss Elizabeth Muther meeting."
 who helped '-Mato" with his English. When On August 4, 1904
 'Abdu'l-BahB revealed
 Elizabeth became a Bahai, her first thought a third Tablet to Yamamoto,
 addressing him,
 was to speak to Yamamoto. "O thou who art the single
 one of Japan and
 Miss Agils Alexander, Amd of the Cause, the unique one of the extreme Orient!"
 records the story: The familiar words of
 'Abdu't-Bahk on
 ". . . , the power of 'Abdr~'l-BahSs Tablet marriage were revealed in a Tablet to
 Yanla-
 to her and her own earnest prayer, brought moto, who was married in 1908in
 accordance I
 about a great event in the spirit~~alworld, and with American customs. An
 elaborate wedding
 God used her as His instrument to conftrm the was plamed by Mrs. Goodail
 whicli, was
 first Japanese BahA'i. . .When she asked him attmided by all the R&&is and the
 Japanese
 how he knew it was the Truth, he answered friends of the couple. After the
 ceremony,
 by putting his hand to his heart, and said he Moto said to his wife, "I don't
 want you to
 knew there." be like a Japanese wife,
 always bowing. I
 Miss Muther wrote on September 8, 1902, want you to be like an An-iedcan wife
 and
 "Now he has reczived the Message, and I boss me!"
 thought this evening, for the joy expressed in f n 1909 Mrs. Goodail
 nloved to San

his face as well as his words of gratitude for Francisco but kept her Oakland home open the Truth of God, that he must have forgotten for BahB'i meetings with Moto in charge.

everything but to rejoice in God." Then came the historic visit of 'Abdu'l-

At once Moto wanted to write to 'Ahdu'l- Bahk, He arrived on October 3, 1912, m d

B&\$. He rewrote the lette~four tintes but His first talk was in the OaMand home that

stin thought Ixe had not adequately expressed evening; this was followed by other memo-

his thoughts in English. Finally, Miss Miztl~er rable occasions at which Moto served with

told him to write in Japanese, for she felt joy and radiance.

"The meeting arranged by Yaman~otofor

'Abdr'l-BahB to speak to the Japanese

Y ,M.C.A. at the QaMand Japanese Independent Church on October 7 gave Him special happiness, and He showed great Fayor to ali the Japanese fi-iends."

During His northern California visit,

'Abdu'l-Bahk stayed in the home prepared for Him by Mrs. Goodall and Mrs. Cooper;

it was Moto who had the privilege of iivii~g in this home aud serving his beloved Master

during those glorious days. 'Abdu'l-BahB

Loved the three Iitllc Yanlamoto boys, gave them Persian names and held them on His lap.

On May 1, 1961 Kanichi Yamanlato

passed away. His BahB'i cklidren, now in

busi~iessand the professions, came from

different parts of the country to attend a

special service arranged by the Berkeley

Baha'is.

MARIOWYAZDI

Jahangir Ta'yidi

the hemor~bage.About twelve hours from the

This devoted BahB'i was a pioneer youth and courageous

to Knwail on the Persian Gdf. He arrived Kingdom.

in Kuwait in 1953 and participated in the Persian Gulf prayed

establishment of its first Spiritual Assembly, recovery o f this

time of the accident his pure

sou1 ascended to the Abh5

All the believers of the

throughout that &y for the

which was elected in Eahahil; and in the gallant pioneer, but it
 was the Will of God to have this ransom for
 second, in Hawalli. The services of Jahangk Ta'yidi will be of the world. The Muslim
 tho Cause in this part magistral of
 The services of Jahangk Ta'yidi will be of the world. The Muslim
 magistral of
 remembered forever. He courageously suffced Kuwait wrote with his own
 hand a special
 afl kinds of difficulties for the sake of pioneer- permission fur "the burial
 according to die
 ing, and settled in unfavorable and uncasy Bahri'i rites in the
 Fslarnic cemetery."
 areas, simply in obedience l o the hopes and A memorial mcti~~g
 for him was attended
 wishes o f the beloved Guardian. by eighty- Baha'is and
 noa-Bah8'i friends who
 On the diiy of Maw-Riiz, March 21, 1953, listened to the Bah2i
 teachings on the
 as kc was leaving his house in the marfling, immortality of the soul.
 Such a meeting had
 he had gone only a short distance when he never been held in Kuwait
 before.

was k~lockedd o m by a heavy wooden vase
 fnft of dry earth which fell on bis head from
 the window of a nearby house. We got up,
 with blood pouring from his nose and fore-
 head, arid managed to reach the h o ~ ~ sTwo e. PAUL GOLLMER
 1886-1961
 pasers-by witnessed the event and one of
 them harried to stop a taxi and took the The friends called bin1
 ibe "faithful St. George" of the Stuttgar
 youth to the government hospital. A few
 Bah2i community. His life bad been devoted
 ~ncrmenrslater he lost consciousl~essand the to the Cause of
 sight of his eyes, so that he was unable to Bah&'ti'u'llah. He died an
 September 9, 1961 a few days before his 75th
 give his rmme and address. It was later
 birthday. He
 announced that a fractured skuli had caused longed for those
 everlasting realms into

