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The Bahai Movement ----- /
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Rapidly spreading throughout the world, and attracts
mg the attention of scholars, savants and reUgionists

The Passing of Abdul Baha
of all countries—oriental and occidental

Four leagues from Nazareth. Hush! There he lies,
Carmel his cenotaph, his Jiome the skies.
Who, in his name, shall dare to speak of death?

For the information of those who know little or nothing of

Abdul Baha, the Blessed, never dies 1
the Bahai Movement we quote the foUowing account translated

Now, every heart shall feel some touch of God.
from the (French) Encyclopaedia of Larousse:

His spirit rests not where his feet have trod;
His arms of love are folded 'round the world,
BAHAISM: the religion of the dis-

But most where towly, loving toilers plod.
ciples of Baha'o"*llah, an outcome of

Babiam. — Mirza Huslan Ail Nuri

Baha'o'llah was bom at Teheran in
From life to life his light of truth shall glow

1817 A, D. From 1844 he was one of
conciles them in their primitive

When we on others, gifts of joy bestow;

the first adherents of the Bab, and de-

voted himself to the pacific propagA- purity, and frees them from the
cor- His bounties rain upon us from on high ;

ruption of dogmas and rites. For Ba-

tion of his doctrine in Persia. After

the death of the Bab he was. with the haiam has no clergy, no religious

cere- His fragrances through all our spirits flow.

principal Babls, exiled to Baghdad, and monial, no public prayers; its
only

later to Constantinople and Adrianople. dogma is belief in God and His
 Mani- Let prejudice and all divisive thought
 ^stitutions. . . The principal works of
 under the surveillance of the Ottoman
 Government. It was in the latter city Baha o llah are the
 Kitab-ul-Ighan. the Ebb to mortality, till life be caught
 Kitab-ul-Akdas, the Kitab-ul-Ahd, and
 that he openly declared his mission,..
 numerous letters or tablets addressed In reefs of Love's imperishable
 flame;
 and in his letters to the principal Ru-
 lers of the States of Europe he in- to sovereigns or to private
 individuals.
 Ritual holds no place in the religion,
 Then -shall God's temple rise, in beauty wrought.
 vited them to Join him in establishing
 religion and universal peace. Prom this which must be expressed In All the
 November 28,1921. Albert Durrant Watson.
 time, the Babis who acknowledged him actions of life, and accomplished
 in
 became Bahais. The Sultan then exiled neighborly love. Every one must
 have
 him (1868 A. D.) to Acca In Palestine, an occupation. The education
 of
 where he composed the greater part of children is enjoined and
 regulated. No Abdul Baha voiced and made eloquent the spiritual
 aspira-
 one has the power to receive confes-
 his doctrinal works, and where he died
 in 1892 A. D. (May 29). He had con-' sion of sins, or to give
 absolution. The tion that lies dumb in the hearts of men.' He embodied in
 vigor-
 flded to his son, Abbas Bftendl (Abdul- priests of the existing religions
 should ous, triumphant rtiaturityHhat ideal which in others is but a
 Baha), the work of spreading the- renounce celibacy, and should
 preach
 ^on and continuing the connection by their example, mingling In the
 life sleep and a forgetting. Men of every race, creed, class and color
 between the Bahais of all parts of the of the people. Monogamy is
 universally
 world. In point of fact, there are Ba- recommended, etc. Questions not
 treat- in theworld are devoted to JV:bdul Baha, because Abdul Baha
 ed of are left to the civil law of each
 hais everywhere, not only in Moham- ?
 medan countries, but also in all the' country, and to the decisions of
 the has been a pure mirror reflecting only the noblest and highest
 countries of Europe, as well as in the Balt-ul-AdI, or House of Justice.

In-stituted by Baha'o'Ilah. Respect toward qualities of eaph. He has taught mankind more than mere etc. This is because Baha'o'lal has the Head of the State is a part of re^ cessation from warfare and strife—the influence of the humility speet toward God. A universal known how to transform Bablsm into a universal religion, which is presen- language, and the creation of tribunals of Abdul Baha has been to create a iiositive vision of righteous- ted as the fulfilment and completion of of arbitration between nations, are to suppress wars. "You are all leaves of neness which shall never die. The physical death of Abdul Baha. all the ancient faiths. The Jews await the Messiah the Christians the return the same tree, and drops of the same is like the'physical death of the seed; and from this seed tho'e sea." Baha'o'Ilah has said. Briefly. It the Mahdl, the Buddhists the fifth Buddha, the Zoro- is not so much a new religion, as Re- will arise a stately tree whose fruits of knowledge and of love ligion renewed and unified, which Is astrlans Shah Bahram, the Hindoos ' the reincaroation of Krishna, and the directed today by Abdul-Baha.—Nou- shall, God willing, provide a feast for every hungry heart. Abdul"

•Li *" 135 veau Larousse niustre, supplement. p. 60.

Baha lived forty years in the Holy Land—and in that forty years he made Holy the entire world. '

November 30, 1921. Horace Holley.

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peal, so he went off quite happijy with the well stored basket

The Poet General on his arm.

Now that Abdul Baha has gone into that most glorious life The

opposing armies watched with amazement what fol-

beyond this, which he loved to speak of as the Abha Kingdom, lowed. The

Poet approached the man of carnage fearlessly,

every one will be especially busy recalling reminiscence of his greeted

him politely and said, "You must be very tired after

beautiful earthly pilgrimage and its personal relations. Among killing
 so many people, don't you want to rest a while under the shade of
 the stories he liked to tell and which Ahmad Sohrab relates with
 yonder tree ?"

eloquent emphasis is that of the Poet General, which seems The
 giant realized that he was tired and stretched his huge
 peculiarly significant just now. limbs
 gratefully under the pleasant shade, and the Poet began
 According to this there was a poet in a certain kingdom to recite to
 him his latest poems of peace, to which the giant
 whose verses became the delight of every one, but the poet listened
 with amazement and delight, he had never heard any-
 thing
 was very poor as real poets frequently are, and the king who
 like this in all his bloody life. Then the Poet ordered Tiis
 loved his poems greatly wished to benefit him. At this time the
 mysterious basket and drew forth the white bread, the well
 general in chief of the army died and the king offered the vacant roasted
 fat capon and the bottle of wine, and the giant's eyes
 post to the poet—the latter threw up his hands in dismay "But ,
 glistened. He had been so busy killing he had not realized how
 my Lord, he said, "I am not a fighter, I am a poet, I do not hungry he
 was, and to the amazement of the assembled armies,
 know anything about military tactics." the two
 combatants or rather the killer and his prospective vic-
 "Never mind," replied the king, "we are not going to have tim were
 eating and drinking together, laughing- and repeating
 any wars, and you are just the man we want, this post will give poetry.
 Surely there could be no fighting after that. And pres-
 ently
 you a good salary and you can live at the court and write your
 the capon finished, the bottle emptied, the Poet and the
 poetry in peace." , killer
 went off arm in arm and settled the articles of peace with
 So the poet accepted the position and wrote most beautiful the two
 kings, so admirably that fear was banished, for it was
 poetry which all enjoyed. But suddenly without warning, a. evident
 that there would be not war during the life of these new
 powerful neighbor of the king descended upon diis country and friends.
 threatened to destroy it. Meanwhile the hostile king had among
 "You are my commander in chief for life!" cried the king
 his officers a gigantic pugilist who challenged the generals of the of the
 invaded country, "for with you in command there will
 invaded kingdom to single combat, saying, "I will fight you all never be
 any war, and every one will be happy."
 in succession, and the result will decide who shall have this
 .^dul Baha has gone to«the Abha ICingdom and he will be
 country." So the generals of- the king went in turn to their the
 Poet General in that most' Glorious country, guiding the

fate and all fell before the powerful aim of their brutal con- forces
of Pealce in this one, and leading mankind in the path- ways of
queror and at last there was no one left but the Poet. Every-^
progress and universal love. Already since his depar- ture,
one felt that it was a mere form for him to fight, for he knew
Ireland is granted freedom, and the Washington Confer- ence
nothing of combat and all hated to's6e their loved Poet die, but
has settled certain essentials which will insure the peace
alas: he could not escape his destiny. So as he went to meet of the
world for years to come. - \

his opponent, they asked him if he had any last request and he
It seems that the of conference is becoming fixed
said yes, he wanted a pension for his wife aind he begged them for
this consultation is to be followed by others, which vdll as-^
to give him a basket with a loaf of fine white bread, a well sure
justice to China and rouse in people the beautiful ideal of
routed chicken and a bottle of good wine. They were amazed at Peace.
Ilie Giant is lunching from the Peace Basket, and the
this, but they could pot deny what appeared to be his dying ap-
Fragrance of .the Abba Kingdom is penetrating all regions, so
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that soon the nostrils of humanity will refuse to tolerate any save the
surging of the love of Him, the: Incomparable, the Wdl-
odor less sweet, Beloved!
The eloquent tablet which we publish in this issue is the " The
beloved of the Lord, with their musk-scented breath,
l't word received from the Beloved One to his lovers. May it bum
brightly as a candle in every clime; and the friends of Him,
sink into all our hearts so that it may become our guidance and the
All-Merciful, are in all regions even as the unfolding flowers.
our power, leading us to that universal love which is inclusive Not for a
moment do they rest; they breathe not, but in remem-
and without restriction, and which alone creates the progress of brance of
Thee; and crave not, but to serve Thy Cause. In the
mankind. meadows
of Truth they are as the nightingales of sweet melo-
dies, and in the flower garden of Guidance they are even as the
The Editor.
brightly colored bloom. With mystic flowers they adorn the
garden walks of Reality; as the swaying cypress they bedeck
Abdul Baba's Last Message to the World the
riverbanks of Divine Will. Above the Horizon of Being they

shine as radiant stars. In the firmament of the world they gleam
 Tablet received by Unity Board after the ascension of Abdul
 as resplendent orbs. The manifestations are they of Celestial
 Baha, and copied for distribution among the friends in the
 Grace, and daysprings of the Lighi of Divine Assistance.
 New York Metropolitan District by the Board of Consul-
 tation. To Grant, O
 thou Loving Lord, that all may stand firm and
 The beloved of the Lord, steadfast and shine
 with everlasting splendor, that thereby the
 The friends in Truth, and the signs of the All-Merciful gentle gales at
 every breath may blow from the bowers of Thy
 Throughout the East, throughout the West Loving kindness, and
 from the ocean of Thy Grace an emanation
 May the Glory of the Lord All-Glorious rest upon them all ' may arise, that
 the kindly showers of Thy Love may bestow
 HE IS GOD ^ freshness, and the zephyr waft to us
 its perfume from the rose
 O ye faithful friends! gardai of
 Divine Unity,
 O ye sincere servants of Baha'o'llah!
 Vouchsafe, O Best-Beloved of the world! a ray from Thy
 Now, in the midwatches of the night—when eyes ^ closed Splendor. O
 Well-Beloved of mankind, shed upon us the Light ^
 in slumber and men have laid their heads upon the couch of rest of Thy
 Countenance!
 and soundly sleep—^is Abdul Baha, within the precincts of the O
 God Omnipotent, do Thou shield us and be our refuge,-
 -Hallowed Shrine, wakeful; and in the ardor of his invocation and, Qr
 Lord of Being, show forth Thy A^ght and Thy Dominion!
 utters this, his prayer: O
 Thou Loving Lord! i Tie movers of sedition are, in some
 O Thou Kind and Loving Providence! Astir is the East regions, astir
 and active, and by night and day are inflicting
 and the West surgeth even as the eternal billows of the sea. a grievous
 wrong.
 The gentle gales of Holiness are diffused and, from the Unsem
 Even as wolves," despots are Ijdng in wait, and the wronged,
 Kingdom, shine forth resplendent the rays of the Orb of Truth.
 innocent fold has neither help nor succor. Bloodhounds are on
 .TOe anthems of Divine Unity are chanted, and the ensigns of
 the trail of the gazelles of the fields of Divihe Unity, and the
 Celestial Might are waving. The angelic Voice is raised and,
 Pheasant, in the mounts of Heavenly Guidance by the ravens of
 even as the roaring of leviathan, is the call to selflessness and envy is
 pursued.
 evanescence. The triumphal cry: O Thou the Glory of Glories!

