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ALFRED EASTMAN LUNT
BY Louis G. GREGORY AND HARLAN OBER

ALFRED EASTMAN LUNT departed it successful
as a business enterprise. While
this life, August 12, 1937, at his home in in college
he was chosen President of its

Beverly, Massachusetts. His immediate fam- Republican Club,
and then President of the
ily a widow and five children, and a host National
Republican College League, which
of friends mourn his loss. His funeral was included clubs
organized in most of the col-
attended by his relatives, neighbors and vis- leges of the
United States. He served ac-
iting Baha'is from Green Acre and neigh- tively in this
capacity in several Presidential
boring centers. The service in its simplicity, campaigns, and
those acquainted with his
contained the solace of Heavenly Teachings achievements, and
the respect with which
and prayers, and proved to be a means of he was held, are
confident that had he not

teaching others the Faith that he loved. chosen to turn
his energies with concen-
The National Spiritual Assembly, on trated attention
toward the Baha'i Faith,

August 16, 1937, received the following ca- realizing that
all other means were ineffec-
blegram from the Guardian: tive, he would
have risen to positions of
"Shocked distressed premature passing es- great importance in
the government.

teemed beloved Lunt. Future generations As a lawyer,
he became Solicitor of his na- tive city, and an
will appraise his manifold outstanding con- tributions to rise and establishment Faith lished and
associate in a well estab-
tributions to rise and establishment Faith lished and
popular law firm in Boston.
Baha'illah American continent. Commu- Called by Miss
Sarah J. Farmer to act as het

nity his bereaved co-workers could ill afford legal counsel, he
took the leadership in evol- ing 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 gotten in his devotion to the Faith. But a few years ago, when view which was the inspiration of his own few years ago, when actually in the midst of great financial life. difficulties, a very wealthy friend offered to For many years he was counsel for an im- friend offered to associate him in a law firm with a minimum important Massachusetts Committee of Manu- with a minimum guarantee of an income annually of ten thousand 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 might wish to affect

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save to work, yet source which he felt

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unfavorably his allegiance to his Faith, the mark of true offer was refused.

neglected, poor and weak, a nobility. He made

himself one with people The trials and vicissitudes of fortune appeared only to confirm his faith, for in all

of various races, classes and the line of service.

He had his place also situations he showed those characteristics, upon his fine which 'Abdu'l-Baha, in referring to the from whom, his Green Acre controversy, described as "lion

among the strong, who drew endowment of power, and capacities and virtues won

admiration. hearted."

Faithful unto death was

he, traveling long He was from the beginning of the Cause in Boston, a member of its governing body. body was weak-

distances over the country for tion and teaching when his

During many years he was elected by the finally proved Boston friends as one of the delegates to the no lessening of Annual Convention. Of this body, he was attraction, devotion and power.

ened with a malady which fatal. Meanwhile he showed spiritual

many times chosen Chairman, the duties of his passing, he wrote which office he discharged with extraordinary ability. He conceived it to be his duty, plans for future not only to be acquainted with all the im-

Just two days before a most cheerful and his friends, telling of his activities.

portant matters under consideration, and to passing were con- act with justice, but to stimulate all the del- fragrance that attended

Those who mourned his soled by the spiritual

legates, in the assumption and exercise of tributes paid him their privileges and responsibilities.

it, and by the eloquent 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. Shoghi Effendi wrote: "The
 of the Divine Teachings and understanding Lunt constitutes yet
 another blow to the American Baha'i Community,
 of the needs of the soul. He delved deeply
 and leaves a void in both the teaching
 into the inner meanings of the Sacred Writ-
 and administrative fields, which few of our
 ings, and followed closely those movements
 present day be- lievers can fill. The
 which were affecting a rapidly changing so-
 memory of his mani- fold and undeniably rich
 ciety. and valuable serv-
 He was affectionate and kind, reflecting ices will be deeply
 enshrined in the hearts and minds of those who had
 the Divine love in his readiness to serve the
 the privilege
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 of working closely with him, or had been From that hour
 sufficiently informed about his tireless 'activi- When first the Light
 of Revelation broke
 ties for the Faith. . . .
 upon these Western Shores
 "Words fail to express the sorrow and re- You labored till
 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- Labored
 ceaselessly,
 arable, for he was the living embodiment Until the Divine of
 Plans revealed its thrill-
 of such a rare combination of qualities as ing goal!
 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
 soul from the depths of my sorrowful yet Whose heart leaped at
 our mention, have re-
 grateful heart." joiced,
 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

