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ALFRED EASTMAN LUNT  
BY Louis G. GREGORY AND HARLAN OBER

ALFRED EASTMAN LUNT departed this life, August 12, 1937, at his home in Beverly, Massachusetts. His immediate family included a widow and five children, and a host of friends mourn his loss. His funeral was organized in most of the colleges of the United States. He served actively in this capacity in several Presidential campaigns, and those acquainted with his achievements, and contained the solace of Heavenly Teachings and prayers, and proved to be a means of confidence that had he not teaching others the Faith that he loved. chosen to turn his energies with concentration toward the Baha'i Faith, The National Spiritual Assembly, on August 16, 1937, received the following cablegram from the Guardian: realizing that all other means were ineffective, he would have risen to positions of great importance in "Shocked distressed premature passing esteemed beloved Lunt. Future generations he became Solicitor of his native city, and an associate in a well established and popular law firm in Boston. lished and Baha'ullah American continent. Called by Miss Sarah J. Farmer to act as her legal counsel, he took the leadership in evolving those plans lose such critical period so fearless champion

that protected her spiritual  
 their Cause. Request entire body their Na- program and the  
 Green Acre properties.  
 tional representatives assemble his grave pay His  
 services to the Green Acre Fellow-  
 tribute behalf to him who so long and  
 my ship, at a very critical  
 period in its existence,  
 since inception acted as pillar institution as well as  
 over a number of years, were  
 they represent. Convey Boston community perhaps among the  
 most valuable of his ca-  
 assurance prayers, deepest brotherly sympa- reer, a career  
 noteworthy for the variety and  
 thy their cruel irreparable loss." number of its  
 accomplishments. Although  
 He was for more than a generation one of the opposition  
 retained very able counsel and  
 the most distinguished and useful servants aroused  
 adverse public sentiment and wide-  
 of BahaVllah. He was well prepared by newspaper  
 criticism, carrying the  
 spread  
 college and legal education at Harvard Uni- matter to the  
 Supreme Court of the State of  
 versity. As a student he heard the Great Maine, the  
 final decision was a complete vic-  
 Message from Dr. 'Ali-Kuli Khan, lecturing tory for the  
 Baha'is and the friends of Miss  
 in the University. He obtained from it a Farmer.  
 A  
 few years later, this victory hav-  
 new life and inspiration toward achievement. ing  
 established a new trend, Green Acre  
 He had very unusual abilities which shone came under  
 the jurisdiction of the National  
 in the field of writing and in his chosen Spiritual  
 Assembly, as the first Bah'i Sum-  
 profession, the law. mer School in  
 America.  
 As a youth he edited and published a Although  
 greatly pleased with this evi-  
 weekly newspaper. As a Harvard student, dence of the  
 legal and organizing ability of  
 he managed its Illustrated Magazine, making Mr. Lunt, the  
 head of his law business was

Alfred E. Lunt.

greatly disturbed by the poignant press revealed his exceptional ability and leadership, but also criticism, linking his associate with the ship, but also gave him an enormous fund of experience which was Baha'i Faith. To the demand that he choose of experience which was destined to be of great service to The Cause in the upbuilding of the Administrative Order. In frequent discussions with these important men he was able to show them that the spirit and the wisdom revealed in the Baha'i ideal of service, and his clientele was wisdom revealed in the Teachings of Baha'-u'llah alone offered a very broad one. His wise and sympathetic understanding brought many clients upon which industrial that solid foundation peace could be built. He was a patient and tireless worker, always devoted to of foreign birth, and though often poor and ways devoted to principle and showing a faith and courage never failed them, but with wise guidance, worthy of the heroic age. increased their understanding, and ac- His personal interests were seemingly for- gotten in his devotion quainted them with the spirit and point of to the Faith. But a few years ago, when view which was the inspiration of his own actually in the midst of great financial life. difficulties, a very wealthy friend offered to For many years he was counsel for an im- associate him in a law firm with a minimum important Massachusetts Committee of Manu- guarantee of an income annu- facturers and Merchants in the handling of nually of ten thousand dollars. Although their legislative problems. This position it required no commitments on his part,

bringing him in close contact with outstanding industrialists and merchants, not only because it came from a source which he felt might wish to affect

save to work, yet source which he felt

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unfavorably his allegiance to his Faith, the mark of true

neglected, poor and weak, a

offer was refused. himself one with people

nobility. He made

The trials and vicissitudes of fortune appeared only to confirm his faith, for in all nationalities in

of various races, classes and

He had his place also

the line of service.

situations he showed those characteristics, upon his fine

among the strong, who drew

which 'Abdu'l-Baha, in referring to the from whom, his

endowment of power, and

Green Acre controversy, described as "lion admiration.

capacities and virtues won

hearted."

Faithful unto death was

he, traveling long

He was from the beginning of the Cause in Boston, a member of its governing body.

distances over the country for

administration and teaching when his body was weak-

During many years he was elected by the finally proved

ened with a malady which

Boston friends as one of the delegates to the no lessening of

fatal. Meanwhile he showed

Annual Convention. Of this body, he was attraction, devotion and power.

spiritual

many times chosen Chairman, the duties of his passing, he wrote

Just two days before

which office he discharged with extraordinary hopeful letter to one of

a most cheerful and

nary ability. He conceived it to be his duty, plans for future

his friends, telling of his

not only to be acquainted with all the im-

activities.

portant matters under consideration, and to passing were con-

Those who mourned his

act with justice, but to stimulate all the del-fragrance that attended

soled by the spiritual

legates, in the assumption and exercise of tributes paid him

it, and by the eloquent

their privileges and responsibilities.

by the Guardian's cables,

as well as by the  
 He was a member of the Baha'i Temple testimony of many  
 friends. An extraordi-  
 nary honor was shown him by  
 Unity, the first corporation organized to  
 the members  
 build the Mashriqu'l Adhkar. With the ex- of the National Spiritual  
 Assembly, which  
 ception of two short intervals he had mem- body at the Guardian's  
 request, and in his  
 bership in the National Spiritual Assembly behalf, journeyed  
 to his grave, to offer  
 during the entire period of its existence. In prayers. Truly his was the  
 victorious life.  
 these two national bodies, serving sometimes "The true man appeareth  
 before the Mer-  
 aschairman, sometimes as secretary, and as ciful like unto the  
 Heavens. His bright  
 a member of its various committees, he and shining qualities are  
 the stars. His traces  
 showed signal devotion and ability. are the educators of  
 existence." From the  
 This brief account does not of course per- Will of Baha'u'llah.  
 mit a detailed report of a  
 life of singular It is impossible, even for those who  
 love  
 dedication, of great breadth of interest, of him, properly to evaluate  
 his life, which the  
 remarkable sincerity and courage. Those future alone will truly  
 disclose. It may be  
 privileged to have corresponded with him, said with absolute  
 certainty, however, that  
 appreciated his understanding heart, and the he lived and moved in  
 the Divine Teach-  
 firmness and inspiration of his faith. ings, and especially in  
 his later years, in the  
 Mention, however, should be made of the advices, the assurances  
 and the sympathetic  
 fact that he was not only outstanding as understanding of the  
 Guardian. The entire  
 an administrator with great range of vision loyalty of a heart,  
 singularly pure and de-  
 and exact knowledge of details regarding voted, turned completely  
 toward his Guard-  
 the Cause in America, but he was also a ian and the Guardian of the  
 world.  
 teacher whose addresses and writings were In a letter to one of

the American friends,  
characterized by spiritual insight, knowledge  
passing of Mr.  
of the Divine Teachings and understanding  
another blow to the  
of the needs of the soul. He delved deeply  
and leaves a  
into the inner meanings of the Sacred Writ-  
and administrative  
ings, and followed closely those movements  
present day be-  
which were affecting a rapidly changing so-  
memory of his mani-  
ciety.

fold and undeniably rich  
and valuable serv-  
He was affectionate and kind, reflecting  
enshrined in the hearts  
the Divine love in his readiness to serve the  
the privilege  
and minds of those who had

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of working closely with him, or had been  
sufficiently informed about his tireless 'activi-  
of Revelation broke  
ties for the Faith. . . .  
upon these Western Shores  
"Words fail to express the sorrow and re-  
out of the chaos and the  
gret the untimely death of such a  
I feel at  
groping loomed  
precious, ardent and capable champion of  
The pattern of a "New  
World Order!"  
our beloved Faith. The loss is indeed irrep-  
ceaselessly,  
Labored  
arable, for he was the living embodiment  
Until the Divine of  
Plans revealed its thrill-  
ing goal!  
of such a rare combination of qualities as  
few can display and none can surpass. I  
How must He, its  
Source and Center  
will continue to pray for his dear departed  
Whose thoughts  
turned toward us  
Whose heart leaped at  
soul from the depths of my sorrowful yet  
our mention, have re-  
grateful heart."