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which his dear wife Martha had preceded
 him the year before.
 Paul Gollmer was born on September 21.,
 1886 in Stuttgart-Bad Clannstadt. [When he
 was six his father died and his mother, a very

pious Christian, brought him up in firm discipline and loving strictness. At the age of fourteen he went to work as a journeyman joiner in Kanigsfeld; an accident caused the loss of several fingers and he could no longer continue in this field of work so he returned to Stuttgart and found a post with the "Allianz," a Stuttgart insurance company. Because of his willingness, industry, reliability and general ability he rose in the company. From his early youth he had been a true seeker and in 1910 he had the great privilege to hear of the Faith. He accepted it immediately with zeal and enthusiasm and all his life he was a loyal, devoted and very active follower of Bahá'u'lláh; and to spread the Cause amongst his fellowmen was his most

Paul Gollmer

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ardent desire. He was a member of the German

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Bahá'í community which was founded in

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1912 and at a later date became a member of meeting place in the local town, and at

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the publishing house of the German Bahá'ís, that he tried to have public meetings

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beginning its head in 1928. a ranged. When he met with success these

In 1913 he was blessed by a visit with meetings were visited by many contacts. 'Abdu'l-Bahá in Stuttgart. In 1919 the beloved After his retirement he visited a number of

Master houses with a Tablet, and in Bahá'í communities, groups as well as isolated

1936 he went to visit the Guardian in Haifa, friends, all over Württemberg whenever they

were deeply impressed with all that he was in need of personal or spiritual help.

had seen and met there.

When this ardent,

enthusiastic, devoted man

For many years he was a member of the faithful follower of the Cause died it was a

National Spiritual Assembly of Germany great loss for the friends of Stuttgart, and

and Austria, and of the Stuttgart local and many others in that area, and he will

always

Assembly on which he served as chairman be remembered by the Sawis grateful for

numerous times, E c rendered miqhie services the services he rendered the Cause of Uah&'uY- I

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to the Faith in Stuttgart during the tiiiie of IIBh.

Adolf Hitler. PJthou& always loyal to the government, he was jlever willing to compro- nlise in any cluestisnu or matters concerning the eternal truths of the Faith* He also did

a great deal in securing aiuch of the BahB'i

literature and saving it from the Gesiapo; he

FRANK ASHTON

was indefatigabtlc in contintlally strengthening

the bonds between the friends at a tiine when

Frvlk Ashton was born in

Froasham,

they were not permitted to gather together in England, July 3, 1879. He

attendcd school

meetings.

at Durham where he trained

to be a macllinist-

After the war he tried his best to have the engineer. He came to the United

States while

prohibition of mzetiags cancelied and with still a yonng man and worked far

many y e a s

thc help of John Cichenauer this request was in I3a1 larnafos the United States

Government.

finally s u ~ s f u l .ITrom 1945 the frie~lds Later he was employed by the

Pei~nsylvania

gathered a t his home far there was no other Railroad and the11 by the General

Electric

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Company. Duin:: World War I X he was ia

the employ of the Navy Department in the

Navy Yards at Kittery, Maine, and toward the

end of the w a at Mars Island. Califo nia.

In everything he did he had a high sense of perfection and of duty.

Frank bras an expert: cricket player and

member of chanlpionshitip teams in the United

States. Wheii over fifty yeais of age he was

s member of a teal11 which t o r ~ ~ eCanada

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and the eastern United States. He was an

agreeable coinpanion, a good sport, and he

was huumble; Illroughout his life be was a

lover of the o~~t-of-doors.

He heard of the Faith white living in Detroit, Michigan, from the well-known Bahá'í teacher, Mabel Dice-Wray Tves and became a sincere, devoted and faithful believer, ever busy in the Cause. For many years Frank was a member of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'ís in Philadelphia and, later, of Eliot, Maine, where he also shared in the activities of Green Acre. His services, though unobtrusive, were always constructive and Gurdian and to carry out where he went he was a stabilizing factor. He was firm in the Covenant. These qualities were a great asset when the call for pioneers response to the calls came from the Guardian. It can be truly said of Frank that wherever he went, people were glad to have him arrive, and when he left they were sorry to have him leave; his was a rare spirit. He had the most great faith in Bahá'u'lláh, demonstrated this faith through many trials and vicissitudes. The soul of honor, he was dependable, generous, sacrificial in his attitude. He was greatly respected, not only by his fellow believers, but also by the people with whom he worked. They trusted him, and through the bounty and protection of Bahá'u'lláh their trust was always justified, Frank was a living illustration of the phrase "His word was as good as his bond." in the teaching work

serve the beloved

his wishes.