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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 char-
cient evidence of the esteem his fellow-
acter. This labor was accomplished by Dr.
believers had for his valiant and devoted la-
Bagdadi in addition to translating Tablets
bors for the Temple and the Cause of
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
home of Mrs. Davies in Chicago.

at the

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</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." Those who</p>	<p>the Covenant now until at perhaps until away.</p>
<p>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 Baha'i Congress York City, April</p>

30th, 1919, will never for-
 ing, who knew Dr. Bagdadi, no doubt cher- get Dr.
 Bagdadi's presentation of this most important
 ished in his heart and memory some par-
 matter. Although he had been ill for three
 ticular remembrance or many remembrances
 days, he arose to astonishing heights and
 of our dearly beloved Dr. Bagdadi.
 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 "exem-
 ing
 When 'Abdu'l-Baha came to America in plary faith,
 audacity, unquestioning loyalty,
 1912, He awakened and began to educate indefatigable
 exertion" combined with a
 the Baha'is to the Most Great Characteristic dramatic appeal
 that was arresting and soul
 of the Revelation of BahaVillah, namely, stirring. This
 outstanding address of that
 The Center of the Covenant that which remarkable
 Congress was taken stenographi-
 the previous Divine Manifestations did cally and
 printed in Volume XI of the Star
 not bring. From that time until the day of the West.
 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
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 the Orient under the title, Treasures of the MRS.
 LAURIE C. WILHELM
 East. In it he describes the peerless pano-
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 rama of the Plain of 'Akka surrounded by
 mountains and sea, in the center of which Mother's strong
 religious tendency began
 is the Mansion of Bahji, located about one with her mother

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 but wrote upon the mar- always called me Mabsoot Eflendi (The gin, "Strange if true" and returned it to her. Happy One)."

Mother and Father vis- 540 THE BAHAI ' I WORLD

Mrs. Laurie C. Wilhelm.

ited me in New York. We went about to eat, and as we various meetings and among them the Baha'i bowl, now we meetings at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ar- likewise offer thur P. Dodge: there we met May Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Hoar, Dr. Getsinger and York to others. I was conscious of a strong heart attraction before much understanding came. Baha'i friends of I recall that two or three years later a fare- assembled for a picnic well reception was given to Mirza Abu'l- In those days Fadl at the Dodge home. awaken interest. Mother devoted much time to studying the Bible: she became so impressed with the connection and with the spirit and ex- ableness of 'Abdu'l-Baha's teachings place that it planations that her waking hours seemed before a group was mainly devoted to plans for reaching other reminded of a re- sections. In 1907 Mother and I went to made, that 'Akka. 'Abdu'l-Baha told Mother she was required a great expenditure of effort to the cock which crowed preceding the dawn.

deeply impressed, In 1901 and 1902, from His bowl He told us to had received food from His must return to America and His food to the people. In 1908 we moved from New West Englewood. During this hundred or more of the New York and vicinity in the woods near our home. it was very difficult to Meetings were held in two or and a dozen or so persons were attracted, but and reason- several moved away, two passed from this world, and such changes took was several years more permanently started. I am mark that 'Abdu'l-Baha once it 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 with friends and inquirers
far and near. Even during those last two and
with bread and broth: then He asked for our a half years of
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-
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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 has been
 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
efficient, 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 American took him, he firmly believed that it was because of the fumes he was forced to breathe Angeles, California.

ground where Thornton

can Baha'i, is at

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

On March 8, 1937,

Mrs. Finks, Secretary of and the lining of his lungs was an inevitable Assembly of Los Angeles, Cali-

following message to

the Spiritual

result of the conditions surrounding his labor, a result that was hidden from him 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 believers, as part of their love for God in the Pahlavi under whose care qualities they saw reflected, it is only necessary to write of the meeting of the Spiritual a number* of the Re-Assembly, of which he had been chairman, also numbered among