To see, amid "this jungle of materialism"  
thy challenge  
ALFRED EASTMAN LUNT  
Hurling certainty against the  
fury of an un-

believing age!  
 "Haste forth  
 To thy Celestial Habitation, Veil-beloved,'                      Poets!  
 Seers!  
 'Lion of God's Cause!'"                      Shall ring thy epic,  
 chronicled in love      and  
 We rejoice to hear of thy release!                      service!  
 Yet                      That the unborn may recapture  
                     may re-  
 Might not God have shared thee                      had we      live with pride and  
 gratitude thy story!  
 loved more?                      How you stood,  
 undaunted                      in an epoch  
 How may a soul "aglow with flame of the                      "steeped in  
 falsity,"  
 undying fire" live                      An advocate  
 unfaltering in principle!  
 Except midst love?                      To compromise  
 unyielding  
 A pillar! in this Cause "so far beyond the  
 "Forty years" you sought, with "iron-sight"                      ken of men and  
 angels!"  
 to elevate this Truth!  
 To hasten justice, to conquer pettiness and                      "Martyr hosts,  
 lust for power,                      Who guard      man's  
                     station, acclaim thee:  
 The curse of prejudice, the fear of failure,                      'Servant!'"  
 the blight of intellect!                      Thou, who in this Day  
 "that casts a mighty  
 "Forty years" braving                      a wilderness of trials      tumult in men's  
 hearts"  
 knowing                      Refused to swerve  
 hailing this passage "a  
 That phantasmal human hopes were doomed                      spiritual  
 adventure!"  
 to traceless dust!                      We, who aspire to  
 pioneer for God, and dare  
 One of the "living" of the chosen few en-                      to build anew a  
 broken world,  
  
 gaged to point a nation's course                      Guard sacredly the  
 faith thy love renewed,  
 Toward spiritual dominion!                      when stilled thy  
 noble heart!

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MEMORIAL SERVICE TO DR. ZIA MABSUT  
 BAGDADI, HELD IN THE BAHAI HOUSE

OF WORSHIP, MAY 8, 1937

INTRODUCTORY WORDS BY MRS. TRUE

Mrs. Corinne True, this a joyous and not a sad occasion. May  
Mr. Albert Windust, all who are present here turn in mind and

O Chairmen.

On April 11th, less than a month ago,  
the Baha'i friends assembled in this House  
heart toward the Holy Shrine of Baha'illah,  
as we read this supplication (known as the  
"Midnight Prayer") :

of Worship commemorating the Twenty-  
my face unto the  
fifth Anniversary of the Arrival of 'Abdu'i-  
and am immersed  
Bahd in America, were shocked by the news  
of the sudden death of their beloved Baha'i  
my spirit by beholding  
brother, Dr. Zia M. Bagdadi, at Augusta,  
night and make me  
Georgia. Sincere expressions of sympathy  
love in this won-  
for his bereaved family were heard among  
me hear Thy call,  
the friends and all were anxious to learn  
the doors of heaven,  
more of the details of his passing. A few  
glory and become

days later it was learned that the cause of  
death was heart failure; that his body had  
light, the gift and  
been laid away in the burial lot of one of  
and the merciful!

the Baha'is of that city; that his widow

DR. BAGDADI'S GRANDFATHER AND FATHER

Zeenat, and daughter Parvene were coura-  
geously endeavoring to adjust themselves

NabiPs Narrative, The

and were planning to go to Beirut, Syria, Dawn-Breakers, pages 272  
and 273, we find

the home of Dr. Bagdadi's family in that that Dr. Bagdadi's  
grandfather, "Shaykh

country. Muhammad-i-Shibl and

his youthful son,

The loss suffered by the Cause in America Muhammad-Mustafa," accompanied  
Tahirih

O Lord, I have turned  
kingdom of Thy oneness

in the sea of Thy mercy.  
O Lord, enlighten

Thy light in this dark

happy by the wine of Thy  
derful age. O Lord, make

and open before my face

so that I may behold Thy

attracted to Thy beauty.

Verily, Thou art the

the giver, the ancient

Referring to

began to be realized by the Baha'is and found full expression in a cablegram from little over a year after Dr. Bagdadi ar-

from 'Iraq to Iran.

A

our beloved Guardian, Shoghi Effendi, to was received of the the National Spiritual Assembly, as follows: father, Muhammad-Mustafa (Bagdadi), whose portrait and the news of "Distressed sudden passing dearly beloved Babd'i News

rived in America, word

death of his

his passing were published in

Dr. Bagdadi. Loss inflicted (upon) national Star of the West), No. 17 interests (of) Faith irreparable. His exem- recorded: "In him the Cause

(Vol. I of the

issue, wherein is

plary faith, audacity, unquestioning loyalty, useful servant. All indefatigable exertions unforgettable. Ad- looked up to him

has lost a great and

loved and revered him and

verse Baha'i communities (,of) Chicago (and) spiritual souls of the earlier surrounding regions hold befitting memorial manner and gentleness

as one of the

days. His winsome

gathering (in) Temple for which he so those who came in con- valiantly labored. Ardently praying for him carried away the sweet and bereaved family.

of heart attracted all

tact with him and

fragrance of his life."

(Signed) Shoghi." In a Tablet from 'Abdu'l-Baha published in the Star of the West, Volume X, No. 12,

Friends: In response to the request of our words of the beloved

are these endearing

beloved Guardian and the desire of our on my behalf, to Dr. Zia

Master: "Convey

hearts to hold a memorial service for our and kindness. In

Bagdadi the utmost love

departed brother, Dr. Zia M. Bagdadi, near, for he is the

we my estimation, he is very

have gathered here this evening. Muhammad-

son of his honor Agha

We feel that he would wish us to make

Mustafa."

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Dr. Zia M. Bagdadi.

DR. BAGDADI'S WORK ON THE STAR OF Medicine and

from the Chicago College of



ing. In this photograph Dr. Bagdadi is seen in the form of pages, which were photo-digging the first shovelful of earth the graphed, reduced to page size, etched on other friends present following him in break-zinc, which became the printing plates for ing the ground. It was indeed fitting that the Persian sections of the Star of the West Dr. Bagdadi should have this honor, and his 262 pages. His beautiful style a total of association with this great event \* is suffi-

of writing was distinctly Arabic in character. This labor was accomplished by Dr. Bagdadi in addition to translating Tablets for the Temple and the Cause of 'Abdu'l-Baha and speaking on the Cause BahaVllah.

wherever the opportunity arose all this aside from his practice of medicine and sur-

NOTEWORTHY QUALITIES OF DR. BAGDADI gery.