resounds on every side, and the call: O Thou Most High! rings 0
Thou Divine Providence! Preserve Thou and protect us!
^roughout all regions. No stir save the Glory of the One O Thou
who art our Shield, save us and defend us! Keep us
Heart-Ravisher is .raised in the world, and no tumult is there beneath
Thy Shelter, and by Thy Help save us from all ill. Thou

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art indeed the True Protector, the Unseen Guardian, the Celes-
tial Watcher, and the Heavenly Loving Lord! exalt Thy
Cause and present ourselves a living sacrifice in the
O ye beloved of the Lord 1 pathway of
Guidance.

The faithless, however, by day and night, openly and privily
On one side is the Standard of the One True God unfurled
exert their utmost to shake the foundation of the Cause, to
^d the Voice of the Kingdom raised, the Cause of God is spread-
root out the Blessed Tree, to deprive this servant from service,
ing, and manifest in splendor are the wonders from on high;
to kindle secretly sedition and strife, and to annihilate Abdul ,
illumined is the East and perfumed is the West, fragrant with
Baha! Outwardly they appear as sheep, yet inwardly are
ambergris is the North and musk-scented is the South.
naught but ravening wolves. Sweet in words, yet at heart a
On the other side, they that are faithless wax in their hate deadly poison.
and rancor, and ever stir up grievous sedition and mischief. No O ye
beloved ones! Guard the Cause of God! Let no sweet-
day passeth but some man raiseth the standard of revolt and ness of
tongue beguile you—^nay, rather consider the motive of
spurs his charger into the arena of discord. At every hour the every
soul, and ponder the thought he cherisheth. Be ye
vile adder bareth its fangs and scattereth its deadly venom.
straightway mindful and on your guard.

The beloved of the Lord are wrapper in utter sincerity and Avoid,
yet be not aggressive!
devotion, unmindful of this rancor and malice. Smooth and
Turn away from censure and from slander!
insidious are these snakes, these whisperers of evil, artful in
Leave him in the Hand of God!
their craft and guile; Be ye on your guard, and ever wakeful!
-Upon ye rest the Glory of Glories!

Quick-witted and keen of intellect are the faithful, and firm and' }

ABDUL BAHA, abbas.

steadfast are the assured! Act ye with all circumspection! .
Translated by Shawqi Rabbani Balliol, Oxford, England, 1921.
"Fear ye the sagacity of the faithful, for he seeth with the

Light Divine!" (1)

Beware lest any soul should privily cause disruption or stir up strife. In the Cause of the Impregnable Stronghold be ye brave warriors; and, for the Goodly Mansion, a valiant host. Celestial 7Man

Exercise the utmost care, and day and night be on your guard, The highest expression of the life of man on this planet that thereby the tyrant may not inflict harm. ' in this age and many ages to come is Celestial: that is, to live Study the Tablet of "The Holy Mariner" that ye may know and act in accord with the teachings of BahaVllah and be steady the Truth, and consider that the Blessed Beauty hath fully fore- fast in the love of Abdul Baha. The principles of the Religion told future events. Let them wlio perceive, take warning! of the Blessed Perfection adorn the spirit with the highest at- Like dust at the Sacred Threshold, in utter humility and tributes of the Kingdom of Abha, illumine the heart with the lowliness, Abdul Baha is engaged in the promulgation of his Sun of the love of God, make him a servant of the world of^u- signs through the daytime and the night season; whensoever he manity, a standard bearer of Universal Peace, and an drb shin- findeth time he prayeth Ardently, and inspireth, saying: ing from the heaven of righteousness.

He forgets himself and lives in the flow of the love of the O Thou Divine Providence! Pitiful are we, grant us Thy True One; he embraces all mankind with an ineffable tender- Succor; honieless and wanderers, give us Thy Shelter; scattered, uess, and stjives night and day to serve his fellowm^. He do Thou unite us; astray, join us to the Fold; bereft, do Thou becomes a heralcK of the Supreme (Concourse and wins the good bestow upon us a portion and a share; athirst, l^d us to the pleasure of the Lord of Hostsr^ He will be attracted with the wellspring of Life; frail, strengthen us that we may arise to love of the Beloved, and immerse his whole being in the ocean REALITY REALITY

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of humility and meekness. He Will enlist himself in the army May you receive these bounties day. by day. May you draw ^ human progre^ and limitless advancement of the race day by day nearer unto God. May you be submerged in the Through his zeal, he will sacrifice everything in the path of God! sea of these iridescent lights. May you be characterized by and quaff from the chalice of eternal life. these praiseworthy virtues! This is the most glorious Bounty of this age; this is the This is the ultimate goal of human life; this is the fruit

bestow[^] of the Bahai Circle; this is the light that illumines existence; this is the brilliant pearl of cosmic consciousness— every heart. This is the water that allays every thirsty one; this is the shining star of spiritual destiny!

this IS the Divine Elixir that changes man into the image and

Abdul Baha.

the likeness of the Almighty.

Cause has become worldwide. In a short space of

time It has permeated throughout all regions, for it has a magnetic power which attracts all intelligent men and women to- from an address given by Abdul Baha, in Chicago,

Excerpts

wards its center. If a person become informed of the reality

May 3, 1912.

of this Cause, he will believe in it, for these teachings are the spirit of this age.

"In

this Western world, with its stimulating climate, its

The Bahai Movement imparts Ufe. It is the cause of love ' capacities for

knowledge, its lofty ideals, the message of peace

^d amity amongst mankind. It establishes communication be- should

be easily spread. The people are not so influenced by

tween various nations and religions. It removes all antagonisms.

imitations, and through their comprehension of realities and I

Arid when this Cause is fully spread in Europe, warfare will be

unrealities they should attain and realize. They should become

a thing of the past, universal peace will be realized, the one- leaders

in the search for the oneness of humankind. What is

ness of the world of humanity will be practised, and religion higher

than this responsibility? In the Kingdom of God no

and science will work hand in hand. Then this world will be- service

is greater, and in the estimation of the prophets, in-

come one family. There will remain no racial distinctions, such cluding

Jesus Christ, no deed so estimable.

American, Arab, Turk or Persian. They "Yet even now warfare

prevails. Envy and rancor arise

will all become one people.

between nations, but because I find the American nation so

The Bahai Movement bestows upon man a new spirit, a

capable of achievement, and the American government the fair-

new light, and a new motion. It enlarges the sphere of thought.

It illumines the horizon of the intellect. It expands the ar«na est of

Western governments, its systems superior to others, my

of comprehension. ^ wish

and hope is that the banner of peace may be raised first on

this continent that the standard of the Most Great Peace may

K 4. the radiant century hath come. Praise

be to God, the eternal springtime hath latched its tent. Praise here be

unfurled. May the nation of America and its govern-

be to God, this is the age of the discovery of the realities of
 unite in their efforts, in order that this light may dawn ,
 things. Venly, I say unto' you, this age is the age of lights
 this point and spread to all regions, for this is one of the
 This age is the age of sciences. This age is the age of the ap-"
 greatest bestowals of God. In order that America may avail-
 pearance of truth. This age is the age of the extension of the
 of this opportunity, I request that you strive and sup-
 sphere of thought. This age is the greatest divine age. This
 plicate with heart and doul, devotilig all your energies to this
 age IS the age of everlasting life. This age is the age of the
 that the Banner of International Peace in reality may be
 outpounng of the Holy Spirit. - This age is the age of the flower-
 unfurled here, and that American Democracy may be the cause
 ing forth of all the hidden virtues of the world of humanity
 cessation of warfare in all other couftries."

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The New Book By HORACE HOLLEY

We have waited a long time for this beautiful book, the
 book which should remove from the word Bahai its alien and
 sectarian semblance, and establish it as the universal talisman
 which alone can unite mankind, and now we have it—^Bahai.
 The spirit of the Age brings us into the consciousness of the
 •1? Light, the Glory which shall unite mankind and of which Bahai
 is the follower and dispenser.

In his own definition, Horace Holley says: "For others Bahai ,
 ? The Symbol of the Bahai Cause means the privilege of
 belonging to an active movement already
 ? spread throughout the
 United States, Canada, Europe and large
 ? portions of the East, a
 movement spreading the ideals of fellow-
 ?

Abdul Baha when asked ship and service irrespective of race,
 creed nationality and class."

? And again: "Behind
 this word for many there stands also

? in one of his Paris talks a glorious Presence, a
 Divine Being, whose title this word is:
 what will be the symbol of The glory of God. These persons feel

this presence as the controlling force behind every event of this time. Thus is Bahai this movement in future, the cause of a new spirit—of reverence and devotion, written corresponding to the cross as it is upon a Bible a World Bible, revealed in cosmic utterances of Christicity, replied—s. which gather together those who seem to be a nucleus of the future, spiritual race."