One of Frank's chief

his instant, unhesitating

of the Guardian. In the

Plan he came from Florida

Portsmouth, New Hampshire,

Later, when he was

chosen a member of

Bahá'í community, he

for a pioneer in karmic,

helped establish and

Assembly them. In the

Plan he also went as a

New Jersey.

When his health became

advised him to go to a

went to Florida and

where he was as a citizen

Z30ssessed of an excelle~ltmemory and a as his hedth would ailow,
 giving the Message
 clear, distinct v~ice,it was his joy to recite and arranging mecti~ngs.
 the B&b9sAddress to the Letters of the Living, Agait:, in the Ten-Year
 World Crusade,
 the Tablet of &mad, arid other gems from Frank could not resist the
 call for pioileels
 the Writings of BahA'u'llah, thi: B5b, 'Abclu'l- m d he vc)iurrteered for
 the foreigo field.
 BahSi an6 Shogbi Effendi. The many hundreds ii1 and ?rail, hs
 moved to Miinterrey,
 who have heard hill1 will never forget the Mexico, in July 1955, and
 thsse joined in
 spirit o f love and devotion with which he fornzing a group which was
 destined to
 spoke and the spiritual atniosphere that was achieve Asselnbiy status
 within a month
 created. His whole life revolved around dter his death on March 23,
 1956. His life
 ISahB'uytl& m d his greatest desire was to on this earth ended cvhile
 he was serving in

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the forefront of the pioneer ranks of .the
 Cause to which he Ezrzd dedicated his life.
 After his death ize following message was
 received from the beloved Guardian:

"Praying progress soul Kingdom. His
 services meritorious."

HARLANE. OBER

In November 1923 a public meeting %as
 held by a religious body-New Thought
 Society-in Adelaide, South Australia, The
 gucst speakers wsre Mr. and Mrs. EIyde
 TItunn, recent arrivals from America and their
 subject was the BabQ'i Faith.

Seated in the audience were Mr. and Mrs.
 Percy kleade Aln~ond, perplexed, seeking
 a faith, aware of something they one day
 hoped to h d ; and now they were waiting to
 hear yet another speaker. As they listened
 their thoughts rapidly turned to awe, and
 turning to one another they whispered, "This
 is it," Their seaxch had ended, their road to

eternity had begun-they had found the Mrs. Almond carved a niche for
 herself in

BaM'f Faith.

the early Baha'i history o i

Australia:

A Rose

Just two days after this meeting Mrs. Garden School was established by her for Almond and her husband entertained Mr. children in and around Adelaide, her gin and Mrs. Dunn in their home and accepted of music helping her very much in this work.

The Faith of Bahá'u'lláh, and as a result eventually she added something of wider

there was formed the first Bahá'í Group in a valley which was a Correspondence Rose School and the lessons

from this

In 1927 Mrs. Almond was to see the result school were sent to all the states in Australia

of her teaching work in her own home town. and as far as the island State of Tasmania

That year the first Local Assembly was formed where children were eager to get these wonderful

in Adelaide. This desire to attend lessons, so well thought out and well done.

farther afield to the State of Victoria, as they were appreciated by adults, too, who

pioneer. The Faith became very precious to keep learning about the Faith along with

her as the years passed; the Continent was their children, and in this way Mrs. Almond

Large, the laborers few and she realized there literally sent the meaning of the Great

was much work to be done. When she came to the Bahá'í children all over this vast

returned to Adelaide she accomplished in a continent. Today in Australia these same

useful work in goal areas of the Seven children have formed wonderful Youth.

Year Plan. In 1955 she and her husband Groups while others have become adult visited the Pacific Islands, New Zealand, and Borneo.

other places where they encouraged the At the time of her passing Mrs. Almond

pioneers in their work with the native population was a member of the Asian Teaching Commission.

Mrs. Almond's letters were known far and wide, on which she had served since its

and wide for the encouragement and inspiration in 1953, and she had devoted 37

years to new believers, pioneers years of her life to the Cause of Bahá'u'lláh.

and those serving in isolated places both She had kept her wonderful sense of humor

at home and abroad.

and every visitor to her home

happy time and always came away with a more intimate knowledge of the Faith. On December 23, 1960 she died. One of her favorite ~~~erses

"Waft, then, unto me, O my God and Beloved, from the right hand of Thy mercy and Thy loving kindness, the holy breath of Thy favour, that they may draw me away from the end of the world from the presence of Thy nearness."

Surely ~ v i t b these words in her breast Mrs. Almond passed to the Abha Kingdom.