Mr. Windust spoke of the time when his family met 'Abdu'l-Baha in an upper room DR. BAGDADI WITH 'ABDU'L-BAHA at the home of Mrs. Davies in Chicago.

IN CHICAGO When He saw the youngest child, He took

Reference was made to the photograph of her upon His lap and called for someone to

'Abdu'l-Baha, together with five of the Ori-bring candy for the little one. Dr. Bagdadi ental Baha'is, taken by Mr. Killius in Lin-instantly responded, leaping down the stairs coln Park, Chicago, in 1912.

Standing di- two or more steps at a time, obtained the rectly behind 'Abdu'l-Baha, on the right, is candy, and sprang up stairs with it, handing Dr. Bagdadi. In looking at this photograph,

the bowl to 'Abdu'l-Baha as a courier would one is impressed with the thought that our present an urgent message to a king. It was beloved Guardian, Shoghi Effendi, has, in an impressive demonstration to many who

his cablegram, perfectly described the quality-witnessed it, of the divine qualities of "in-ties of Dr. Bagdadi.

stant, exact and complete obedience" Dr.

This photograph was taken directly across Bagdadi so remarkably possessed.

the street from the Plaza Hotel.

In this

Mrs. Grace Ober also testified to this out-

connection, it is interesting to note that

standing characteristic of Dr. Bagdadi, by

when it was taken, no one dreamed that in

telling the following experience: "I was

this same part of Lincoln Park, the Chi-

keeping house in New York for 'Abdu'l-

cago Historical Society would erect the

Baha and His party of interpreters at the

splendid museum which stands there today.

time when He attended the Peace Confer-

ence at Lake Mohonk. Late at night, the

DR. BAGDADI'S DEVOTED LABOR FOR THE

bell rang furiously and at the door stood Dr.

TEMPLE

Bagdadi, no hat upon his head, his hair

Shoghi Effendi, in his cablegram request-

disheveled, and his clothes covered with dust.

ing the holding of this memorial gathering

He rushed into the house saying 'Abdu'l-

for Dr. Bagdadi, states: "Advise Baha'i . . .

Baha had sent him to bring a rug to Lake

Communities of Chicago and surrounding

Mohonk at the earliest possible moment.

I

regions hold befitting memorial gathering in

begged him to have something to eat, to

Temple for which he so valiantly and de-

bathe and rest for a little while. But quickly

votedly labored." . . .

finding what he wanted he rushed away with

In this connection we were reminded by

it.

During the short time he was in the

Mrs. True, of the photograph taken on this

house I learned that 'Abdu'l-Baha wished to

Temple March 21, 1921, and published

site present a

gift to the Secretary of the Peace

in the Star of the West, Volume XII, No. 2.

Conference, Mr. W. H. Short, Sec'y of the

It was the beginning of actual work for the  
 1 This  
 breaking of ground for the actual construc-  
 construction of the first Mashriqu'l-Adhkar  
 tion of the caissons to bed rock should not be  
 in America; that is, the breaking of ground  
 confused with the boring operations begun on Sep-  
 tember 24, 1920, to obtain a core of soil strata  
 for the digging of the first of the nine  
 before beginning the digging of the caissons, which  
 caissons to bed rock the one directly in  
 began March 21, 1921. Editors

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Friends assembled on Mashriqu'l-Adhkar grounds, Chicago, March 21, 1921.  
 Dr. Zia M. Bagdadi digging first shovelful of earth.

<p>New York Peace Society, before the close          years Dr. Bagdadi was a          of its sessions next day, and that it was nec-          strength to the Baha'is of America          essary that some one of His party go to the          firmness in the Covenant and          city for it and return at once. Dr. Bagdadi          implies. He alone seemed to un-          had instantly volunteered. He discovered          deep meanings of this most          there was no passenger train at that          characteristic that is: through the          hour and boarded a freight train, arriving          Covenant no one can create a          in the condition I described. I learned          in the Baha'i Faith; through          later that in returning he again rode          characteristic, the Center of</p>	<p>During these          pillar of          manifesting          all that it          derstand the          great          power of the          sect or division          on a this most great          the Covenant          now until at          perhaps until          away.          Those who          the Baha'i Congress          York City, April</p>
<p>freight train as there was no other trans-          will protect the Cause from          portation at that early morning hour. Dr.          least one thousand years, and          Bagdadi was the embodiment of the          thousands of years have passed          quality of "Instant, exact and complete          obedience."          attended the eighth session of          The chairman expressed the thought that          at Hotel McAlpin, New          every one present at this memorial gather-</p>	<p>the Covenant          now until at          perhaps until          away.          Those who          the Baha'i Congress          York City, April</p>

30th, 1919, will never forgetting, who knew Dr. Bagdadi, no doubt cherish Bagdadi's presentation of this most cherished in his heart and memory some particular matter. Although he had been particular remembrance or many remembrances days, he arose to astonishing heights and depths of understanding in this address, unfolding all the qualities Shoghi Eflfendi FIRMNESS IN THE COVENANT, AN OUT- mentions in the cablegram prompt- STANDING QUALITY OF DR. BAGDADI this memorial gathering of "exemplary faith, ing When 'Abdu'l-Baha came to America in audacity, unquestioning loyalty, indefatigable 1912, He awakened and began to educate exertion" combined with a dramatic appeal the Baha'is to the Most Great Characteristic that was arresting and soul stirring. This of the Revelation of BahaVillah, namely, remarkable The Center of the Covenant that which Congress was taken stenographically did cally and the previous Divine Manifestations printed in Volume XI of the Star of the West. not bring. From that time until the day of His ascension in 1921, He stressed its DR. BAGDADI WRITES OF SEEING AND BEING importance with ever increasing emphasis, thus preparing them for the hour when WITH BAHA'U'LLAH His Will and Testament was brought to In the year 1929, Dr. Bagdadi wrote a light. book telling of his birthplace and travels in IN MEMORIAM 539 the Orient under the title, Treasures of the MRS. LAURIE C. WILHELM East. In it he describes the peerless panorama of the Plain of 'Akka surrounded by Mother's strong mountains and sea, in the center of which religious tendency began with her mother is the Mansion of Bahji, located about one

who was religious funda-  
mle from the Mediterranean and three miles  
do not recall her ever  
from the town of 'Akk, Palestine. It was  
church; and she did not  
here Baha'u'llah lived the last few years of  
system in which professional  
His exile until He departed to the Supreme  
preached for hire was in accord  
religionists  
World in 1892. Dr. Bagdad! tells that here,  
admonitions and example of Jesus.  
when he was a child, he had the great privi-  
years Grandmother often  
lege of seeing and being with Baha'u'llah.  
many of the Bible prophe-  
He wrote:  
fulfilled and said she believed the  
"I had the greatest honor and privilege to  
near and we must all be  
see BahaVllah and sit at His feet many days  
recognize the Great Day when  
and nights in this Mansion. Here He used  
and father were members  
to hold my hand while walking to and fro  
to which they sent me in  
in His large room, revealing Tablets, chant-  
though they were not orthodox  
ing the prayers with the most charming and  
rather they shared Grand-  
melodious voice, while one of the attendants  
that the Creator of all hu-  
took them down. Here I saw Him teaching  
interested in all humanity.  
and blessing the pilgrims who came from all  
Mother became dissatisfied  
lands. On hot days He would take me with  
and began searching for  
Him to the outer alcove of the Mansion  
investigated various teachings  
where it was somewhat cooler. I would  
philosophies of the East, Chris-  
stand in a corner with folded arms, my eyes  
etc. I sometimes wondered,  
fixed on His incomparable countenance,  
Mother also felt deeply that  
while the gentle breezes blew on His soft jet

mentally though I  
having attended a  
believe that a  
with the  
During my early  
spoke to me of so  
cies being  
Promised Age was  
watchful to  
it came. Mother  
of a denomination  
my youth  
in their views,  
mother's beliefs  
manity was  
About 1890  
with the churches  
reality. She  
including the  
tian Science,  
"What next?"  
the Great Day was