The author writes with a most brilliant and flowing pen, which carries us into a beautiful and universal world, in which

"The Free Soul" we translate the sordid events and features of the human and earthly complex into what become radiant—meanings, and significant realities. Love and knowledge are facts pouring from that sphere of radiance into this one of darkness, transforming its shadow into light, its hatred into service. He shows us how through all the turmoil and disaster of recent years there is actually arising a golden structure of new life more complete and perfect than anything that this cycle has previously appreciated, and how each progressive group of the dawning New Day, Theosophy, Christian Science, Socialism, etc., has caught its ray from the rising sun and has proceeded to gild with it the surrounding darkness. Already we can see the local consciousness growing cosmic, the sectarian universal and pervading all a new REALITY

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consciousness of God, which makes Him the Power in life and the love in consciousness.

structure, full of spiritual and artistic symbolism and the pub-

Many people reading this wonderful book will realize what Ushers have added a particularly satisfactory and charming print of has been for years their own leit motif and hidden urge. They of the temple itself. Let us add here that the frontispiece of the have lived the radiance without naming it. In this case the name that in volume is a portrait of Abdul Baha, so excellent and lovely that in comes an added joy and eagerly one recognizes Bahai as the

this day of our first loss it is particularly appealing. flower which gives meaning to existence, the fruit which pre-

The writer is especially grateful to the author for having included serves the hidden essence of the Sun.

in his Bahai Documents the remarkable talk on The

The volume is very complete, it voices the message to Christ- IUnminati

given by Abdul Baha at St. Martini's Lane, London.

faanity, to Judaism, to Theosophy, Christian Science, and New Eloquent morceau of instruction though included in the Thought political and Economics, bringing to each one the universal note which binds and unites into a cosmic unity the separated fractions of truth in the world. It draws the politician away from his little barricaded self into the arena of international peace and interest—prophesied by Baha'o'llah—and shows him

May Bahai soon be in the hands of every reader and quickly the outline of the divine civilization, to be established in this day penetrate his mind. It is published by Brentano, and retails on the great foundation of the true brotherhood. The growth \$2.50 per copy.

of the law of co-operation which must succeed competition is clearly indicated and many readers of this book will rise from

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its perusal with a new consciousness of the interpretation of ideal and real. Their separation has caused the enslavement and chaos of the human race and their union today will build international unity and the divine civilization. Quoting from Abdul Baha, he says here, "The scope of Universal Peace must be such

In the forest, dark, primeval.
Tall of stature. Kings and Warriors,
that all the communities and religions may find their highest
Priests and Servants; All ye black men.
wish realized in it. At present the teachings of his Holiness
Building stately monuments,
Baha'o'llah are such that all the communities of the world,
On forgotten continents.
whether religious, political or ethical, ancient or modern find in
Ages passing leave few traces.
the teachings of Baha'o'llah the expression of their highest
Save in desert lonely places.
wish."

Of this ancient sovereign people.
In the 'chapter on the Spirit of the Age, the author draws
Here and there a tribe, a remnant,
together the many glittering strands of his thought into a trans-
- Dweller in body, bowed to earth,
figuring whole, consisting largely of the words of Abdul Baha

Findi the fate of humble serf.
 himself, which camy us finally into that glow of light, which
 Black men. Brothers! Raise your faces. T, ! -M
 alone in this day renders existence hearable. He has added a
 Dawn again shines on the races.
 chapter on the Bahai Temple which is now being erected in
 Bright the Sun of Truth above us.
 Chicago and there we read of the first universal rehigious edifice,
 Warming hearts now hard and selfish.
 the first temple of god built so that*all mankind may wor^p
 Love appears, all men are free.
 within it—Mr. Holley ha^'eloquently described this beautiful
 Equal in God's Unity.
 —Edward L. Femald, DTO. X
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strengthening the ranks of those, who deem it their task to pro-
 tect the past?
 The Role of Women after the War Or
 on the other hand, will they realize the hidden weakness
 " By Gabriele Duchene and
 uncei-tainty of the forces which seem to reign today in the
 world, and dedicate,,themselves to the establishment of a new
 Member of the Executive Committee of the International League of order
 of things ?
 Women for Peace and Liberty, Section of France Will
 they become the missionaries of progress, whose eter-
 nal laws will finally triumph over all opposing tendencies ?
 passing thru an epoch full of tragedy. The Novices as they are in
 politics and therefore (also) not
 world of yesterday is falling to pieces, and now begins handicapped by
 the prejudices common to male citizens, will they
 ^ ^ ~ the painful labor of building a new one in the midst be
 able to fill it with a new spirit?
 'of chaos. There also arises the question, what role is destined
 Let us hope so.
 for women in the history of this period? Are they to reject all
 Until the most recent time women had been eliminated from
 manner of responsibility for the conditions of the past, and with-
 pohtics; and they therefore have no direct responsibility for the
 draw themselves from the existing misery which flows fipm it, present
 unhappiness. May they not allow themselves to de-
 to And refuge in a purely theoretical idealism where their sensi- spair
 on account of the terrible inheritance of the errors and mis-
 bility will no longer be exposed to suffering. "

leading traditions of men. .

No! That would be criminal cowardice. The gravity of the It is necessary that they turn firmly to the future with an present hour forbids their flight into the world of dreams. unshakable will, not to let even a fraction of their strength to Are women to limit themselves to following the old tradi- be diverted from constructive work.

Jion of their sex by bending over the sufferers, murmuring words j^t is further necessary that the^ begin their work in an of comfort to the victims, weeping with the conquered, some-objective spirit, and conse(Juently eliminate every kind of pre-times even—forgiving the conquerers ?

judice, be it philosophical, religious, social or political.

No! They demanded their share of rights, they iftust- Hitherto the public activity of women has been directed also take upon themselves their share of duties, even if the bur^ exclusively to the liberation from the yoke of th4 male sex. They den should be very heavy they must resolve upon deeds. aimed to win justice and liberty Jor themselves by the equalizar And if this be so, is their actioir to take place independently fion of the sexes.

of that of men ?

Nevertheless; the . right to vote unW the same conditions

That would be a great mistake. as men, the enjoyment of certain civil rights, the absolute

Only by labor in common, by ever more intimate collabora- equality of the sexes: all combined do not yet constitute complete tion of men and women, will the absolute equality of the sexes justice.

become a reality and new Strength acquired by the co-operation

As long however, as justice is riot fully established, the of the women will be of the greatest benefit for the good of all world will not know any sort of peace. As long aa present dif-mankind.

ferences exist, J;he, battles will continue. As long as the kuman

In what direction are women to work ? ' Will they in their race divides itself ^nto two competing groups, men and women, very recent escape from slavery, still affected by the feeling of the battle between the sexes will not cease, As long as the mem-submissiveness or perhaps even inclined to worship power, join bers of human society are divided into different social categories, forces with the gentlemen of the present day? the

battle among the classes will exist either, in the less crude Or will they justify'their reputation as "Conservatives" by form of tUe present time or in the brutal form of civil war.

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An institution which no longer responds to the aims and desires of
As long as no common bond embraces the different nations, sires of
human beings and of the time is doomed to perish. Every effort
strife will exist among them, and the danger of war will not be
to reconstruct and strengthen it, every attempt at partial, removed.

opportunist reform is in vain.

As long as the idea of the unity of the human race does Let
women be willing to understand that, and not waste their
not stand higher than the idea of nationality, peace will be in
forces, in order to inspire new life into institutions, which danger. already
bear within themselves the germ of death.

If women want peace, if the mothers of the present and More
exactly, let them strive to perceive the direction taken by the
those of the future want to protect their children against the
great human currents in the present savage chaos; let them
return of the cruelties which were brought to pass at the be-
see their task in collecting the seeds of life and progress, and
ginning of this century, they must concentrate all their strength
unweariedly spreading them in a purposeful sowing.

on the effort to annihilate everything which causes man to be
One need not be a very clear-sighted observer, to notice that
divided from one another. today,
notwithstanding the colossal efforts to maintain all exist-
It is for women, who have only now been freed from indent ing
differences the irresistible tendency toward unification is
injustice, to dedicate themselves to the establishment of com- always
becoming more evident; in all lands there is a parallel
plete justice in every part of the world.

movement of political, economic and social reforms; weak at-
How is women's activity to be most usefully employed, i» tempts at
regulation by international legislation, destined al-
order to bring about this condition of justice? ways to
summon forth more and more international action.

We are still so far from the position of real justice that it On the
other side, the increasing relations among the sepa-]
is only by slow degrees that we can discover the deep and radical rate
individuals, institutions and states (countries), make it ab-
reforms which are necessary. solutely

impossible to treat* persons and peoples as separate
But today we have one certainty; no reform great or small, units.
no revolution in the mind or in the material world can be pei^-
From that it follows, that there is no better means for ad-
manently rooted if it is not preceded by a long and intensive vancing

progress than to work in ,an international direction on
 mental preparation of the minds of the people, guided by leaders the
 largest possible scale. That means examination of all prob-
 ' of a lofty spirit. lems
 from an international standpoint, ^n investigation of in-
 Legal institutions have less significance than the will of the ternational
 solutions, and the creation of an international spirit,
 people. The titles which adorn them say little; yet the spirit to
 permit also the transition from theory to actuality.
 which animates them is decisive. In a democratic society, insti-

Translated from "La Esperantista."

tutions must be the instrument of the will of the people; but, as
 proved to us today by many examples, they often become the
 greatest barrier to the manifestation of this will. ^Vords
 of Abdul Baha on "Women' y-

Voltaire has said: "Laws are made in' accordance with the
 "Women must e^eavor.therefore to attain greater perfec-
 time, the individuals, needs," etc. "If the needs have changed, tion, to
 be man's equal in every respect, to make progress in all
 then the laws which have remained become absurd." The same
 in which she has been backward, so that man will be compelled
 may be said of all institutions. Spiritual currents and social to
 acknowledge her equality for capacity.
 formulas are today subject with a speed such as was never be-
 ' "In Europe women have made greater progress than in the
 fore'seen. What kinds of institutions have the power to follow
 East, but there is still much to be done. When students have
 in the evolution with equal rapidity?

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arrived at the end of their school term an examination
 place, and the result thereof determines the knowledge a™
 tender heads and soon they will grow and develop and produce
 p^ity of each student. So will it be with women, her actions
 luscious fruits."

Abdul Baha. \

will show her power.

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"There will be no longer any need to proclaim it by words.

Question: Does Abdul Baha wish the believers to take part

It is my hope that the women of the East as well as their West-
 in charitable affairs, or political, or should they interest them-

ern sisters will progress rapidly until humanity shall reach per-
selves in spiritual things only ?

Answer: Any movement that is for the benefit of mankind

"The future of the Oriental woman is very bright, and she
should be joined by the Bahais. If they are not asked to help,
is now in a period of transition. She is trying to discard the old
they should offer their services, especially in all kinds of charita-
archaic garments and is putting on the new and modern gar-
ble work. They must not be exclusive but general and serve be-
ments of spiritual and intellectual thoughts. She is striving.
believers and unbelievers alike. They should also take the usual
She is looking forward. She is looking for the New Light.
voters part in all elections.

