



moved to Chicago, where he resumed his teaching activities in earnest. One of those who embraced the Faith as a result of his efforts was Howard MacNutt, who later compiled the 3-volume set, *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*. In 1895, Khayru'lláh moved again to Kenosha, where a community of hundreds soon arose. Because of these victories, Khayru'lláh was given the titles, "Bahá's Peter," "the Second Columbus" and "Conqueror of America," by 'Abdu'l-Bahá'. However, many of the teachings he promulgated were at variance with the Holy Texts, and he became enamoured with leadership, believing that he would soon be guiding the community of the believers in the West. In December 1898, he journeyed to 'Akká in Palestine with Mrs. Phoebe Hearst and other American believers, where he witnessed the wise stewardship of the Master firsthand, and realized that his dream was impossible. Upon his return to America a year later (December 1899), he threw his lot in with the Arch-Breaker of the Covenant, Mírzá Muhammad-'Alí. In his book, *Beha'u'lláh* (from which this text is taken), Khayru'lláh argued that 'Abdu'l-Bahá's brothers, Mírzá Diyá'u'lláh, Mírzá Muhammad-'Alí and Mírzá Badí'u'lláh were of equal rank to the Master. The vast majority of the American believers, even those who he himself had taught, forsook him completely following his rebellion against the Covenant. Following the passing of the Master, for almost ten years, he witnessed many of the early victories of the Cause, and he died in obscurity. (MW's note, based on information in Balyuzi, Hasan. 'Abdu'l-Bahá': The Center of the Covenant of Bahá'u'lláh. Oxford: George Ronald, 1987.)

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