near, that it might come  
 black hair which reached almost to the waist, even in our time  
 and how would we be  
 flowing beneath the taj, like a crown, that able to recognize  
 its fulfillment!  
 covered His head and a part of His broad, Mother had a  
 friend, kindred in thought,  
 full, high forehead. in Miss Laura  
 Jones, also of our old home  
 "From His light-colored garments which town  
 Zanesville, Ohio: they often met to-  
 were similar to those of all the ancient gether, and  
 wondered if the Spirit might be  
 prophets, I had always inhaled the fragrance upon the earth at  
 this time: how shall we  
 of the pure attar of roses. At times He find Him, etc.  
 Shortly after the early 90's  
 would spend half an hour on the alcove, and Miss Laura  
 moved to Chicago.  
 There she  
 my eyes would remain fixed on His majestic heard of the  
 Baha'i Faith, and wrote to  
 face. But whenever He glanced at me with Mother that she  
 had found that for which  
 His brown, piercing, yet most affectionate they had been  
 seeking. In her letter she in-  
 eyes, then I had to turn mine away and look cluded some  
 pamphlets, among which was a  
 down on the floor. copy of the  
 "Hidden Words." Mother read  
 "At my birth, Baha'u'llah named me these, and accepted  
 immediately. About  
 'Zia' (Light) and gave me the Turkish title 1898 or 1899,  
 when I was a traveling sales-  
 But on my first visit to Him,  
 'Effendi.' man, Mother  
 mailed me a page from a news-  
 when He inquired about my health, I re- paper containing  
 a photograph of 'Abdu'l-  
 plied in Arabic 'Mabsoot' (I am happy). He Baha and an  
 article in which something was  
 questioned, 'How is your father?' I an- said to the  
 effect that many regarded Him as  
 swered, 'Mabsoot'; and 'How is your a return of the  
 Spirit. Having in mind  
 mother?' He asked. 'Mabsoot' was  
 my re- Mother's various explorations I was not so

ply. He laughed heartily and after that He deeply impressed,  
but wrote upon the mar-  
always called me Mabsoot Eflendi (The gin, "Strange if  
true" and returned it to her.  
Happy One)." In 1901 and 1902,  
Mother and Father vis-  
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Mrs. Laurie C. Wilhelm.

ited me in New York. We went about to from His bowl He told us to  
eat, and as we  
various meetings and among them the Baha'i had received food from His  
bowl, now we  
meetings at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ar- must return to America and  
likewise offer  
thur P. Dodge: there we met May Maxwell, His food to the people.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hoar, Dr. Getsinger and In 1908 we moved from New  
York to  
others. I was conscious of a strong heart West Englewood. During this  
summer a  
attraction before much understanding came. hundred or more of the  
Baha'i friends of  
I recall that two or three years later a fare- New York and vicinity  
assembled for a picnic  
well reception was given to Mirza Abu'l- in the woods near our home.  
In those days  
Fadl at the Dodge home. it was very difficult to  
awaken interest.  
Mother devoted much time to studying Meetings were held in two or  
three homes,  
the Bible: she became so impressed with the and a dozen or so persons  
were attracted, but  
connection and with the and reason-  
spirit several moved away, two passed from this  
and ex-  
ableness of 'Abdu'l-Baha's teachings world, and such changes took  
place that it  
planations that her waking hours seemed was several years more  
before a group was  
mainly devoted to plans for reaching other permanently started. I am  
reminded of a re-  
sections. In 1907 Mother and I went to mark that 'Abdu'l-Baha once  
made, that  
'Akka. 'Abdu'l-Baha told Mother she was it  
required a great expenditure of effort to  
the cock which crowed preceding the dawn. accomplish even small things

in this world.

During the dinner, our last day there, He Mother devoted her life to  
corresponding with friends and inquirers  
took an unusually large bowl and filled it far and near. Even  
with bread and broth: then He asked for our during those last two and  
a half years of physical helplessness, her  
bowls, and filling them with bread and broth mind was centered  
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Mrs. Mary Hanford Ford.

upon means for the advancement of the associated with leading  
intellectuals in the United States and Europe.  
Faith. These past few weeks, when she could In 1901 Mrs. Ford was  
speak only with difficulty, she would often residing in Chicago  
make suggestions, or perhaps inquire whether in an environment typical of  
her varied in- terests. Her household  
I had heard from this person or another, or consisted of her  
had written them recently. three children, Roland,  
Lynette and Gareth;  
It is indeed comforting to now have the of a German woman and her young  
child; of assurance of the Guardian that Mother is an American woman and her son;  
of a young making a near approach to the Beloved. Negro student of Shakespeare.  
An account  
of her home, known as "The Haunted  
House" has, through Dr. Richard Hodgson,  
MARY HANFORD FORD (Nov. 1, 1856  
reached the archives of the American So-  
FEB. 2, 1937)  
ciety for Psychical Research. At this time  
BY RUHANIYYIH (MADAME 'Au'-KuLi) Mrs. Ford was a "Spiritist,"  
her chief inter-  
KHANUM est, however, lying not in psychic phenomena  
Daughter of a Meadville,  
Pennsylvania, but in the spiritual life. An atheist during  
banker, wife of the owner and editor of the her youth, she had regained  
faith at her  
Kansas City, Missouri, Evening Mail, Mary father's death-bed, feeling  
that the continu-  
Hanford Ford was widely known as an au- ity of the soul had there  
been revealed to

thority on art, literature and music, and as a her, and she had begun an  
exhaustive study  
student of economic problems and of devel- of religion. Her personal  
library, including  
opments in the field of science. At one time many first editions, ran the  
length of the  
art critic on the Kansas City Star, she was house. She now began a course  
in compara-

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tive religions, the ninth lesson of which the All Nations Club:

"When we speak of  
proved to be a presentation of the Baha'i the saints I  
think she was the reincarnation  
Faith. The following summer she attended of all of them." Mr. D.  
A. Mott, leader of  
the Green Acre School of Religions, heard the Vegetarian Society:  
"She belonged to  
Mirza Abu'l-Fadl and 'Ali-Kuli Khan, and everybody. We never  
thought of her with  
became a Baha'i; shortly thereafter, aided a family and children;  
the human race was

by Miss Florence Breed, she began to teach her family . . .  
. . . Some day . . . the truth of  
the Baha'i Cause in Boston. her statements will be  
recognized, and also  
To Madame 'Ali-Kuli Khan when she her greatness as a teacher."  
Mrs. Villa Faulk-  
visited 'Akka in 1906, 'Abdu'l-Bah4 said of ner Page, Founder-Leader  
of the Fellowship  
Mrs. Ford: "It is true that Mrs. Ford has Life More Abundant: "We  
have listened  
served humanity long and faithfully. Now with hearts deeply moved  
to the words  
tell her, if she will arise to serve the Cause spoken of one whom we all  
so dearly love;  
of Baha'u'llah with equal zeal and fidelity, not loved . . . but lov  
e" Dr. C. G. Pease,

. . .  
her name will be mentioned in all the worlds President of the  
Non-Smokers League: "Let  
of God." The remainder of her long life us follow in her  
footsteps." Mr. Aldo Ran-  
was devoted to fulfilling the Master's wish, degger, noted composer,  
played his "The  
and in many tablets He addressed her as "O Apotheosis of the Soul"  
in her memory.