Valiantly she is going ahead and at every step she is removing
from her path new and unexpected stumbling blocks. Thus she

"Daily Lessons."

is paving the road for her sister yet unborn. With the lantern

Acca, Jan. 1908.

of Baha'o'llah in her hand, fearlessly she walks abroad while
the night of ignorance is dark, the winds of prejudice howling,
the hobgoblins of illiteracy intimidating, the fanaticisms old Mul-
Our Heavenly King

lars surging the nightmare of unexpected attacks growling, the

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^1. Glad Tidings everywhere I bring.

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powers of darkness and the Oriental fanaticisms staring her in

Of the Advent of our Heavenly King.

Loudly let your anthems ring;

the eyes.

Glory to our Lord and King.

"But our 'New Oriental woman' like unto her 'New Occi-

Refrain: Shout ye people! Shout and sing!/
dental sister* has seen the Light and her star-like destiny, to-
Glory to our Lord and King!

with unwavering courage and indomitable energy she has re-

- solved to reach her glorious destination, and no power on earth
. 2. O seek Him not in far off'sk

off'skies;

can stop her achieving her exalted mission of ideal and practical
Unstop your ears, unveil your eyes.

He makes the simple truly wise, i

emancipation.
The dead He bids from the graves arise.

"We are at the most interesting period of women's develop- Refrain:
ment. While they are acquiring virtues, studying sciences,-

3. Ye Nations come in one accord.

equipping themselves with artistic careers and entering upon
Himself invites you to the board.
the field of active work, the old foundations are tottering, the
Proclaim the Message of God's Word,
old earth is passing away and the New Heaven appearing. May
Ti^l every soul on earth has heard.
the stars of this Heaven incre^e daily in lustre!" R^rain:
Paris, May 10,1913.

4. The time is short, the Voice is clear.
"It is very clear that in the immediate future, women shall
That bids us tell our Lord is here.
play a great role in ^he program of civilization. There is a great
Loudly let your anthems ring;
unrest in the women's world. The seeds of New Ideals which
Glory to our Lord and King.
have been sown in the hearts, are beginning to push out their Retrain:
M. A. WATSON.

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^oman_two women-and-a-man prescription for the drama, there
The Mission of the Screen are other
constructions just as vital, just as gripping, just as
By Laurel Miller dramatic! We know too much just
what to expect of the aver-
Every phase of human activity that is capable of takinsr age picture
to do other than yawn and yawn wondering how
hold of human attention to any great extent—to the controUing soon
"thejjlame thing will be over" and the fellow we knew all
of the interest of a nation or nations, is of divine ordainment along
would finally get the girl, enfolds her in his arms at the
and has its particular mission upon earth. "novel
finish." Mechanical stuff. What food is there for the
Whether it at first finds its mission, or arrives at its goal Mind?
Lifeless forms are abhorrent— it is the living forms
after a tortuous route depends upon its essential nature and the that
thrill us with interchange of idjas. There is no idea in a
proper, or improper hands in which it is made to find itself dur- dead
thing.

This does not mean that pictures need be didactic, dry and
ing its course of development.
No one has ever stopped to consider the metaphysics of Mo- stuffy.
That would be as bad as the present state of affairs. A

tion Pictures. Those who are making them are of two classes:
 display of sensuousness, bizarrerie, tinsel, make-believe
 the one is purely a mechanic of the lowest variety and knows
 grandeur, naked women, and "tenderloin" doings in general, all
 nothing about the metaphysics of anything, not any more than
 together in unreasoning madness and blessed with good
 he knows about, or is concerned with the ways of his Maker;
 photography—all for effect;—may entertain children while per-
 the other class is too busy to be bothered with the reason of
 verting their ideas, but bore and disgust intelligent adults. The
 anything. In both cases their philosophy is: "Sufficient to the
 adults—the ones to whom these things appeal, are more
 4ay.". If business is good-and they are making money it is suffi-
 dolts than adults, and it is assinine to sacrifice the intelli-
 cient. If the Screen has a mission the ways and means thereof
 of posterity just to cater to them.
 is of little consequence. Subconsciously they are fatalists, for
 Now, there is another and still more serious phase of the
 although they are the hands of the Screen, it must be its own
 short-^ming of the Movies. It must be remembered that the
 _ Mind and plan its own salvation.
 system of photography is exactly the system of the Mind copied.
 But at some time, some certain class of persons will begin
 art be underrated then—it may be either a decid-
 to be irked by the monotonous repetition of the artisans' pat-
 constructive factor, 6r it is ala'raoingly destructive. We
 terns. The Senses are changeful and are easily wearied of same-
 entirely by what we see. Therefore the sense of sight
 ness. And while more recent Motion Pictures have evincedxan
 be held sacred. What we see determines our future state
 effort to appease the fickle taste of the public with much that is
 being by ruling our actions aqd modelling odr understanding.
 sensational and bizarre—aimipgi at novelty—and by attractive
 revel in unholy visions is to pervert all the senses and must
 photographic combinations, they have in this wise managed to
 naturaHy fesult in evil to the beholdd^ . To gloat upon scenes
 effect some pretentious forms, that is, of presentation—but oh!
 murder, rape, crime of every variety (and nothing is omitted
 —such hollow forms. Artisans, you are just plain artisans. You
 during six reels of a picture) , lust defied, and every conceivable
 being yourselves soulless cannot put souls into the work of your
 of folly held up to view for the sake of sensation, is to
 hands.
 such things the common acts of the future. A recent il-
 Motion pictures have been consistently triangular in form
 is the Arbuckle case. He and his partners in vice
 since their earliest inception. But beside the trine, there are

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said to be poisoned by their own conceptions which they beheld
the sextile, the square, the sesqui-quadrante, the conjunction and
upon the screen. One hardly sees a picture now-a-days
the opposition. In other words, outside of the two-men-and-a- m which
^here is i^ot, at least, one i scene where some man rips
the clothing off a' struggling woman, forcing her backward.

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necessary here to relate instances of children marked by undue
impressions on the imagination of mothers, this being common
bending over her—^then there is a cut, and the rest is left to the
knowledge. Such cases as that of the Siamese twins, deformi-
imagination. . ties, and

certain pathological conditions such as deadly terror

The scene^we behold upon the screen are visions. Visions
are matrices—^they are creative in the realm of IDEA and be- at the
sight of certain things and so on, are too numerous to
mention and can all be traced directly to prenatal influences—
come the realities of the future. Let humanity understand this
undue excitation of the maternal imagination by witnessing any
and consider it seriously. What of the future race? The pr^-
nant woman who beholds a picture impresses the idea embodied particular
thing, more or less monstrous to her.

In the case of the crime waves and other atrocities among
in that combination of ideas upon the babe in the making—it is
adults and the condoning of the same, let it be remembered that
moulded accordingly both in mind and form.

what the eyes get used to seeing is tacitly accepted. Take, for
V Have we noticed any general effects up to the present which
instance, the most extreme form of dressing. At first it is diffi-
we can justly attribute to Motion Pictures? Let us enumerate
cult to accept it; but in course of time when the sight becomes
some of them: used to it

no one finds it, in any way other than natural. It is
Since the advent of Motion Pictures the world has had the
the same with everything we get used to seeing—it becomes
greatest war in history. Does that mean anything?
natural to us. Must rapine, shooting, crime and every conceiv-
Since the advent of Motion Pictures we have evolved that
able form of violence and lust become natural to us by reason
unique specimen known as the Bolsheviki. Anything in that?
of constant screen visions, and to posterity by reason of prenatal
Since the edvent of Motion Pictures there has been a steady
influence? The Sight, being the most divine, creative sense—
and alarming increase of juvenile delinquency. Does that mean
the modeller of forms, should not be allowed to become perverted
anything? We have had in our midst pronounced crminals of

by leaving the choice of what we must look upon to uneducated the tender age of twelve, and many much younger. Robber men, most of them no further advanced in mind than mean, misbands of babes and sucklings have been discovered by the police chievious children; while the majority are just slaves to lust only after many crimes have been committed. One little fellow of nine years in Boston was found to be the culprit of many and money. Should not the men of higher Minds and education who daring robberies, breaking into large stores at night, rifling are engaged in Motion Pictures make it their business to suppress cash drawers and even opening safes with marvelous dexterity. No grown up Fagin directed his efforts—all upon his own initiative. Should not the State suppress the activities of the illiterate? Should not the State suppress their atrocious production? ^]

situation keeps improving in a downward direction, according Another prenatal danger it. woqld be well to bring in here is the exaggerated figures produced by the "close-ups." They to police records. History has nothing to equal all this before Are out of all natural human proportions. If white peacocks the Motion Picture era. Nothing in life comes about by accident. can be bred by surrounding the common variety during their . Every thing may be traced to a direct cause. ^

breeding times with white sheets; and if ^Jacob, by setting Before the time of Motion Pictures a criminal was considered rods ai'ound the watering-place of Laban's sheep, proered a shocking disgrace to/the community and a most despica-duce "a preponderance of striped stodge among them, what is to ble character. To-day he is termed a "master mind," and he is prevent the development of human monstrosities among us—"given credit" if he "gets away with it."

modern cyclops—children taking on immense proportions as i^ey In the case of the children bom since the advent of Motion grow. Surely the human is possessed of a more lively imagina-Pictures the cause is prenatal. They are the outcome of the tion than the animal.

affected imaginations of impressionable mothers, and every Every manifestation in Life- -even Man, is dual. And so». woman during pregnancy is decidedly impressionable. It is un-

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we have another side of the Motion Picture to consider—the

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Constructive sjde. We Covered the destructive side first by way of despatching with the undesirable. We must be consonant in

all things if we are to be obedient to the Laws of God. That is
If We Listen

why humanity gives the Devil first thought in all matters. He
must first be put out of the way before anything good can be
walked the city street, As I

accomplished. There are too—prominent in the eyes of mortals
music, strange and sweet. I heard

—God and the Devil. And even as there was Darkness before
In the distance, as though made
Light, and out of which Light came, even so the Devil always
deep-toned organs softly played. By

takes his place before God, and must be vanquished before He
church my steps I bent To the

virill appear. Analogy is infallible. The same system of prece-
Listening my glad intent.

(dence obtains in every line of human effort. Everything shows
But the church in silence lay—

its evil aspect before it reveals its hidden beauty. The dark
Still the music far away.

cloud does not show its silver lining on the outside, but the
darkness becomes beneficence when it sacrifices its existence—

Marching band it then must be. •

when it disperses to reveal the resplendence within. Either
curb I stepped to see. To the

that, or the whole thing must dissolve—^pass away, leaving no
Never band was, here nor there—

trace of its existence behind. The Motion Picture must disclose
Still the music on the air.

its silver lining, or it too must pass. Listened
I in dumb surprise.

The mission of the Screen is to hold up a model to Life. With deep wonder
in my eyes.