'Azizu'ilAh San~avr dari was born in the city Samandari of Qasvin, Persia, March 21, 1910. After finishing his primary education he went to the Bdik'l secondary school in Tih~Ln. As a wife, Bahiyyih, student he showed such zeal and enthusiasm in the honours services in the teaching of the Faith that ever since he was known as a very firm Bah'i. He was the beloved Guardian's When the Persian government decided to send students to Europe for further studies Turkey and went to He was one of those chosen. After years of study he returned to Persia a well-qualified service. Unfortunately- engineer. Although he was well known as a Bah'i his family Bah'i he was immediately appointed as the head of all the sugar factories in different parts of Persia and he managed to conduct these factories, in different stages of development, and in spite of many difficulties, successfully. The government later appointed him as

'Azizullah

positions, and with his

readers wanderer

of Bah'u'llih.

When they heard of the

sail for pioneers the

their home in Persia for

reside in the beautiful

they rendered wonderful

By Mr. Samandari was to be

for only one

post; at the age of

suddenly summoned to the

the general manager of the Industrial Bank and commissioned him to go to Europe and purchase factories for the country.

1891-1962

One of the very early

believers of Australia,

Wherever he went Mr. Samandari demon- Adelaide, Sout.11

Mr. Robert S. Brown of

strated the teachings of his beloved Faith by AbhB Kingdom July

Australia, passed to the

his honesty, upright conduct and pure years of faithful

8, 1962 after thirty-two

character. Due to such excellent qualities and He abandoned

service to the Bah25 Faith.

his being known as a Bah&i-(for four years in the k~~nowledge

the physical garment happy

secretmy of ths T i h r h Local Spiritual As- enough to enable

that he had been spared long

sembly)-he was the subject of many severe worldly wealth to the

him to donate all his

attacks by the people. In order to spend all his life's work

BahB'i Faith. He had made it

his time and energy for the C'ause of God he and this hc did

to support the Bahi'i Fund

retired from all gavernmenfA ranks and great generosity.

with mfailing regularity and

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R1usay-n R6ki was born in Cairo, Egypt, in 1878, the son of \$&j MaUB 'Ali Tabrizi, who was a BahA'i teacher and pioneer sent to Egypt by Bahtu'llkh. Rir~was a young boy whei~his father was killed during a teachiog journey ~ Z I Diar-Bekr, Turkey.

After the martyrdom of his father Ritbi stayed with hjs mother and thsn joined the household of B&j IMlfzk Ijsasa~~S#tklir&sani who aided in his education at school, taught him eke Persian l m g ~ ~ a gtaught e~ hiin the

Faith, thus preparing hiill for iitture service to the Faith of Bahi'u'liih.

In 1899 4fAj Mir& F3asan and others were sent by 'Aiidu'l-Bah8as special meshcngcrs to the Uaired States mrl Epusa31 was choseil to be the intespreter for the group, They n?de &eir headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, and stayed irr the United States until 1982, ~ind Ri&i seized the opportunity during this time

to continue his college education.

After his return to Egypt, Rirbi worked as

Robert S. Brown a teacher of the English language at
various

schools and later published two bi-weekly
magazines. Although these magazines were
published to help teach English, every issue

Mr. Brown was a member of the first conference which mentioned the
Spiritual Assembly of Adelaide. Always Cause or its principles.

practical and just in administrative matters he During the year of 1906
the great B&B's

was, at the same time, kind and tolerant. His teacher Mirza Abul-Fadl stayed in
Cairo

acts of kindness and generosity to those in and around him was one of his constant
companions,

and need were too numerous to be counted. Attending most of the
meetings at which

He was a delegate to the first Convention Mirza Abul-Fadl held.

of Australia which was held in Sydney in 1934 In 1910 Rishi established
Abbassia Schools,

and elected Chairman of this Convention as named after 'Abdul-Bahá
'Abbas, in Cairo.

was elected as Chairman of the first National Spiritual These were two schools, one
for boys and one

Assembly of Australia and New Zealand which for girls in which both Bahá'í and
non-Bahá'í

was formed at that Convention. He served youngsters were enrolled. The schools
con-

in this capacity with great distinction for a time to see the cause of education
until

several years. 1919 when by form of

circumstances they

Although the last twelve years of his life had to be closed.

were ones of painful illness which made him In 1920 Ruw was offered
the post of

unable to move about freely he never failed, to Inspector of Education in [he
was liberated

deliver the message of the Faith to all with Palestine, an offer which he
gladly accepted,

whom he called in contact and his enthusiasm because it meant being near his
beloved

never waned. Master, 'Abdu'l-Hasan.. His

post was located

The devoted service of his staunch early in Jerusalem and Born there he paid
frequent

visits to the Master in
Haifa.

in the early history of the Faith in Australia. After the passing of
.Abdu'l-Baha, R&A, R&A
remained firm and faithful in the Faith and
on the fortieth day of the ascension Ubi was
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Cemetery in Cairo, and may the Mercy of
God rest upon his soul in the Abhdom Kingdom.