thou herald of the Kingdom of God!" Not Baha'i speakers included  
 Mr. James F. Mor- ton, former President of  
 only in the United States but also in Italy, the American Es-  
 peranto Society, who  
 Switzerland, France and England she taught said: "She opened the  
 the Baha'i Faith eyes of many of us to visions that otherwise  
 unceasingly, attracting thousands of people through her devotion, we could not have had. In  
 the Esperanto Movement she was a tower  
 and her objective, brilliant, well-stocked of strength."  
 mind. Meanwhile she continued her work Mrs. Annie Romer: "The  
 prayers which . . .  
 as an art critic and writer; among her pub- she offered ... on behalf  
 of others filled  
 lished books are "The Oriental Rose,"  
 "The many hours. She said we did not ask enough  
 World of 'Abdu'l-Baha" and "The Secret of of the bounty of God."  
 Mr. afa Kinney:  
 Life." Even during her last months, she "For years upon years we  
 worked shoulder  
 taught the Cause and worked on a novel to shoulder, like  
 two horses at the plough;  
 dealing with industrial conditions. Accom- ploughing God's field  
 that His plants might  
 panied by her daughter, Mrs. Lynette Storm, grow there .  
 . ." Madame 'Ali-Kuli Khan,  
 Mrs. Ford was in Clearwater, Florida, when chairman of the  
 gathering: "Mrs. Ford's  
 the end came. She died whispering, "It is so friends all know how  
 clear and sure were her  
 beautiful, Lynette, it is so very beautiful!" faith and her spiritual  
 mission." 'Ali-Kuli  
 At a distinguished gathering held at the Khan: "A saying of Goethe's  
 is paraphrased  
 Baha'i Center in New  
 York City to com- thus: "To live in a great idea is to think as  
 memorate the passing of Mrs. Ford, many possible, things that  
 seem impossible. So is  
 non-Baha'i friends paid her tribute. 1 Among the case with a great  
 character; when both  
 them, Mr. Clarence Howells of the Fellow- the great idea and the  
 great character meet  
 ship of Reconciliation said, "A religion can in the same person, things

appear which fill  
 be proven best by the lives of those who prac- the world with wonders  
 for thousands of  
 tise it. The proof of the value of those years' "; he then read  
 the following from a  
 teachings she gave, was expressed in the life letter of Shoghi Effendi  
 regarding Mrs. Ford:  
 of Mary Hanford Ford. Surely the Baha'i "Her unique and  
 outstanding gifts enabled  
 Teachings are true, for they are effective in her to promote  
 effectively the best interests  
 that light." Miss Frances R. Grant, Vice- of the Faith in  
 its new-born and divinely-  
 President of the Roerich Museum, New York conceived institutions.  
 I will pray for her

City: "About Mrs. Ford there was this joy of soul from the depths of  
 my heart. Her serv-  
 devotion, and I must believe that though ices will always be  
 remembered and extolled."

duty pleases God, it is joy that best gladdens 1  
 There was given also, several days alter, a beau-  
 Him, and it is the joyous devotee that is tiful musicale, by Miss  
 Rata Present, of Buffalo, in  
 closest to His heart." Mr. H. T. Mason of loving tribute to Mrs.  
 Ford.

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Elmore Eugene Duckett.

ELMORE EUGENE DUCKETT Baha'i World Religion, in addressing  
 an au-  
 dience gathered together at Hull House, in  
 BY WILLARD P. HATCH  
 Chicago, on April 30, 1912, said in part:  
 "Verily, thy Lord is the All-Knowing, His "One of the important  
 questions which  
 authority embraceth all things, rest thou as- affect the unity and  
 solidarity of human-  
 sured in the gracious favor of thy Lord. kind is the  
 fellowship and equality of the  
 The eye of His loving-kindness shall ever- white and colored races.

lastingly be directed towards thee." "In this  
 country, the United States of  
 "Gleanings From The Writings of Baha'- America,

patriotism is common to both  
u'llah." races; all have  
equal rights in citizenship,  
speak one language, receive the blessings of  
"We work and pray for the Unity of Man-  
the same civilization, and follow the precepts  
kind, that all the races of the earth may of the same religion.  
the one point of

. . . .  
become one race, all the countries one coun-  
distinction is that of color. God is not . . . .

try, and that all hearts may beat as one heart,  
pleased with, neither should any reasonable  
working together for perfect Unity and or intelligent man be  
willing to recognize,

Brotherhood." 'Abdu'l-Baha, in "The One-  
inequality in the races because of this dis-  
ness of Mankind."

inction. . . . His Holiness BahaVllah has

Mr. Elmore Eugene Duckett was thirty- proclaimed the oneness of the  
world of hu-

nine years old when he passed away on Janu- manity."

ary 1, 1937. He possessed a "remarkable Elmore Duckett did not  
find it difficult, as

spiritual insight." a Baha'i, to become free

from racial ani-

'Abdu'l-Baha, the great Exemplar of the mosity. A "remarkable  
spiritual insight,"

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however, was not the only gift he possessed. such an extent

that he was publicly awarded

All of his life he worked hard with the a badge of hofcor

before his follow-workmen,

strength that was his. To a casual observer, by those at the  
head of the factory, for over

Elmore was, in a happy way, one of those ten years of

commendable service. He took

classified as belonging to Labor; but he this award for

el&ctly what it was worth,

showed how different the Baha'i conception for he kneW

that, if such action was not

of Labor is, by taking part in "no rebellious based upon the

knowledge and love of God,

demands," and by being completely free then it was most

likely an inexpensive way

from any deep-seated feeling of animosity of trying to keep  
 the men satisfied; but he  
 against capitalists. evidenced  
 forbearance and patience, as Ba-  
 Concerning a phase of Labor problems, ha'i s are taught  
 to do.  
 'Abdu'l-Baha writes, expressing the Baha'i True it is that  
 the length of one's days,  
 attitude: as hasbeen  
 pointed out by the Divine Ex-  
 ". . . Rules and laws should be estab- emplar, is not  
 important; to bear fruit in  
 lished to regulate the excessive fortunes of one's life is  
 what counts. Elmore Duckett,  
 certain private individuals, and limit the in his relatively  
 short life, was a tree that  
 misery of millions of the poor masses How- bore a quantity  
 of fruit.  
 ever, absolute equality is just as impossible, Elmore was born  
 in Cripple Creek, Colo- rado, November  
 for absolute equality in fortunes, honors, rado, November  
 17, 1898. His family moved to Denver,  
 commerce, agriculture, industry would end to Denver,  
 Colorado, when he was ten years  
 in want of comfort, in discouragement. . . . of age.  
 Thereafter they traveled to Arizona,  
 It therefore preferable for moderation to  
 is and it was in Bisbee,  
 in 1915, that Elmore's  
 do its work. The main point is by means of cousin, who was  
 to become his wife three  
 laws and regulations to hinder the constitu- years later,  
 convinced him of the truth of  
 tion of the excessive fortunes of certain in- the Baha'i  
 Faith. This she did, aided by her  
 individuals and to protect the essential needs mother.  
 of the masses. . . The owner of the Of- this  
 period Elmore Duckett's widow  
 .  
 factory  
 will no longer put aside daily a treasure which writes: "He  
 (Elmore) became a wonderful  
 he has absolutely no need of (without taking Baha'i in a very  
 short time as he had never  
 into consideration that, if the fortune is dis- taken any  
 interest in any religious faith, he

proportionate, the capitalist succumbs under all dogmas and creeds. . . .

was free from

a formidable burden, and gets into great Spanish and became very pro-difficulties and troubles; the administration the thought in mind of going of an excessive fortune is very difficult and work and teach the Cause. exhausts man's natural strength), and the the Spanish language, he met workmen and artisans will no longer be in the High School, and the private greatest misery and -want, they will no longer who were entertained in our be submitted to the worst privations at the the Baha'i Message. . . .

He studied  
ficient, with  
to Old Mexico to  
In his study of  
many people in  
nightclasses,  
home, and given

end of their life.