How may we best mould this model ? Surely not after the fash-
Then my heart the mystery Imew—

ion of degradation and vice! We must not cater to the lower
'Twas the God-song coming through.

senses; they are prolific of design within themselves^ and it is
therefore superfluous to study to multiply them. To portray

'Underneath the city's din.

the beautiful in IDEA—that is the ideal to strive for, and which
you'll only listen in. If

finds happy welcome in all_ hearts, whether high or, low, king or
You'll hear music soft and sweet.

peasant, learned or illiterate. ^ As
you walk along the street—

Divinity is in Man. In some it is so near the surface th^t Symphonies
serene and fair.

it is bound to reveal itself; in others so deep down that it is Organ
notes deep-toned and rare.

to despair of its existence at all; and in others again—^well, their
Songs that fascinate the ear.

office is that of the dark clouds—the destructive element—the
Melodies so true and clear.

Devil, and even he is a necessity. But we do not cater to neces-
sity in the ordinary routine of life, we strive to overcome it^ and
Underneath the clashing tide, ^

to level its attendant difficulties. Why should we then in our Rising,
falling, surface wide.

higher—creative efforts? Why produce Motion Pictures which
Underneath the oute^ strife.

create, encourage and develop the base and monstrous in hu-
Underneath the jars 6f life.

manity? Why go to so much expense and lavish so much en-
Underneath the laughs and moans,
ergy to create Necessity which is, in itself, self-creative, when Sound
celestial undertones; N

by the same effort we can create Liberty—the glorious Liberty.
Underneath the noisy keys.

of the future! Run

God's deep-seated harmonies.

Bametta Brown.

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Hands of Service chapters may be formed, or individuals
may affiliate with the work independently. The local organiza-
Hands of Service tions may be optional
with the various Msemblies.

A Plan for Raising Funds for the Mashrekol, Askar As

a suggestion: In Denver, on the ninth of every month,
Last winter, the Bahai Temple Unity appointed a commit- the Mashrak

-el-Azkar meetiijg is held for an hour, followed by a brief
tee to gamer and distribute ideas for raising funds for the Mash-

meeting of Hands of Service workers. There are no for-
ark-el-Azkar, of which committee Miss Martha Root is national

malities, records, minutes, etc. The friends meet in a social
chairman. Each plan suggested is in the hands of a sub-com- spirit

and tell of individual experiences in earning during the
mittee, appointed by Miss Root. month

past and contribute their ideas and suggestions. The
Hands of Service Committee earnings are turned over to

the "collector" who hands the total

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Clark, Chairamn, 4141 Xavier Street, Den- to the
assembly treasurer, who mails the money (as Hands of

ver, Colorado; Mrs H. E. Bucanan, 1904 Logan Street, Denver, Service
 contribution) to the financial secretary of Bahai Temple
 Colorado ;Miss Julia Goldman, 89 Pinckney Street, Boston, Massa- Unity.
 chusetts ; Dr. C. S. Frink, Suite 200, 1025 Nicollet Avenue, Min- To
 date, the work undertaken has consisted of: caring for
 neapcJis, Minnesota; Miss Anna Savage, 61 Guibbault Street,
 children, fancy work (sold by others than makers), tatting,
 Montreal, Canada; Mrs. Louise Gregory, 1017 P Street, N. W., beauty
 Washington, D. C. making
 of garage doors, moving of household goods, cleaning
 furnace, laundry work for Bahai family, etc.
 It is suggested that those who wish to raise more money for A list of
 suggestions is attached hereto. Please mail to the chairman
 the Temple than they feel able to donate from their incomes,
 or to a member of this committee any new ideas that have
 might do something for Bahais or non-Bahais (in the_ latter at-
 been evolved through your efforts.
 tracting money from outside the Cause and also spreading the
 Message) at current rates of remuneration. Those with artistic
 or literary ability will find work along such lines j others who
 are clever with their hands will know of articles to make and sell;
 Suggestions
 those who cannot make things might assist by selling; some win
 BsOiki lawyers, doctors, artisans, etc., sell their services (ea^ to
 prefer to render little commonplace services in households. The
 determine his own remuneration), to Bahais needing same, and
 field is vast. The choice of work rests with each individual and
 devote proceeds to the Tenit)le fund; also render like
 is entirely voluntary. services
 to others, thereby gaining opportunity to explain pur-
 Donations are not included in Hands of Service contribu- pose and the
 glorious Cause.
 tions, but only money actually earned for the express purple of
 House to house visitation to sell Bahai literature, specially chosen by
 increasing the Temple fund. Interested non-Bahais who wish to
 the committee, as Reality or Star of the West, if made
 , join should be welcomed and encouraged, since voluntary aid is
 suitable. Such publicity work would put the Star of the West
 acceptable from all who wish to serve, whatever their belief. It on a
 self-supporting basis, enabling its ^tors to devote all their
 is thought that many people who have been but casually inter- time to
 it. (This is dependent upon the wishes of Abdul Baha
 ested in the Cause will enjoy working with the Hands of Ser- in the
 matter, which have not yet been learned).
 vice, for there is keen satisfaction in making serious eifort to- The
 making and sale" among Bahais of rosaries and book-

raise money for the Temple through honest service, giving full covers,
of covers for Hidden Words and Prayer Book; or articles
value for every penny received. that may
be originated.

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Meet at stated intervals for the purpose of making articles) Portion of
Letter from Mirza Ahmed Sohrab.

for sale to merchants and others, viz: quilts, useful wearing ap-

Home of Baha'o'llah, Acca, Syria,

parel, novelties, etc. ' ?

April 8, 1914.

Where there is an initial expenditure for materials, it seems Dear
Friends:—

as though such amounts should be deducted from the selling
"China, China, China—China for the Cause of Baha'o'llah
price and the money again used for the purchase of materials. must

march! Where is that holy, sanctified Bahai to become the
teacher of China? China has most great capability. The
Miscellaneous Tasks for Women Chinese people are most
simple-hearted and truth-seeking. The

Care for children.—Read to, or otherwise entertain invalids Bahai
teacher of the Chinese^ people must be first imbued with

or elderly people—do an hour or so of housework—wash dishes—
their spirit; know their sacred literature, study their national

serve dinner on maid's day out—do mending or darning—fancy-
customs and speak to them from their own standpoint, and their

work—go shopping— make and sell useful apparel and novelties own
terminologies. He must entertain no thought of his own,

V—sell Bahai bookcovers, rosaries, paintings of the Master, or but
ever think of their spiritual welfare. In China one can teach

other things—^make and sell cake or candy—stenographic work many
souls and train and educate such divine personages, each

—artistic, or literary work—take a boarder—any task one is one
of whom may become the bright candle of the world of hu-

able to do. manity.

Truly I say they are free from any deceit and hypocrisy-
cracies, and are prompted with ideal motives.

Miscellaneous Tasks for Men "Had I been feeling
well, I would have taken a journey to

Read to, or otherwise entertain invalids—mend furniture— China
myself! China is the country of the future. I hope the

or fix odd things about a house—^polish furniture—cut lawns—
right kind of teacher will be inspired to go to that vast empire

do garden work—shovel snow—look after furnace—^wash win- to
lay the foundation of the Kingdom of God^ to promote the

lows—do business errands—artistic or literary work—steno-
principles of Divine Civilization, to unfurl the banner of the
graphic work—carpentry—make novelties—do packing—sell
Cause of Baha'o'llah and to invite the people to the banquet of
various articles—utilize' automobile (if owner) in any original the
Lord!"

way to earn. '

Thus

spoke the Beloved (Abdul Baha) this evening to the
assembled friends, and I have recorded his words here, feeling
sure that they will create the proper atmosphere and inspire

Miscellaneous Tasks for Children the right kind of heart
to arise and accomplish the gireat ser-

Run errands—^wheel babies—amuse little children- -make vice. Then

he continued: "For the last twenty years I have

and sell candy—sell papers—cut lawns—shovel snow—light tasks

reputedly emphasized the matter of spreading the Cause oJ

to help with housework or cleaning—gather berries and other God. In

every city there must be organized assemblies of teach-

fruits—gather, or grow and sell flowers—sell Bahai bookcovers ing

classes to teach the young how to teach the Cause and pre-

—rosaries—carry coal or wood—make and sell basketry. pare

them for this most important service. Every Bahai must

acquire the lessons of teaching. This will yidd results. ' No

other cause is as important as thii. 'The Cause of the promotion

of the Qause of Baha'o'llah is the most confirmed Cause. Every

time one Cause holds the most suprem^ importance. There is

one season to harrow the ground, another season to scatter the

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seeds, still another season to irrigate the fields and still another

to harvest the crop. We must attend to these various kinds of

(activities in their proper seasons in order to become successful.

Now is the time of seed-sowing, but it seems to me some of the

believers are thinking about crop getting. This will give them

no results. Whosoever is thinking of any other thing, he is

wasting his time. The promotion of the principles of Baha'o'llah

is the most dominant issue before the believers of God."

Frances Eveline Willcox

The New Year is here! We cannot fathom the mysteries

of the future but only trust to faith and hope to shed some light

along the pathway of endeavor. Never has there been greater

need of universal cooperation and in no walk of life more clearly

demonstrated than in the theatrical profession.

Words of Abdul Baha in the Star of the West, August 20, 1916.

Owing to the general conditions throughout the country,

Someone asked about the economic question.

road

tours have been abandoned or companies have come to disastrous collapse trying to weather the storm. In the large cities the Abdul Baha replied: "America cannot be compared with more successes -have been limited while in New York not Europe. The problems of America in comparison with those of than a ' dozen productions could, really be said to have Europe are as nothing. One of the problems of Europe is to created any sensational popularity. W^at is the'consequence ? Many maintain a great army. All the French and German nations of our best players are disengaged and those who are con- tent are soldiers. But you are free from this great calamity. You to fill their own small niches in less conspicuous capacity, must thank God for saving you. In the interior of America find themselves unable to secure any sort of work. Here is the there is protection and safety. The first banner of peace will opportunity foi^a little cooperation which has bebn seized by a rise here. Know for a certainty that this will come to pass. few who realize the necessity of the times; for the National. Players have organized to revive the repertoire program and For man knows the result from the beginning. The result will such leading artists as Georg;e Nash, Ch^lotte W^ker, Wilton be that peace which you have here among your people will, from here, be spread to other regions."

Lackaye, Edmund Lowe, Maclyh Arbuckle, Hhrry Mestayer, Car- rie Radpliffe and others will combine to present ^andard plays as well as Abdul Baha spoke to a number of pilgrims in Palestine, the unem- m the spring of 1914, as follows :

employed. Augustin Duncan will also inaugurate a repertoire "By a general agreement all the governments of the world season and with the anticipated reduction in the scale of ad— must disarm SIMULTANEOUSLY. It will not do if one lays Mssion prices, many who are now deprived of the luxury of down its arms and the others refuse to do so. The nations of theatregoing, will be able to enjoy a good evening's entertain- ment the world must concur with each other concerning this su- and some first-class acting.

premyly important subject, thus they may abandon together these deadlr weapons of human slaughter. As Ibng as one The thetrical seapn i^ still doing unusual acrobatic tricks and power increases its military and naval budget, another power somersaults, for productions are openiilg and closing with will be forced into this crazed competition through its natural such rapidity, that the review is hardly cold in type and Supposed interests ..." before the closing announcement appears. The managers have heretofore con^atulated themselves on the fact that they knew

what the public wanted in the nature of entertainment, and play-

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Wrights have felt that they understood how to put forth a popular or timely topic for the amusement or education of theatre-goers, but what about the theatre-goers, but it seems to be an erratic public attending the theatres for entertainment? He feels that he has not been treated this season or they do not themselves know what they want. and will keep away from the theatre."