CARL SCHEFFLER

April 8, 1883 May 17, 1962

The passing of Carl Scheffler marks the
departure of yet another from the rapidly
thinning ranks of those who embraced the
Faith of Bah'u'llah in its very early days in
America.

About the year 1897 news of a "teacher"
was brought to the Scheffler family by a
cousin who urged investigation so persistently
that several members of the family, including
Carl and his mother, went to hear what the
teacher had to say. This teacher was Taha
& Aymanli who had come from Egypt on
business associated with the Chicago World's
Fair of 1893. The family attended his lectures
and decided that what Dr. Aymanli was
present to take an active part in the memorable telling about the Message of
Bah'u'llah was
meeting when the Writings and Testament of logical, and as one of them said, "made
'Abdu'l-Baha was read a ~ ~ Sloghi
clearly? and was sense," They attended Dr. Khayru'llah's
pronounced Gurdian of the Bah'i Faith. classes and eventually became Sism
believers
Ri and ran in Palestine, holding many and remained so despite Dr.
Khayru'llah's
Importantly it goes to the point positions, until 1935 or in subsequent
in violation.
when he was retired with a pension. During There was of course no
administrative
all this time he was in constant touch with present-day Baha'is
know it,
the beloved Cousin and was always glad to be one of the devoted believers,
Mrs. Fannie
Be the contact with authorities in the area on Lesclaire, more farsighted than
the rest, perhaps,
matters pertaining to the Cause when he kept a record in a large ledger. of
this man,

Guardian requested him to do so. date and ,~umericalsequence
 01 aU emoHees.
 Upon ~ e t i r e ~ nRi~bi
 e ~ ~ follotved
 t the Gnard- Carl Scheffler, zt tire zge ~f \$6, was enrolled
 ian's instructions a ~ dreturned to Egypt in 1899, tft 665th lo haye declared
 his hit11
 wlzere he devoted dl his time and abiitiy to iii Chicago.
 the ses\~iceof the Cause there, as a member Qne of the great bounties
 shoivered upoil
 s f the Local t l ~ dNztitional Spiritual Assem- Carl SchcEler by BahB'u711&h
 wss that
 Hies, serving on various co~~imitkcs and aiding Thornton Chase, Aibert
 Windust, Albsi-t
 in the translation of the Writings fro111 Persian Grecided and others, staunch
 pillars of the
 into Arsbic. He was always one ofthe teachers Faith, d l considerably older
 than he, took a
 in the Bah&i' Summer Schools. In his last days gi-eat intexest in his boy and
 exerted the most
 he was quite happy because he had beea abie profound inflizence on his
 spiritual deveiop-
 to complete extensive work oT translation melit. He had little formal
 education, but
 he had started and many of these translations inspired by asseciation witti
 these great souls
 are in manuscript forms. to study the Sacred Writings
 of Bah&'u'llSih,
 On Novcmber 10, 1960 Yrisayn Kithi he became a truly educated 1n21-ian and a
 dedi-
 passed away at the age of 82 after a long life cated servant of Bahfi'u'llkh,
 the Mastsr,
 totally dedicated to the service of BahB'u'll&h. and later, the bdoved
 Guardian, Sl~oghi
 His body was laid to rest in thc BahL'i EfTerxdi.

Wilmette, Ill~nois,he had great opportunity
 to exercisc his rare gifts as a teacher-one
 whose teaching was always dirmly based on
 the BahB'i principles.
 Characteristically, when Mr. Scheffler was
 no longer able to teach. publicly, be began to
 write, with the purpose of elucidating the
 application of the Baha'i Teachirrgs to daily
 living. These essays preseai the philosophy
 developed during a lifeiin~eof close association

w~ihthe Teachings of Baha'u'll&hW
 The g r i d occasioned by his loss is tempersd
 by &the knowledge that his service did not
 end wizh his departare from this world.
 Following is the tributo of the Hatzds of
 the Cause in the Holy J ~ n d :
 "Grieved passing much loved Carl Scheffler
 steadfast devoted tireless servant Master
 eaaly days Faith h e r i c stop
 ~ Outstanding
 services Teinple Teaclrii~g adnlinistrative
 fields period beloved Guardian's ministry
 unforgettable stop Convey deepest synlpa-
 thy family assure ardent prayers Holy
 Shrines." (signed) Handsfaith May 20, 1962.

Carl Scheffler

In 1907 Mr. Scheffler, in company with
 Mr. Chase and Mr. Arthur Agnew and his
 family had the great bounty of being permitted
 to visit 'Abdu'l-BahB in His prison home In
 'Akka, an experience which deepened still
 the Abhd
 more his spiritual perception,
 Her
 Kingdom on September 18, 1954.