We were married

in Houston, Texas, June 5,

"As now man is not forced by the Govern- Angeles May 1 9 2 2 , ,

1918. We moved to Los

ment, if by the natural tendency of his good (their only child) was born heart, with the great^t spirituality he goes 1922."

where Kenneth

to this expense for the poor, this will be a one thing Elmore loved thing very much praised, approved and pleas- a quiet and unobtrusive na-

August 17,

Unity was the

most and he had

ing."

\ ture which

attracted many friends to him.

Elmore Duckett was fully aware of 'Abd- Monrovia, California, suburb of

He lived in

u'l-Baha's words yet was he aware that one the time of his passing away.

Los Angeles, at

man alone, except He be a Christ or Baha'u- paper carried a notice of his

The Monrovia

'llah,could not bring about the change of among other things, wrote: "Mr.

death, and,

conditions mentioned therein. Therefore he chairman of the Spiritual As-

Duckett was

put his affair^ in the hands of God, and as Bah'is of Los Angeles and

sembly of the

one of the great body of workmen in a member of the Community of

had been a

Jwge factory, labored in the Baha'i spirit to that city for many years.

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the Baha'is of

His entire time, other than what was necessary for the maintenance of \*the material should mention one good needs of his family, was devoted to the deceased. The result was a promulgation of the oneness of humanity

was voted at the

of the Assembly

quality of the

moving compilation.

Among the qualities and he 'consorted with all people with love "sincerity; sacrifice of time and fragrance.' He believed in the fundamental oneness of religion and prayed constantly for 'the most great peace/ that has kindness, generosity to the been visioned by the Prophets and poets of friends; humility; his lack the past, and which surely must be the con-peace-maker."

mentioned were:

for the Cause;

thoughtfulness of

the use of time;

Cause and to his

of fault-finding; a

summation of the evolution of man on this wish, Elmore was buried plane."

At his expressed

in the last grave

remaining in the plot of

When Elmore Duckett's final illness over-Chase, first Ameri-

ground where Thornton

took him, he firmly believed that it was best, in Inglewood Cemetery, outside of Los Angeles, California.

can Baha'i, is at

tery, outside of Los

daily in the prosecution of his work. He believed that the inflammation of his heart

On March 8, 1937,

Mrs. Finks, Secretary of

following message to

and the lining of his lungs was an inevitable result of the conditions surrounding his labor, a result that was hidden from him

the Spiritual

Assembly of Los Angeles, California. "Please convey to the relatives of the late

fornia.

"Please convey to

until it was too late to do anything about it.

Mr. Duckett the

Guardian's sympathy and

His unusual physical strength gave way occasion of the passing

condolences on the

slowly, after he was obliged to stop work,  
and esteemed friend.  
before the onslaught of this insidious inflam-  
has rendered the Cause  
mation. Before its fatal effect was clear to  
appreciates and he will  
him, he planned, on recovery, never to return  
the progress of his soul in  
to the factory position he had previously  
held, which, as he expressed he thought  
it,

would be suicide; but intended to take part  
in the effort to carry the Baha'i Faith to  
COLONEL DR. IBRAHIM PIRUZBAKHT  
one of the few states where it was not already  
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established. His wish was to move to Reno,  
Nevada.

Piruzbakht was the eldest son  
These hopes of moving to Nevada gave  
Amir Tuman, a dis-  
way before the increasing encroachments of  
Officer of his time,  
Elmore's illness. Finally he learned that,  
devoted to his duty, belonging  
should he live, he would become a bed-  
Caucasian refugees. The  
ridden and helpless invalid. Having always  
description of this family.  
been so strong physically, he could not bear  
notorious events of the Qajar  
to contemplate this thought. He did not  
breaking out between  
think, perhaps, of the spiritual uses of suffer-  
consequence of which  
ing, nor of the spiritual services he could  
provinces of Caucasia in Iran  
render, even if ill. He preferred to die, and  
the Russians. Groups  
it was reported that he implored Baha'u'llah  
patriotic feelings,  
left

to release him into the next world. His  
were then called im-  
prayer was granted.  
of them entered mili-

away of their beloved

The services which he

Shoghi Effendi deeply

specially pray for

the Abha Kingdom."

BY

Colonel Dr.

of the late Kazim Khan

tinguished Commanding

very pious and

to the family of

following is a brief

One of the

regime was the war

fran and Russia, in

some important

fell into the hand of

of nobility, urged by

Caucasia for fran and

migrants. A number

To indicate something of the love Elmore others occupied high positions. At this happy era of the reign of H. M. Rida Shah believers, as part of their love for God in the Pahlavi under whose care and wise policy qualities they saw reflected, it is only necessary to write of the meeting of the Spiritual made in the country, a number\* of the Re-called immigrants are Assembly, of which he had been chairman, also numbered among

gathered together to discuss his funeral. It the devoted and reliable officers and conv  
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manding Officers of the Army. D/. Piruz- Cormack and Mr. Colnman. In 192J, he received appointment bakht was also of this f ran-loving family, as Director of the Sepah Hospital (a born in fmrsm in the year 34 of the Baha'i military hospital) and during the last era corresponding with the year 1878 of years of his life he served with the rank of the Christian era. He carried on his studies the Health Dept. of Colonel as the Director of the Military Schools. He discharged his in the Cossak house, in the Iranian College duty most faithfully and sincerely throughout the Medical School from which he received his diploma in medicine. the entire course of his services. Early in his youth, he married his cousin, Farah Angiz Khanum, but feeling the need of Dr. Piruzbakht was In the year 1914, completing his studies he traveled to Russia, serving as Vice-Director at the Gendarmerie Dept., having France and Belgium, getting his diploma in medicine. He began already completed his studies in medicine. He began to investigate the Baha'i religion. His Liege School of the latter country in 1907, official position, as well as his family situation, corresponding with the year 63 of the Baha'i were such as did not allow him to have any era, and returning to his country in the same contact with the Baha'i folk,

tary services and  
tions. At this happy  
H. M. Rida Shah  
and wise policy  
made in the country,  
called immigrants are  
It the devoted and  
Cormack and Mr.  
received appointment  
Sepah Hospital (a  
during the last  
with the rank of  
the Health Dept. of  
He discharged his  
sincerely throughout  
services.  
In the year 1914,  
serving as  
Dept., having  
medicine. He began  
religion. His  
family situation,  
him to have any

year, after 7 years of absence. It should also owing to adverse  
 religious feelings in Iran which threatened to  
 be mentioned that at Colonel Piruzbakht's of Baha'is in grave  
 put him and a number difficulties. Therefore  
 time there were no means for one to educate religious  
 difficulties. Therefore himself in frn such as are available now-a-  
 conversations were confined to the Doctor and myself  
 days and his special efforts in such lines were was meanwhile given  
 for several months. He indicative of ability and love for education.  
 a number of Baha'i After his return from Europe Dr. Piruz-  
 very carefully and books which he studied  
 bakht was employed as physician in the Cos- it was not long  
 before this holy being became a believer and he  
 saks\* quarters. He later accompanied his Baha'i books which  
 bought many volumes of were available at that  
 father on a journey to Luristan and Adhir- time. He was so  
 were available at that the Baha'i books and  
 bayjan and after staying in those provinces ing his official  
 inspired and inflamed by he expressed his  
 for some time he returned to Tihran where enthusiastic willingness to  
 tablets that, disregard- meet the believers.  
 he spent the rest of his life. He attained the position and personal restraint,  
 rank of Captain during his services in the he expressed his  
 enthusiastic willingness to The first meeting took  
 Cossaks\* Quarters. place in the house of the  
 The writer has been in frequent contact with this honorable Doctor since he began  
 late Mirza Azizollah Vargha, one of the  
 devoted servants of the Gendarmerie Dept. (Road  
 his service in the Cause and a  
 distinguished believer; and the late Semandar  
 Guards Dept.) and the following is an ac-  
 Qazvini and Mirza 'AH Akbar Rafsanjani two  
 count of my personal knowledge of the de- Cause were present  
 well-known teachers of the at this little reception.  
 ceased. During the early formation of the Gendar- In the course of the