Vast sums of money have been expended in trying to win favor only to be transferred to the wrong side of the ledger. There a recent talk given by Mr. E. H. Southern, he commented seems to be a question in the minds of some that things are not the lack of children's theatres and children's plays in the quite fairly adjusted between the managers and the patrons country, which calls to mind the various efforts made in the for the reason that the prices at the theatres where a worth- create the demand for that line of entertainment The while production is on view are prohibitive to the general thea- pictures have in a measure supplied the necessary amuse- tre-loving person and only those plays that are not up to the the children as well as educational nourishment and mark or are on the verge of failure offer tickets at prices within account for the absence of the special holiday matinees their means. For that reason the theatre has become a luxury other programs for the youngsters that usually appear at m place of a universal institution for the benefit and relaxation season of the year. The Hippodrome was the only theatre from every-day endeavors and only the wealthy in-towners or inaugurate a special feature for the kiddies.

the out-of-towner who has saved up for a money-spending orgie c^ avail themselves of that pleasure. With the readjustment George M. Cohan, who is credited with having a generous of pnces in other commodities perhaps theatre tickets will also nature, and doing many favors for the profession sometimes go back to normal. ^ finds

himself a -victim of the mercenary grafter. Not long ago It IS hard to understand why "Marie Antoinette" had so well known for his penuriousness, met the manager short an engagement at the Playhouse. Historically correct- requested the courtesy of a seat for the opening night of a presenting a story of one of the most interesting periods; staged Cohan production. Everyone knows that seats for a New with lavish expenditure by W. A. Brady, with a carefully se-

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premiere are at a premium and Mr. Cohan mai-veled at the lected cast headed by Miss Grace George, who not only gave a actor's nerve and determined to get even. He agreed to send delightful interpretation of the queen but made a charming seat, and he did. It was a box worth twenty dollars, and the picture in her exquisite gowns; the play;lived but two weeks! tax amounted to two dollars, which the actor was forced to Six Cylinder Love," on the other hand, depending largely on at the box office., Mr. Cohan chuckled'^as the grafter the personality and work of Ernest Truex, is going merrily the price of a seat after all. ' *

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^ong and "The First Year," a light comedy depicting the exper- iences of nearly every newly married couple, is in its second When "Pomander Walk," the quaint English play by Louis N. season. Evidently it was not the Wchological moment to in- Parker, was produced a number of years ago by the Liebler Com- terest the public in a Loui? XVI production, but how is a pro- well known English actor, created the

ducer to know this? part of

Brooke-Hoskyn and made a personal hit. Mr. Pawle

has arnved

A well-known writer and lecturer, on dramatic subjects,

in this.cou»try\to play the same character in the

in speaking of lack of business at some of the theatres, re-

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Janney. Mrs.

marked: "I think Mr. David Belasco has the right idea. When

Pawle

who accompanied her husband is the daughter of Mr

he makes a production the play fills the entire evening. These

Parker.

"Pomander Walk" had a long and succeLful engage!

light, fluffy society pieces starfing at eight-forty-five to nine

ment.here,at the old Wallack Theatee, and the play has had

o clock are over by ten thirty. To be sure it is often quite

several

stock productions since that time. The queer little com-

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munity with its odd charact^s and humorous old fashioned

story should lend itself well to' a musical setting.

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One must take a second look at the programs in the thea- the Cup of Happiness,

I HaVe Drunk

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tres these days to be sure that the offering is a speaking

I have drunk the Cup of Happiness,

drama and riot a motion picture, for so many of the picture

Tho' the vessel be of common mold;

favorites are now appearing on thie stage that it is necessary,

The draught therein was worthy

especially when featured or starred, to make special mention

Of a chalice of pure gold.

that they are to be personally represented. There are now in
New York and vicinity, Conway Tearle, Bessie Barriscale, Elsie
I have drunk the Cup of Happiness,

Ferguson, Billie Burke, Vivian Martin, Alice Brady, Madge Ken-

The bitter with the sweet.

nedey, Violet Heming, William Faversham and Lionel Barrymore.

And the antidote of love hath ^ade

That happiness complete.

The young actresses this season cannot waste a moment's
time, and in some instances it has been found necessary to have
have drunk the Cup of Happiness,

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more than one iron in the fire. One ambitious player accepted

For I have loved my fellow men.

a vaudevill4 engagement; during a week's lay-off she had an op-

And beyond the real hath shone the ideal.

portunity to secure two other roles; both were tentatively ac-

Like gems in a diadem.

cepted. She rehearsed one and in the interval watched perform-

ances of the other, not knowing which would be better for her

I

have drunk the Cup of Happiness,

to finally decide upon. But, when the end of the week came the

For I've gathered the wayside flower.

plays closed their engagements. The little worker hurried back

And its subtle fragrance and beauty.

to her vaudeville company, glad enough that she had not re-

Hath quelled the tumultuous hour.

signed from it. Thus glimpses into the intimate life of the

theatrical profession do not always come under the observation

I

have drunk the Cup of Happiness,

of the public, who regard the playerfolk' as idlers and pleasure

In the home of low estate.

seekers.

And that kindly act hath made for me.

The various organizations not strictly regarded as profes-^

The

earth less desolate.

sional, but none the less successful in many of the productions

under their supervision, such as The Washington Players, and

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have drunk the Cup of Happihess, , *

The Theatre Guild, who projected "John Ferguson" and "Mr.

This night in fiendship with thee;

Pirn Passes By" to their credit, ha^e been augmented by The

On

Sheridan^Drive, in thy beauty and pride,

School of the Theatre, founded and directed by some of the

A centre of Love may'st thou always be.

most active persons connected with the theatre. Among them

are Walter Hampden, George Arliss, Elsie Ferguson, Frank

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Oh home in this City of Destiny,-

Craven, Arthur Hopkins, Robert Edmond Jones, Ernest Truex

By the shore of its inland sea, ?'

and Brock Pemberton. With headquarters in the Lexington

May the ebb and flow of its restless tide, ^

Theatre Building they propose to develop an experimental the-

Bring ever good cheer to thee. •

atre to be operated by the students of the school under pro- _ .

—Sara\Savage.

fessional direction. wrtUen m

appreciation of the Bahai Temple by a citizen\>f Wilmette.

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Three Kinds of Persecution.

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Words of Abdul Baha Delivered During His Sojourn in America girdle

around my waist, then arranged my clothing so no chains

a LL who stand up in the cause of God will be persecuted were

.visible. One day I wished to go to the hammam (public

and misunderstood. It has always been so; it will always bath). The guards

said, "It will not be possible for you to go to

^ ^ be so. Let neither enemy nor friend disturb your peace, the bath

unless these chains are removed; and furthermore it

destroy your happiness, prevent your accomplishment. Fix will

attract notice from the people in the streets." Abdul Baha

said, "I will go."

your soul upon God. Then perse^tion and slander will make

^ you the more radiant. The purposes of your enemies will be re-

The guards then carefully gathered the hanging chains

around my waist, covered them with my clothing and we

flected upon themselves. They will be injured instead of you.

Oppression is the wind which fans the fire of the Love of God. went

forth. As we passed through the streets. Abdul Baha

Welcome persecution and bitterness. A soldier may bear arms, took the

chains frdm his waist, flung their loose, dangling ends

but until he has faced the enem^in battle he has no right to a over his

shoulders in full view and walked to the hamman, fol-

place in the king's army. Let nothing defeat you. God is your lowed by a

great crowd of hooting, jeering people. The guards

helper. God is invincible. Be firm in the Heavenly Covenant. were most

unhappy, but Abdul Baha was in supreme joy because

Pray for strength. It will be given you, no matter how difficult of this

opportunity to walk in the freedom of the Pathway of

the conditions. God. After

many years the doors of Akka were opened, the pri-

When Abdul Baha was sent to Akka, he experienced three son walls
throvra dovra and the chains which Abdul Hamid had placed
kinds of persecution. Two kinds were easy to bear. When he
upon the body of Abdul Baha were put around the neck
of Abdul Hamid himself.

When he arrived in Akka they placed chains upon his limbs and circlets
of steel were locked around his ankles and knees. While the
guards were doing this Abdul Baha laughed and sang. They
In brief, this kind of persecution was easy to bear. There
was a second form of persecution to which Abdul Baha was con-
were astonished and said, "How is this? You are laughing and tinually
subjected at Akka. Spies and enemies were constantly
singing. When prisoner's are ironed in this way, they usually infoi-ming
the authorities that he was plotting against the gov-
cry out, weep and lament." Abdul Baha replied, "I rejoice be- ernment,
that he was secretly instigating revolution and teach-
cause you are doing me a great kindness; you are making me ing
principles in opposition to the Mohammedan religion. In
verj-^ happy. For a long time I have wished to know the feelings
consequence of these reports and statements Abdul Baha under-
of a pr-isoner in irons, to experience what other men have been went a
great deal of restriction, difficulty and personal discom-
subjected to. I have heard of this; you have taught me what fort, but.
Praise be to God! always in the utmost joy and exalta-
it is. You have given me this opportunity. Therefore I sing tion.
Sometimes the rigor of his restriction was increased; often
and am very happy. I am very thankful to you." After a time he was
threatened with death; often threatened with confine-
the men who had been appointed to keep guarcj over me became ment in
another prison fortress, but nothing was accomplished
as loving brothers and companions. They strove to lighten my by his
enemies that could lessen his complete happiness. On the
imprisonment by acts of kindness. They said, "In order that contrary,
the more falsehoods they invented, the more evident
you may not be subjected to the jeers of the people when you became his
innocence and sincerity, the more constant his
walk upon the streets we will arrange your clothing so these
thanksgiving and rejoicing. This form of persecution was like-
wise easy to bear.

"The chains are not visible." They took the chains which were upon
my limbs, gathered the ends together and wrapped them as a But
there was a third kind of persecution which brought
^dul Baha sorrow and unhappiness, a persecution difficult to
bear; the bitter words and criticisms of the friends. Where love
was expected, hatred anjj-jealousy was found; instead of f^end-'
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ship and kindness, envy and discord were manifested; instead of harmony there appeared dissension and ill-wishing; in place of assistance and appreciation, calumny, falsehood and slander.