'ETHEL DAWE
 1902-1954

Miss Ethel Dawe ascended to

At an early age Carl Sch&er became a passing was deeply felt by all who knew
 and

member of the first "House of Justice" in loved her. Miss Dawe entered a
 hospital

Chicago, autl~orizedand named by 'Abdu'l- in Sydney in January, 1954, and
 during her

Bahk. Later he also served as a member of the prolonged illness demonstrated
 such sweet-

Bahli'i Teinple Unity, and in 1925 was elected ness, love and radiant
 acquiescence that she

to the National Spiritrral Assembly of the charmed all with whonz she came into
 contact.

BahPfs of the United States and Canada, Her remaills wefe laid to rest in the
 Northern

on which body he served as a nlenlber con- Suburbs Cemetery, Sydney.
 tinuously until 1938, part of the tinkle as its The National Spiritual

Assembly of the
 National Treasurer, Bahgr'r'sof Australia and New

Zedand cabled

He was an effective speaker and rendered the beloved Guardian the sad news of
 her

valuable service in this field. As a teacher for passing and he replied:

groups and individuals he wds m~surpassed, "Grieve loss devoted capable
pronloter
particular with youth. Faith Ethel Dawe notable

sexvices unforget-

In his chosen frdd of secuIar activity, first table reward assured Kingdom."

as a commercial artist and the11 as owner and Miss Dawe was born at
Burnside, South

director of the Evanston Academy of Fine Australia, October 17, 1902. Of her
early

Arts and Dirsctor of Art in the North experiences as a RahB'i she mote:

Evanston F'ublic Scl~ools,as well as some of "heard

I of the Faith in 1931 through my

the parochial schools in both Evanston and mother's cousin, Maysie Almond. She
and

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her husband were the lint two people to
accept the Cause in South Australia on
l~earingMr. and Mrs. Duim speak in Adclaxde
in 1924.

"Aftel rearling Tile Hiddetr Words, The
S e v e ~Valteys, and the Kildh-i-f&in, I recog-
nized in my h a t the tnzth of the Revelation
of Bd~k'u'liBh. My active pa~ticipationin
the life of the BahB'i Faith began at a meeting
held as a me11lorla1 to the Greatest Holy Lea[
in July, 1932, a serious illness of many months
prior to t h i s having caused me to miss the
meeting held for Keith Ransom-Kehler who,
however, had graciously visited me although
I was not then a declared BahB'i."

In 1934 Miss Dawe was elected a nien~ber
of the Spinkual Assembly of Adelslide and
attended the Errst Australian BaliZi'i Coilven-
tiou t~cldIn Sydney.

Miss Dave in 1937 was appointed tem-
porary collaboraiar for Austrlia to the
League of Nations and visited Geireva,
S\~itzelrland.While working at the League of
Nations, she met ~ a d a n l e ~ r e ~ i u s - B a r n e ~
whose name had long been known to her
through. Madame Barney's intimate associa-
tion with the Holy Family at HaiFa, a d also Scott, and a week at Edith
Sanderson's

as the doyen of women in the intellectual apartment.

Co-operation Section of the League of "From there 1
journeyed lo London in

Nations. After visiting Budapest, Vienna in December 1937, and met with
 great pleasure
 Germany, Miss Dawe was invited by Madame the Duchess of London. The greatest joy
 was
 Barney to visit her in Paris, at the time of the afternoon spent with dear
 Lady Blomfield,
 Paris Exposition of 1937 which was held in whose loving radiance still
 illumines my
 Ule Gardens of the Trocadero. It was in these thoughts.
 gardens that 'Abdu'l-Baha used to walk, "Then I set sail in
 the Stinthen for Xajfa
 where he would sit and overlook the playing at the invitation of the Guardian,
 arriving on
 fountains. The Exposition had raised the January 6, 1938, for approximately ten
 days.
 Pavilion of Peace--with its high column in How can I describe the Gilded
 His power
 which was placed the golden Star of Peace- and his love
 surrounded on this earth.
 overshadowing the whole of the Exposition. "The meeting with
 Ri-biyih Khkn-zmwill
 At the gate 'Abdu'l-Baha used to enter, the remnant as an inspiration with in
 all my life.
 Exposition had erected the Pavilion of Peace- The meeting with the Holy
 Mother-Mush
 Zone. In a letter Miss Dawe wrote: "The meeting was an
 inestimable privilege. I
 "Madame would take me to walk in the shall always hear her say as she folded me
 in
 gardens, following the path she had trod with her angels, 'Read the Words of
 Bah'u'llah,
 Rim. Precious indeed were the words she dear, read the Words of Bah'u'llah.
 They
 spoke, telling what the Master had said. are creative Words. Blessed are the
 hours
 Scarce could we tear ourselves away from the sight of the Word of God.'
 the sparkling, playing fountains which He had "The visits to the
 Shrines, to Bahji and to
 loved so much. He Most Great Presence
 at 'Akkii, made so
 "Joyous indeed was the visit to Paris and great an impression that life is
 forever
 also the association with the Bah'i community changed.
 munity there; a Feast at the home of Madame "On leaving, the
 beloved Guardian entrusted-
 Dreyfus-Laraey, a week at the studio of Mrs. Edme to carry to Australia a
 Lock of the hair