discussions he displayed  
 merie Dept. in Iran in the year 1914, Dr. such a spiritual  
 zeal and depth of knowledge  
 Piruzbakht served as Vice-Director and later of intellectual  
 matters that he was heartily  
 as Comptroller General and physician for a admired by all those  
 present. After that  
 number of years and finally attained the meeting he  
 recklessly maintained contact  
 rank of Major. After the dissolution of the with the Baha'i  
 groups and individuals and  
 Gendarmerie Dept. in 1918, he was appointed his admirable  
 character and faith earned him

by the General Health Dept. as Head of the such love and  
 endearment in the Baha'i com-  
 Sanitation Office at Karej, 42 kilometers munity that he was  
 appointed, in 1919, as  
 from Tihiran, where a quarantine was being member of the  
 Spiritual Assembly of Tihiran  
 maintained. In 1920, he was employed as and also as Chief of  
 the Tarbiyat School for  
 Doctor to the Provincial Dept. of Finance, Boys. Dr. Piruzbakht  
 meanwhile undertook  
 Public Domains and Alimentation of Tihrdn to pay the tuition  
 for some poor pupils.

which was an important Government Dept. After his  
 conversion, Dr. Piruzbakht kept in contact with the  
 and he carried on this duty during the office members of his family  
 of the American Advisors, Colonel Mc- attempting to  
 convert them to the Faith. He  
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did convert a number of them and some of senior officers of  
 the Army, with a large  
 the rest became friendly to the Cause. Mean- crowd of Baha'is and  
 non-Baha'is were pres -  
 while, notwithstanding his busy time, he ent at the funeral.  
 They followed\* the bier  
 managed to have talks with some of the men afoot some distance  
 up the street and then  
 of high position and even with the Swedish drove their  
 cars to the cemetery. The  
 Officers in the Gendarmerie, giving them funeral was  
 carried through in  
 service

books and tablets to read and acquainting  
manner worthy of the  
them with the importance of the Baha'i  
Colonel and a learned  
Cause and the great material and moral bene-  
fits which the principles of the Cause ren-  
in his name was held  
dered to the  
country and to  
of Iran at the house of the deceased for several days,  
the world. The deceased, being so keen in which  
thousands of people  
in the course of

serving the Cause, was always chosen as came to condole with  
the members of his  
a member of important Baha'i Com- family and to take  
part in the ceremony of  
mittees in Tihiran where he permanent- chanting prayers and  
reading tablets. All  
ly stayed after embracing the Cause. felt as if they  
really had lost a dear relative  
This year he was a member of both the or friend.  
Teaching and the East and West Commit- Let us pray that  
the surviving members of  
tees. his family will all  
follow his example in  
Three Tablets from 'Abdu'l-Baha and two serving the Cause and  
attaining the high  
letters from the Guardian, all showing his spiritual position he  
attained.  
ideal position and conferring on him his-  
torical honors, have been issued.  
As was stated above, this admirable soul MIRZA MUHAMMAD  
KAZIM-PUR  
spent his dear time in Iran and abroad in Mirza Muhammad  
Kazim-Pur was the son  
of Haji Muhammad  
the field of education. During his hours of  
Kazim-i-Shirazi, a de-  
vout Muslim  
leisure from official duty, he held a private  
business-man, widely known  
dispensary at his house which he used not for  
activities, who had left  
for his charitable  
personal interest but for serving the poor and Shiraz and  
settled in Yazd in the year  
promoting the Cause. He paid medical visits 1236 (Persian  
date, ca. 1857). With

to friends and strangers, usually without re- Ahmad, 'Abdu'llah and

ceiving fees. He was so kind to all classes Muhammad became a of people without distinction of faith, that lifetime of Baha'u'llah, even some of the Muslim religious authori- active servant of the ties, while knowing him to be a Baha'i, re- ferred to him because of their confidence in of Yazd rose against

his good faith and right conduct. Men of the Baha'is, plundered the home of 'Abdu- various creeds often called at the Doctor's death. The remaining dispensary and when he was through with his spared, Muhammad and

patients he had a friendly meeting with the 'Ali-Akbar being in Shahrud on business, and visitors.

After a serious illness, Dr. Piruzbakht's Ahmad in 'Ishq4bad. upheaval, the family Following the Yazd noble life ended at the age of 59 on Saturday of Mirzd Muhammad moved to Shahrud;

the 5th of Shahr of the Baha'i year 93 cor- some years later, Mirza Muhammad, 'Ali- responding with January 23, 1937. num- A Akbar and their households left for 'Ishqa- bad, and during this ber of his non-Bahd'i relatives insisted on journey, were blessed with a visit to burial in a Moslem grave, but thanks to the turning to 'Ishq&bad, 'Abdu'l-Baha in 1289. Re- admirable courage and efforts of his daughter, Mirza Muhammad

Miss Furughu'z-Zamdn, a graduate of mid- some years later went back to Shdhrud, where he engaged in wifery from the French Faculty of Medicine business activities and service to the Cause. in Beirut, the deceased was taken to Gulastdn He was so energetic in

Javad, the Bah4'i cemetery. Hundreds of spreading the Faith that he provoked the anger of the officers including Commanding Officers and townspeople, who, incited by

Mirza Muhammad Kazim-Pur.

the mujtahid Shaykh- Ahmad, rose against all  
TSAO

DR. Y. S.

the Baha'is of Shahrud.

For four years, he and his family were sub-  
from Shang-

The sad news has reached me

jected to daily persecution, and finally in  
brother, Dr. Y.

hai that our beloved Chinese

1298 a crisis was reached, when, by order of  
his car on the way

S. Tsao, died suddenly in

the same mujtahid, a mob of some 4,000  
at 4:30 p. m.

to his home, on February 8,

people, armed with sticks, stones and knives,  
Ouskouli, writes

Our brother, Mr. M. H. A.

broke into his house to kill him and his two  
sick and also

me that Dr. Tsao had not been

sons, 'Abdu'l-Husayn Kazim-Pur-i-Amri,  
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he asked me to write the

and 'Abbas. They seized Muhammad and  
could be pub-

and ask if Dr. Tsao's picture

his elder son 'Abdu'l-Husayn, and after beat-

lished with a short article.

ing them and subjecting them to extreme  
done for the

The work which Dr. Tsao has

torture, threw them into the streets for dead.  
everlasting

Cause of God in China is an

Mirza Muhammad and his son survived,  
translated Essle-

monument. It was he who

were treated by two doctors for about a  
was working

mont's book into Chinese. He

month and left for Tihiran. Here Mirza  
Answered Ques-

on the translation of "Some

Muhammad continued in his devoted services  
helper, Mr.

tions." About a month ago, his

to the Faith. 1309 he and his wife

In Tang, died and so there was a setback and

Sakinih-Banu visited the Guardian in Haifa.  
Kingdom of

now Dr. Tsao has flown to the

On Wednesday the 22nd of Dayman 1316  
writes me.

BahaVllah, as Mr. Ouskouli

(1937) he passed away suddenly at his place  
Baha'i Faith

Dr. Tsao first heard of the

of business; he was seventy-three years of  
was the Presi-

through Martha Root when he

age.

dent of Tsing Hua College,

the Boxer In-

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Dr. Muhammad Bashir of Alexandria, Egypt.