A New Poet

This is hard to bear.

Several weeks ago a messenger-boy delivered a tel^nam

Now, Prmse be to God! turn all your thoughts and devote at Bahai

House, 1901 18th Street, this City (Washington). Mrs.

all your power to the Divine Covenant. Unless a servant in the Orphella

Hart opened the door, and as usual she put in a word

Cause of God is subjected to all these persecutions he is not fitted for

Baha. The young man became deeply interested. He has not

to spread tlie Heavenly Message of Glad Tidings. Follow Abdul had the

opportimity of the average person, only having been

Baha! Let nothing hinder or defeat you. God is your helper through

the fifth grade of school, but he is self-made. He was

and God is invincible. in the

navy and worked over-seas for his country. He wrote the

enclosed two verses. I think ut would be dear if Reality would

publish this poem, coming from a heart in its first enthusiasm

after seeing the Great Light.

'Washington Herald" Interprets

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Abdul Baha

To the Editor, The Washington Herald:

Like a rose found covered by the weeds of life, like a well

To Abdul Baha. of Leathean waters found in

the desert's dusky heart, like the

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rustle of the wings of love is the revelation of the Bab, Baha'o'-

I sailed the Sea of Infidelity, llah and Abdul

Baha.

Was wrecked on the Rocks of Doubt Baha (the Walt

Whitnaan of the East) is hastening the

Till a Bahai sailor rescued me J flame-winged day

predicted in Tennyson's "Locksley Hall."

With the Rope of Wisdom stout. "Consider the candle how

it weeps its life away drop by drop

that it may shed its light," says Baha.

Now is an Unknown Garden *^nd consider

humanity hoW itTweeps its eyes away in

Grovping before my view. search of light. No

material organ can play the hymns of

And I owe the Perfume from it Bahaism; the harp

of the universe touched by the fingers of
To your devotees and You. creation chants it.
When people embrace this doctrine, no
longer the martyr chains shall tattle, no more will mankind
—EDWARD J. IRVINE.

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"drink wine salt with tear". Gold will be toppled from its

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lofty throne, sex-lure will be poetic, pure. Joy will be so prevalent that pain would be a luxury; the only wars declared

Yonder sits the white dove, the embodiment of love—also would be against wars; the only hate would be the hate of awaiting admittance to the prison house, so guarded by the hate. We would commune with the Infinite, to learn that beauty is eternal. We would judge a man by what he is, not of prey.

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How long must it wait? Hours—months—or years?

what he has. We would deem art of life the heart. There

I Possibly all and more and more, until the approach of life—
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would be no anarchists. Communists, Socialists or capitalists, Y but only brothers and sisters, or in other words, Bahaists. Jews [banishing the vultures of selfishness, greed—fear—desire, permitting the presence of sorrow and mourning,—opens the way and Gentiles, whites and blacks, would dwell in harmony as [for the entrance of the bird of love. Thru the lattice of dark-perfect as the music of the spheres, for as Abdul Baha says, we will obey; "beware of prejudice; light is good in whatsoever.

Gradually it's purity—it's unselfed love fills the doorway ever lamp it is burning. A rose is beautiful in whatsoever garden [with light and the path with glory, displaying the vision, in den it may bloom. A star has the same radiance whether it shines from the East or from the West." the

distance, of wisdom;—The gift of God, to those who know God, to those who know life, having welcomed her awaiting

-EDWARD J. IRVINE. entrance thru the burnt offering of the green bird of sounding

I brass and the black one of empty desire.

To welcome wisdom and to walk with her hand in hand

The Path I means never again to take up

those ashes. They cannot be

Wisdom walks high above the Valley of Desire. revived into

that which they seemed, they are now what they

I always were—ashes.

The white wings of truth, fluttering in the glory, lead us
ashes! But for them man has given his life and for
willing captives away from the glitter, and the tinkling brass,
woman has given her soul. Ashes of mockery upon the
and the bubble of words—on—on higher and ever higher into
pyre of burnt offering.
the vision of the endless day—closely companioning us with
Ashes! the end of human existence!
the exalted form of wisdom.
Yet, for those who look—wisdom still walks and truth
Love,—born in the blood drops, unsealing the eyes—while
thru the ascending smoke from the pyre—high above
the tears flow beckons us upward,—upward along the path of
valley of desire,—and to the yearning soul is seen man's
hidden ice and thorns.
heritage—Love—Life—Immortality.

Only

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The heights must be scaled, for there truth awaits us. Her

-GLORIA BAKER.

radiant wings; outspread to shelter all who can attain, to all
have reached the soul birth—to those knowing full well that
the glamour of the meshes only become the noose of limitation,,
the talons of the black bird of mockery—delusion and death.

From the JAPAN ADVERTISER, TOKYO, Japan \\
October 14, 1921

The black bird sits at the door of each heart's household,
UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE IS SUGGESTED FOR LEAGUE
luring—inviting—enslaving—mesmerizing—with its tray of
[Japanese Members Would Use "ESPERANTO" in All Official
baubles, flattering in its song,—the sorcerer of the unawaken-
ed.

Correspondence

The Japanese Association of the League of Nations, has recently
I sent out notifications to other associations of the League in which they
express the willingness- to carry on all correspondence pertaining to
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the league in the new international language, "ESPERANTO." The
which will open their eyes to the fact that militarism belongs
Japanese Association in the notification asks the other associations
to the old world, and that a nation capable of leadership like
- to express an opinion as to the practicability of the plan and also states
Japan will virtually discard it and substitute, for it that principle
that it is their belief that a wide use of a universal language will ma- of
cooperation and love, universally applied, which is the founda-
^ terially aid in the bringing about of a world-wide state of peace.

tion of all the economics and internationalism of the new day.
A conference of all persons in Japan interested in the develop-
With this spirit flowing from her she can energize and fill
ment of the new language opened in Tokyo yesterday and will con-
with new power the entire Orient, and stretching out glad hands
tinue for three days. The conferences ar^ to be held at the Y. M. to
her western neighbors, become a blazing light for the entire
C. A. in Kanda and all persons interested in the language are asked to
world.

become affiliated with the association. All addresses made at the con-

Such a spirit spells true progress. It includes the realiza-
ference will be made in the new language.
tion of all objective advance along the best lines. It banishes fear,
which is at present convulsing poor France, and replaces it
Twith that courage of conviction and vision from which nothing
is concealed. It renders secret diplomacy purely a back number,
and is in line with that frank "gentleman's agreement" which
Japan prefers to any other sort of treaty. This is the Japan of
the New Day, which will unite with the United States and China
The Far Eastern Question to
create the future civilization bringing perfection to the human
race.

The world has never had a complete civilization, because
there has been a civilization in the East and a-very different one
in the West. Both have been deficient. The West has never pen-
etrated or influenced the East to any'extent, and the East has
only influenced the West through its great prophets, whose mes-

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sage hasT invariably become theologised before it reached the

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western world.

Given to "The U. M. B." thru E. A. Bt •-
Now the Orient and Occident are interpenetrating as never May the
desires and aspirations of the hearts of men be attuned
before.

to the Supreme Will.
May there be the recognition of the Unity and Oneness of ALL
The letter of Miss Alexander in regard to her journey to
Life;
Korea w^ extremely interesting, because it brought back, to
May the' Light, Love and Peace from the Supreme Realms de-
the Orient a great teaching from the East, which came through
scend upon the earth;
a western channel, to an Oriental land which had felt western
May the minds of men be illumined with the perception of their
influence through its most objective and aggressive side, and it
Spiritual Oneness;

is interesting to see how this objective aggressiveness disappears
May there be the restoration of Universal Peace and Liberty;
and becomes gentle through contact with the spirit.

May there be the intensification of Human Solidarity;

The Japanese people are so sensitive and highly developed

May

there be the liberation of the minds of men from ALL U»-

that they can not fail to respond eagerly to the powerful mes-

fealty.

sage of Baha'o'llah which Miss Alexander carries to them, and

Peace, Peace, Peace to all Beings,

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will be restricted. Navies spread the contagion of war by their

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disregard of neutral rights. But for the aggressions of the Ger-

man Navy upon American life and property upon the high seas

the United States would not have been drawn into the World

We Can Limit Navies, We Can End

War. It was

Germany's flagrant violation of these rights that

forced us to unsheathe the sword.

Them."—McAdoo.

"Bold,

drastic and courageous measures are required if civil-

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ization is to be snatched from the brink of the fateful chasm

Commenting on Secretary Hughes's proposal at the Arms Con-

upon which it

now stands. Destruction of naval armaments will

ference, W. G. McAdoo, former. Secretary of the Treasury, said: make

general disarmament more certain and promote that inter-

national ^roperation upon which the peace and welfare of the

Secretary Hughes's proposal to reduce the navies of Great

world depend."

Britain, Japan and the United States, while preserving their

relative strength, is admirable, and if adopted will considerably

/ lighten the existing burdens of oppressive taxation. Every

Benediction Revealed by Abdul Baha, in Chicago, 1912, and

American will hope that at least this much may be achieved by

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the conference. But it will scarcely do more than lighten the

tax burden. It idaves undestroyed the main evil—the menace

O Thou Kind Lord! Thou hast created all humanity from

to world peace from continued naval armaments.