of Bahá'u'lláh, The Greatest Holy Led AMY DEWING
 herself had arranged this lock. The Guardian
 was sending it to Australia, to the believers, On September 11, 1959, New
 Zealand lost I

because of their distance from the Holy Land. one of its earliest Bahá'ís with
 the passing
 He especially wished Father and Mother Dunlop of Mrs. Amy Dewing, at the age of
 83. From

to touch the sacred lock of hair. the time when she first heard of
 and accepted

"The precious lock journeyed with me to the Faith from Father and Mother Dunn
 she

to the friends in Port Said and Cairo where they were active in spreading its
 Message and in

Guardian had sent word that I was coming, assisting in the establishment of
 the Ad-

Four memorable days were spent with the administrative Order of Bahá'u'lláh in
 the

wonderful Bahá'ís there before joining the Antipodes. Her name will forever be
 remembered

in Whio for Australia. remembered as one of the

strongest and persevering bands

"RILEY I was home in time for dear Martha of New Zealand believers who
 remained firm

Root's last visit to Australia in 1938, which and the tea-leaf in the face of
 many obstacles

was of such benefit to us all." and who lived to witness the
 emergence of the

After Miss Daiie's return from abroad she New Zealand committed to an
 independent

was appointed Talks Officer for the Australian exile, separate from that
 of Australia,

Broadcasting Commission for South Australia. and with its own National
 Spoken Assn in 1939.

Although her home was in Adelaide, she was

able to visit and assist the friends in Tasmania,

Melbourne, Sydney, and also to attend the

Yerri-in-Boo Bahá'í Summer School. Several vis-

JEAN SILVER

its were made to Canberra. In 1947, 1948 and

1949 she made three visits to Perth in Western Australia. Miss Jean Silver, who

passed away in 1959,

Australia, and in 1949 went to England for one month. August 14,
 1959, was one

year where she assisted in the British Six-Year of those ardent early pioneers
 who have lent

Plan. Her services on the National and Local distinction to the annals of the American Assemblies and on committees, as well as in Bahá'í Comirtuzity. I I was chiling the first the teaching field, are, as the Guardian says, great Seven Year i>im of Shoghi Effendi, "unforgettable." when the objective was the spred of the Faith, Miss Dawe's charming personality and wide according to 'Abdu'l-BabZs Tablets of the range of knowledge and experience made her D i v i ~ ~Plan, e fnrosghout Latin America, services very valuable in Bahgi activities. As that Jean Silver w c ~ to t Caba to teach the a n executive oflicer of Ihe Australian Broad- Cause of God. Year after year she remained casting Com~lissio~~ hex position as Talks at her post illness and advanced years Supervisor enabled her to meet many per- nsacle it impossiblefur h6r to go on pioneering. sonages of high standing both nationally and Together with Miss Jasephiile Kruka, Jean intc~nationally, to many of whom she gave succeeded irt esiabiishing a flourishing corn- the Baha'i Message, mnarity in Habaila. She tatigl-it the yoz;th and Z i i 1953 Miss Daliie accompanied Mrs. children as well as the adults and her merry Clara Dunn, Hand of the Cause, to the Fourth personality, deep conviction of the iruth of Xntercontiientai Conference in Delhi, India, BahB'u'llih's Message, and shrewd mind, m d frola tilere she again visited the beloved atti-acted to her many Erields and admirers. Guardian at the World Center of the Faith Indeed, frfim the many bttrs she received in Haifa, Israel. f~om the bcloved Guardiuz, it is clear he too a?-mired her indonlitable spirit. Mter the F a ~ t h was firmly established in Rabana Jean moved to Cie-nfuegos-"a hundred firesw- a d there lighted the fire: of " k love of Gcd in many hears. Her name will forever be honoured by the Cuban believers as one of the trail-blazers in the history of the development of t i ~ Faith k in

their native land.

EM M E M O R I A M

-4th the assunnee of the New Day dawning upon hrmanity, a d Iceland in centuries to come will look back to her as ro the morning star.

Hiilmfridur hrnadtittir has been accorded

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by the beloved Guuu-6ian the station of Iceland's first Baha'i. From her fifst contact witl1 the Faith in 1924 ui~tilher passiaq in 1955, she was alom in her xcdization o f the inissian of Bakit'lISih, the only Ycaiander to hail the glzd tidi~lgsof &c New Day. Far thrs acd far two ~nemoxableservices she will ever be honorecl in Icela~~dic history. She was the translator o i Ur, EssIe~aorat'sBaJil4'u'llhh and ii?e iVew Era into the Icelandic izraguzge, an

FREDERIXCk AGNES CAREY

1879-1958

Fzederika Awes Carey was

born in Cape

endwing work of the gredest significsmce Town, South Afaicr;, on Deczmbcr 1, 1579.