gathered together to discuss his funeral. reliable officers and conv
546 THE BAHAI'f manding Officers of the Army. D/. Piruz-Colnman. In 192J, he bakht was also of this f ran-loving family, as Director of the born in fmrs in the year 34 of the Baha'i military hospital) and era corresponding with the year 1878 of years of his life he served the Christian era. He carried on his studies Colonel as the Director of in the Cossak house, in the Iranian College the Military Schools. and in the Medical School from which he duty most faithfully and received his diploma in medicine. the entire course of his Early in his youth, he married his cousin, Farah Angiz Khanum, but feeling the need of Dr. Piruzbakht was completing his studies he traveled to Russia, Vice-Director at the Gendarmerie France and Belgium, getting his diploma in already completed his studies in medicine, surgery and midwifery from the to investigate the Baha'i Liege School of the latter country in 1907, official position, as well as his corresponding with the year 63 of the Baha'i were such as did not allow 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 put him and a number of Baha'is in grave time there were no means for one to educate difficulties. Therefore of Baha'is in grave himself in frn such as are available now-a- religious conversations were confined to the Doctor and myself days and his special efforts in such lines were for several months. He was meanwhile given indicative of ability and love for education. a number of Baha'i books which he studied After his return from Europe Dr. Piruz- very carefully and it was not long bakht was employed as physician in the Cos- before this holy being became a believer and he saks* quarters. He later accompanied his bought many volumes of Baha'i books which father on a journey to Luristan and Adhir- were available at that time. He was so bayjan and after staying in those provinces inspired and inflamed by the Baha'i books and for some time he returned to Tihran where tablets that, disregard- ing his official he spent the rest of his life. He attained the position and personal restraint, he expressed his rank of Captain during his services in the enthusiastic willingness to meet the believers. Cossaks* Quarters. The first meeting took place in the house of the The writer has been in frequent contact with this honorable Doctor since he began Vargha, one of the devoted servants of the Gendarmerie Dept. (Road Cause and a his service in the distinguished believer; and the Guards Dept.) and the following is an ac- late Semandar Qazvini and Mirza 'AH Akbar Rafsanjani two count of my personal knowledge of the de- well-known teachers of the Cause were present ceased. at this little reception. 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 Tihran 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 for his charitable
activities, who had left
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

alone.

and had the pleasure of ac-
in attendance,

In His love and service, accompanying Mrs. True and a group
of

Baha'is to the grounds of the Mashriqu'l-

AGNES B. ALEXANDER.

Adhkar. I had the honor of meeting 'Abd-

Tokyo, February 17, 1937. u'l-Baha on September 3, 1912,
at the house

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Miss Malakat Nushugati of Port Said, Egypt.

of Mrs. True. The Master received me with Islam, and marked a
marvellous achievement

His lordly kindness and love, saying, 'Your in freeing Baha'is from its
outworn dogmas.

father is a blessed father, and God willing, The passing away of Miss
Malakat Nushu-

you shall be a blessed son; God willing, you gati, daughter of Mahmud
Effendi Nushu-

shall be the herald of the Glad-tidings of gati, a distinguished Baha'i
of Port Said, on

God/ " September the 17th, 1937,

crowned the Faith

It was during that critical period of some of Baha'u'llah with a fresh
triumph. En-

nine years ago, when the Baha'is resolved to couraged by the father of the
deceased the

approach the Government with a view to Spiritual Assembly of Port
Said resolved to

clarifying their position in Egypt, that Dr. perform, for the first time,
the funeral cere-

Basjbir was chairman of the National Spirit- mony according to purely
Baha'i rites. This

ual Assembly, and his courage strengthened firm resolution was met with
bitter opposi-

and inspired every believer. He did much to tion on the part of Miss
Nushiiigati's non-

promote the Annual Conventions and to con- Baha'i relatives. These
relatives not only in-

solidate the Administrative Order. His serv- sisted that the funeral be
held according to

ices to the Cause in Egypt can never be Muslim rites, but threatened
the Baha'is that

forgotten. unless they yielded to

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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Mr. Paul K. Dealy, Fairhope, Alabama. Mr. Cecil Carmody, New York.

Mr. T. C. Gunning-Davis, Chicago, 111. Dr. Hettie West, Los Angeles,
Calif.

Mr. Charles Parker', Hales Corners, Wise. Mrs. Laura L. Drum, Washington,
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,

Mr. Charles Edsall, Montclair, N. J. Col.

Mrs. Addie L. Cole, Los Angeles, Calif. Mr. Dudley J. Stevison, Chicago,
111.

Mrs. Cecile Hill, Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Gordon Hall, Fernandina, Fla.

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

Mrs. E. L. Cavanee, Urbana, 111. Mrs. Andrew Fleming, Brooklyn, N.
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.