DR. MUHAMMAD BASHIR

dcmnity College. Martha bravely went out to the College without any previous introduction, but was received most kindly by mourn the unexpected death on De- still

Dr. Tsao and his wife, who is Swedish by cember 21, 1936, of a leading pioneer and birth, but American naturalized. After- philanthropist, Dr. Muhammad Bashir of wards Dr. and Mrs. Tsao entertained us in Alexandria, former chairman of the National their home and invited me to speak in the Spiritual Assembly of this country.

Auditorium of the College on the Baha'i Son of a distinguished early believer, the Faith to the whole student body, and a sec- late Ibrahim Efrendi 'All, Dr. Bashir was ond time he called a meeting for any students born at Port Said November 30, 1891. Re- who might be interested to meet and talk ceiving his primary education in Port Said, with us.

he graduated from high school in the Syrian After eight years of service at Tsing Hua Anglican College of Haifa and in August, College, Peiping, Dr. and Mrs. Tsao moved to 1909, proceeded to the United States with Shanghai, where they have lived since, and New York on

Dr. Zia Bagdad! arriving in

, where they have formed the bond with the September 14 of that year. In 1913 he com- Iranian Baha'is who also live in Shanghai. pleted his medical course at Valparaiso Col- Dr. Tsao was educated at Yale University lege.

and also studied at Harvard.

The following quotations are from the May the Baha'is pray for this wonderful diary of the late doctor: "In May, 1911, I soul who has so suddenly left us, and also for left for Chicago to attend the Annual Con- his devoted wife who must now carry on vention ... I saw a great number of friends



their request, they would seize the body by force and create a public disturbance. When they saw that the Miss MALAKAT NUSHUGAT! Baha'is remained inflexible in their resolve to

A recent event, though outwardly sad, perform a purely Baha'i ceremony, they served to signalize the severing of one of the pleaded that at least the body should be car- last links of the chain of ancient fetters of ried to the Mosque and there the Muslim

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prayers be read, but the Baha'is courageously honor and extending every courtesy to the

persisted in their plan. dead. Crowds had gathered along the way to

A letter was sent by the Spiritual Assem-

The body witness this first Baha'i funeral.

bly to the Commandant of Police, informing was then placed in a car and, followed by

him of the situation. The funeral at 4 ten automobiles, proceeded to the cemetery.

o'clock proceeded to the burial place; in the At the grave Baha'i burial tablets were

front marched a band playing suitable music chanted and as a considerable number of

and followed by the girls of the American non-Baha'is were present, it was noted with

School, dressed in white and carrying bou- what keen interest they followed the service.

quets of roses. The body was borne for The same evening Baha'is as well as large

about a half mile by loving Baha'i friends, numbers of Muslims, Christians and Jews at-

the coffin was draped in pink and decorated tended the meeting in -the Baha'i Hall and

with flowers. The police, as a result of the offered their condolences and sympathy.

much-appreciated action of the authorities, During the whole occasion only the Baha'i

joined the procession, forming a guard of tablets were chanted.

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Death proffereth unto every confident be- Miss Elizabeth

Chandler, Ithaca, New York.  
 liever the cup that is life indeed. It be-  
 stoweth joy, and is the bearer of gladness. Mrs. Elizabeth Hurlbut,  
 San Francisco,  
 It conferreth the gift of everlasing life. California.  
 BAHA'ULLAH. Miss Lillie Kendall,  
 Aptos, California.  
 Mr. S. A. Roberts, Kelvin, Arizona.  
 Mrs. Kate Burke, Chicago. Mrs. Frances Carre, Mariposa,  
 California.  
 Mrs. Carolyn Harbin, Miami Beach, Dr. Albert Johnston, Montreal,  
 Quebec,  
 Florida. Canada.  
 Mr. Maurice Cohen, New Haven, Conn. Mrs. Evelyn Moore, Cambridge,  
 Massa-  
 Mrs. E. B. Bullock, San Francisco, Cali- chusetts.  
 fornia. Miss Antoinette Sealts,  
 Lima, Ohio.  
 Mrs. Louise Herman, Columbus, Ohio. Mr. William Z. Ralph,  
 Portland, Oregon.  
 Mrs. Anna Steinmetz, Minneapolis, Minn. Miss A. R. Phipps, Oriskany,  
 N. Y.  
 Dr. Edwin Karl Fisher, Los Angeles, Calif. Mrs. Cunningham,  
 Montreal, Quebec,  
 Mrs. Elizabeth McGwan, Buffalo, N. Y. Canada.  
 Mrs. Rosa Harmon, Kenosha, Wis. Mrs. A. B. Spear, Los Angeles,  
 Calif.  
 Mrs. Dora Dunbar Maule, McMinville, Mrs. Phoebe R. Nelson,  
 Chicago, 111.  
 Oregon. Mrs. Elizabeth R.  
 Wilkinson, Brookline,  
 Mr. Myron Potter, Cleveland, Ohio. Mass.  
 Mrs. Edyth Blindt Bloom, Burlington, Mr. Elmore E. Duckett, Los  
 Angeles, Calif.  
 Iowa. Mr. Worsley G. Hambrough,  
 San Diego,  
 Mrs. Helen Bell, Cleveland, Ohio. Calif.  
 Miss Helen Clevenger, New York. Mr. Claude Warren, Binghamton,  
 N. Y.  
 Mrs. Gertrude Harris, New York. Mrs. Laurie C. Wilhelm, West  
 Englewood,  
 Mr. Irving Johnson, Chicago. New Jersey.  
 Mr. Charles N. Dible, Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Samuel Hadsell, Phoenix,  
 Arizona.  
 (Not reported at the time of his passing, Mrs. Muriel Rucker,  
 Toronto, Canada.  
 September, 1934.) Mrs. Mary Arch,

Washington, D. C

Mrs. Gertrude Anderson, Chicago, 111. Mrs. Edward Rupperts,  
Phoenix, Arizona.

Mr. Jacob Schmit, St. Paul, Minn. Mrs. Daisy G. Fry, Visalia,  
Calif.

Miss Jessie Bush, Newark, New Jersey. Miss Avis Morris, San  
Francisco, Calif.

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Calif.

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D. C.

Mrs. Rose Henderson, Toronto, Canada. Mrs. Elizabeth Stein, Lima, Ohio.

Mrs. Mae Stone, Topeka, Kansas. Mr. J. B. Gordon Hall,  
Fernandina, Fla.

Mrs. Mary Hanford Ford, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. James Coe (former member of  
Racine

Mr. Worsley G. Hambrough, San Diego, Baha'i community).

Calif. Mrs. Mary A. Meredith,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Claude Warren, Binghamton, N. Y. Mrs. Margaret Lyons, Colorado  
Springs,

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111.

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Mrs. Mary D. Culver, Eliot, Maine. Mr. Howard Fenton, Akron, Ohio.

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Y.

Mrs. Flora P. Stone, Urbana, 111. Mrs. Cordie C. Cline, Yuba City,  
Calif.

Dr. Zia M. Bagdadi, Augusta, Ga. Mrs. Mabel Nickerson, Chicago,  
111.

Miss Harriet Williams, Boston, Mass.

Miss Mary Ruth Nitsche, Muskegon, Mich.

Some notable Iranian believers who passed

Miss Bertha L. Lackey, Worcester, Mass.

away during 1936-37.

Mrs. Carrie Timleck, Geneva, N. Y.

Mr. Lloyd C. Hawley, San Francisco, Zaynu'l-'Abidin Abrari, Yazd.  
Calif. Qabil Abadi'i, Abadih.

Miss Esther Davis, La Jolla, Calif. Muhammad-Husayn Ulfat, Tihran.

Mr. Alfred E. Lunt, Beverly, Mass. Muhammad-Natiq.

Mrs. Lucy A. Northrop, Oakland, Calif. Hasan Fu'adi, Tihran.

Mrs. Abbie Campbell, Los Angeles, Calif. Mihdi-Quli Mirza Mawzun, Hamadan.