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prow in iceiaizd under the mome~:irm of the minator, to hold Fast to the principles of the

Ten-Ymr Cxusade. And she serve5 tireiessiy BahB'i Faith d d n g the time ~ 3 1 2 ~itl1tkaf first

and with great devotion our greaccst Bahsl being iutioduced into Africa. Zer early years

teachex- Martha Rout, &winsher nriforgei- werc lrted in Cape Town. and laix Pretsria,

table visit to IceIauri for one month in 1935, where she trained as a lmrse.

She was keenly

bringing her into contact with many leaders ii~teresteclm helping woren who were serving.

of thoaght end paving t h e way for Matila's yr!so~lsentences; slie mas a rne~llberaf ii~c

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Ainadiiiiir thrmgh Mrs. Amelia Collins, reI~abSitatiun.

who with her 111~sSandvisited Reykjavik for

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d e n i Bah&'i,

A ~ O F1920,
 two days in, 1924. "The land made so lively", say Fanny Knobloch from the United States,
 of the *elm and of the oak," Mrs. Collins who proved to be a good and excellent in her life.
 Finally, as it was the largest to have Miss Knobloch visited since the 11th in the harbor to that date. Martha from Pretoria, and also her husband Harry
 written of this historic meeting in these words: Carey. The following quotation is from Miss
 "One should begin any saga, any article about Knobloch's account of her experience? in
 Iceland with the name of Einar Einarsson; he South Africa: "In this city Mr. and Mrs.
 is the greatest soul in Iceland today . . . It may exceptionally supported the Cause by
 may have been only a coincidence but it is opening this home as the center of the
 like a confirmation from God that it was in activities, The first South African
 this lofty Einar Einarsson Museum that the Assembly was organized there in 1925."
 The friendship was The meeting of the community established
 first planted in Iceland." It was the planting by Fanny Knobloch, the divine seed in Iceland, beautifully and most of all Agnes Carey
 remained, and for
 loyally treaded by Miss U for over thirty years; twenty years she saw no better
 and the association of the two spiritual kept in touch with
 in Bahá'í world through
 sources warmed and cultivated this vital correspondence with our beloved God and
 Nufusland for the rich harvest which Shoghi Effendi, who proved to be
 her great
 even today maybe glimpsed as the source of spiritual comfort and
 Inspiration.
 anticipated. When she received the
 message from Shoghi
 After a long rich life devoted to the Bahá'í Faith?
 In her contentment and confidence
 manliness and spiritual endowment, Hadrat Karapáa, who died in 1543,
 although she
 passed to the Bahá'í kingdom at the age of seventy-three years old, she deter-

eighty-two, in Reykjavik, on November 25, in order to make this great journey

1955. This was truly a universal sacrifice, gifted by air was the high point of her life.

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Following the cable sent from Haifa, July 12, 1958, by the Hands of the Cause at the time of her passing: "I feel deep sorrow passing staunch devoted upholder Faith, Agnes Carey, Services greatly appreciated and Beloved. Praying for your Shrires."

Ms. Bertha Pappiloud was a French-tvornm who heard of the Bahá'í Faith in Asmara, Eritrea, accepted it with enthusiasm, and, when the need for service came, arose to respond to that need heedless of personal comfort and convenience. The need was in Djibouti, Somalia, one of the worst climates on the East Coast of Africa. Ms. Pappiloud moved there, accompanied by her daughter and grandson, despite her years and the difficulties she might have to face, and soon after she returned from the Congo helped establish the first Spiritual Assembly there, her eyesight and health suddenly failed in that city in 1961. She served as a member until she failed. After a long illness, Agnes slipped away from that Assembly until her death on December 15, 1962 in Djibouti. She was also elected a member of the Assembly on July 10, 1958. On the day of her funeral, her dear friend, delegate to the convention of the Region of North Africa, held in Addis Ababa in 1962, Professor Bishop Brown, who was now Spiritual Assessor of the Bahá'ís of North Africa, placed beside her a green sprig from the grave of her beloved Guardian. Upon being informed of her death the Hands of the Cause in the Holy Land cabled: "Grieved news passing valiant pioneer indomitable spirit. Alone, facing opposition Bertha Pappiloud. Assure ardent prayers ever unspoken, with no one to succor her shrines convey loving sympathy bereaved"

ar bring her fresh news from the outside iBmiIy,"

Balrti'i world, she kept the flame of Bzh2u'- When the history of the
Faith in this area

l lah burning in that dark lai~d;those of us is written, and future generations
of Bahk'is

cvho came afwher were merely to take a ligl~t look back on their spiritual
antecedents,

from tile flame she had protected and to Mme. Pappiloud's name and example will
be

ipnitz the s~~rrounding countryside. revered and enlulated,

— In Memoriam (Used by permission of the curator)