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same original parents. Thou hast destined that all shall be-

long to the same household, and'in "Thy Holy Presence they are

"The greatest step toward general disannament and the

all Thy

servants and all mankind are sheltered beneath Thy

preser\ation of peace that could possibly be taken would be the

tabernacle. All have gathered together at Thy table of bounty,

abolition of navies altogether except for such light craft as may all
are radiant through the light of Thy Providence O God!
be needed for coast defense purposes. If all navies are de- Thou
art kind to all. Thou hast provided for all. Thou dost shel-
destroyed a colossal load of taxation will be taken from the backs ter
all. Thou conferest life upon all. Thou hast endowed each and
of suffering humanity, and all the wasted energies and wealth all
with talents and faculties; all are submerged in the ocean of
involved in the maintenance of huge naval establishments will be Thy
mercy. O Thou Kind Lord! unite all, let all religions agree
released for benevolent purposes.
make all the nations one, so that all may see one another as one
There never was a time when the abolition of navies was ' , kind, the
denizens of the same fatherland. May they all asso-
so nearly within our grasp as now. The Geirnan Navy has been ciate
with one another with perfect amity and unity. O God!
destroyed, the Russian Navy has disappeared, the French and hoist
the banner of the oneness of humankind. O God! estab-
Italian Navies are reduced to skeleton proportions, and Great lish
the Most Great Peace. Cement liiou, O God, the hearts
Britain, Japan and the United States have only to agree to get
together. O Kind Father, God! exhilarate the hearts through ^y
rid of their navies as they forced Germany to do and the rest of
fragrance of love; brighten the eyes through the light of
the world will_ follow. If we can limit navies by international Thy
guidance ;^eer the hearing of all with the Melody of Thy
agreement we can abolish them in like manner. Word,
and shelter us all in the cave of Thy Proi^dence. Thou
"If all nations are without navies, all .will be secure from art the
Mighty and Powerful! Thou art the Forgiving, and
attack by water and the seas will become, as God intended them Thou
art the one who overlookest the shortcomings of ail hu-
to be, the great highways of peaceful intercourse between the
mankind. ?* ' /
peoples of the earth. With the abolition of navies, land warfare

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In Washington Urbain Ledoux carries on his strenuous
work for the Cause of humanity and for the great Bahai Cause.
Groups of unemployed men under his guidance gather at stated
times in different parts of the city and sing great anthems of

freedom, love and justice, often selections from the nobleSt
oratorios, such as the Elijah and the Creation. Harry Barnhart
The Bahai Library has been a very busy place during the the community
singer and conductor unites with Ledoux in
.past months. A constant stream of friends and strangers this very
splendid work, and they believe that in this way they
passes through the place daily, while the evening meetings assist in
maintaining the vibrations of the'Divine Presence in

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enclosing a "Story" which you can share with the friends of New
York, and also could you kindly let the Brooklyn friends also
share it, through Miss Della Lincoln. Mrs. Krug, Juliet and our
brother, Roy Wilhelm, who has done so much for the Orient, are
The feast of Baha'o'llah on Nov. 12th was celebrated at the the ones who are
in my mind, and I would gladly share this ex-
Library /on the evening of that date, and was a delightful perience
with them, but the spirit is the only guide. I can say
occasion in which all the friends of the city participated. Rev. nothing. He
does all.

R. M. Bolden gave a beautiful talk, Mrs. Frank Kelsey read I love
the cover of the September number of "Reality." This morning
from the Hidden Words with most intejesting comments, Mr. This morning
I will take copies which have come to the book
Hooper Harris spoke with even more than his usual effective- store.^ It
gives me great pleasure. If I do not get time to write
ness, Miss 'Juliet Thompson spoke with much charm. personally
to Mr. Robinson, will you kindly ask him to have the
magazines wrapped in several covers to send herd. T3iat is the
Every afternoon at 4_o'clock there is a little season of package, as the
single ones always come safely, but the others
prayer for peace at the Library, after which tea is served, and are quite
damaged through the mailing in this long distance.
these moments are greatly enjoyed by all'participants. It was

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Mrs Watson's Letter chanted prayers aloud, my
 soul joined thhm in the stillness of
 r Copy of a Tablet to the friends in America, brought by Mrs. M.
 A. Watson from the Holy Presence.
 my own sanctuary, in the "heart."
 After breakfast and tea and unleavened bread, the plan was
 to go to the Bahji, the Rizwan. It is five and a half miles on a
 "Oh ye friends of God: very stony
 road, the sun scorching at even such an early hour—
 I called Mrs. Watson to the Desired Land. She was here half past seven.
 The men could walk, but the question was, how
 for a while and was honored in visiting the two Holy Thres-
 holds. Ye should associate with her."
 should I arrive there? No vehicle could be had, so the Master's
 donkey was chosen. No one rides him but the Blessed One. I
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 (Signed) Abdul Baha Abbas. felt it to be sacriligious, almost, for me
 to ride on his back, but
 Further extracts from Mrs. Watson's letters, describing her a saddle
 was improvised of a piece of heavy carpet and a cushion.
 healing. I had never sat
 on any animal but a hobby horse, I told them,
 as I was lifted on to the donkey and the procession started.
 Now I shall tell you about the visit to Acca, to the Garden
 How strange it all was! The vast expanse of hot, glowing
 of Rizwan, to Bahji, and the Holy Tomb of Baha'o'Uah. I can-
 sand, the mountains in the distance and the wonderful ultra-
 not now tell you in detail—of that, when we meet. Suffice it to
 marine blue of the sea! What a scene! Loaded camels with all
 say here, a miracle has been wisnessed that happened to my
 sorts of merchandise coming along in the trail, strong men of
 body. I rode on the Master's white donkey—a gentle, beautiful
 the desert with their picturesque garb, the flowing skirt, the red

creature. We took the train to Acca, but from the station to the turban or white shawl wrapped about the head, ends flapping in House and Tomb of the Blessed Perfection is several miles. There the breeze—for there was a breeze, but it is so hot at this sea—were seven of us, six other pilgrims and myself, including Janabe son in August, that to an American, nothing but the Divine infazal, to make the trip. We waited at the station while Dr. Lot-spiration that comes to us from the Master could possibly keep fullah J;ried to get a conveyance. After much difficulty one was produced from a Bahai. It was very late when we finally reached one in a conditic^ to endure it.

Now for the strange occurrence. I was seaited tideways, and the House of the caretaker of the Holy Tomb. We washed up, the constant jolting up and down over the stony road gave me had tea only and then proceeded to the Tomb. It was there I such pain that it was agony.- I prayed silently all the while, for poured out my soul to the Spirit of Baha'o'llah. . . Every Bahai I could think of was remembered, I prayed for His Divine Mercy it grew worse continually. I w;ould not cry out for fear of making the others uneasy. At various intervals 'one would say, for and Compassion for each. For myself, I .supplcated to be ab- they solutely severed from all save to work for the Great Cause. Of walked quite close to me lest I should tumble of the donkey's my body and its weakness I never thought. I have accepted in back—"Are you all right, can you stand it?" I wVld force a smile His Path for many years ail that has come to me. Not with and say, "Oh, yes, I will make it with God's help." I heard some "radiant acquiescence" until of late years, and it was proved, as the Beloved said to me, in this unjust accusation and suffering, die-upon the road? Once I had a vision in 1906, that I was in therefore the reward and bestowal of our Lord, Abdul Baha, in the desert and walked my legs off up to the trunk of the body, but I sending for me----- We: left the Tomb at midnight, had a little reached my goal. After one hour of this torture, which seemed supper and retired. You may be certain no sleep came to my eyes. ages, Lotfullah said to me, "You better come down and rest a In prayer and meditation the few hours were spent and at five while, we still h'ave ^goOjd stretch to go, apd it is very ap- parent o'clock we again all visited the Tomb. Each pilgrim but myself you are suffering greatly." It seems they had been discus- I «ing whether I could 'make it,' as they saw I was in agony. Then .1 said, "Yes, please help me off!" and I burst into tears as they

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lifted me^ for it seemed my body was broken in two. They were

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all so tender and impressed a resting place under a tree, the
only one in sight^ but behold, with all the pain, I felt a strange As
REALITY goes to press, news comes from Haifa which is of the
relief_could breathe deeply—^from below the diaphragm. . . . utmost
interest. The Unity Board requested that the Greatest Holy Leaf
appoint a day when all the friends of Abdul Baha throughout the world
This I was not able to do for thirty years, I breathed only from
unite in observance of His Ascension.
the upper chest. Still there was a strange snapping in my back
The cable in response is as follows:
and side.' Well, to be brief, my dear sister, what the surgeons
"Memorial meeting world over January 7th, procure prayers for unity
and doctors pronounced impossible, viz: to adjust the compound and
stead-fastness. Master left fuU instructions in His Will and Testa-
curvature of the spine—due to the injury received in a car acci- ment.
Translation will be sent. Inform friends."
dent, for if force should be applied they feared death would en-
The friends will realize that it is the first time in the history of mM-
sue—tje Master's donkey accomplished!—for it became the sur- kind
that the entire world unites in a religious observance. All over, the
geon and removed the awful bowed protrusion on the left side. planet,
at the same hour on January 7th, men women and children of every
race, mil bow the head in prayer for faith and stead-fastness m observance
It was shown by Xray photographs made a few months ago in of the
ascension of Adul Baha. There will no r^e discrimination, no
Washington, D. C., that the vertebrae bones in the lumbar re-
political differences in these prayers. They will rise from the hearts of ^
in love, and the hearts of all will be turned toward that heavenly fi^M
gion were pushed on top of the ribs, the heart weakened, stom- who has
so recently left us to ascend to the most glorious region, the Abha
ach cramped, etc., and the surgeons considered it most strange Kingdom.
He was and is the peacemaker of man-kind. Dunning his long
pil^image of seventy-seven years he taught only peace, lived only peace.
that I have lived all these thirty years in such a crippled body
The conference for the limitation of armaments is just drawing to
. . . Well, after resting, again I was placed on the donkey, real- a
conclusion its discussion as to the possibility of lessemng brutality m
izing now that something very remarkable had taken place, and the
material world. It is a fulfillment of the prophecy of Baha o llah. But
the ascension of Abdul Baha has made the realization of peace vibrant in
my courage and enthusiasm carried me all the rest of the way the hearts
of every nation, and at the appointed hour on January 7th the
to the "Rizwan." . All chanted praises for the "miracle." I thought of
all the world will turn to peace through the recognition of the
stood up straight, the weight of my body was shifted, more even- beloved

Peace Maker who taught us the great lesson.

ly balanced. There was still a weakness in the spinal bones and at the lower end of the spine and in right hip—^but, praise be to God! How can I express my gratitude ? Our Lord, Abdul of November 28th, Dr. Krug received a telephone call. The Master is ill. Oh God! The Master is ill!"

Baha, said to me," It is the Love and Bounty of Baha'o'llah Dr. Krug hastened to the bed-side of the Beloved, who was suffering upon you. I have always prayed much for you to the Blessed from an attack of heart failure, and at 1:45 he left this world for the Perfection for this Bounty upon you. Now you will be strong greater and more perfect one, passing away most gently.

and young—you must be a testimonial of the Mercy of God— A^ong his last words are these which we should never forget, "Nothing can be accomplished without Unity," / .

a Uving testimonial of the benefits of your visit here." Then So in his passing as in his active living Abdul Baha's tiought WM again He said, in the evening of the next day, "when you go directed toward the progress of man-kind, toward that ^owth of jove m back to America they will see how I love you and how the Blessed the hearts which creates light and banishes darkness, which msures prog- Beauty loves you." Oh, my blessed sister, what can I say to ress and the happiness of man-kind. ^ /

The most powerful personality in theNworld banished that personality in a measure convey what my heart longs to express; the gar from his ojn consciousness, and reflected Gbd so potently titude, the desire to serve more kindly and faithfully our Be- came into Ws great presence spiritually or physWlly, felt only that diyme and pervasive Oneness of the created with the Creator. He was the loved Whose great Heart would bless each one of us, each and of Peace in his reality and in all his influence, and now that the radiant all. Oh, that we may realize this! symbol of

Heaven is transferred to the invisible sphere shall we not be Marie Watson. able to reflect his influence and vibration in a new conduct of Me, a new consciousness which will radiate everywhere the peace he taught man-kind, the love he wished to instil into every heart.

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