

SPREADING THE BAHAI MOVEMENT



Mrs. Verrita Mason, seated, and Mrs. Ethel Gross, delegates to the Thirty-first convention of the Baha'i Faith which met at Baha'i Temple in Wilmette. Both are prominent lectures of the faith and have engagements to speak in Pennsylvania and New York after leaving Chicago. Mrs. Mason's work with youth groups in Chicago some years ago resulted in introducing the Baha'i movement into new channels. Mrs. Gross has done similar work in and around Boston.

Leaders Of Baha'i Faith  
Pav Visit To Publisher

Mesdames Ethel Gross and Verrita Mason, delegates from Boston, Mass., to the thirty-first convention at Baha'i Temple in Wilmette, took time out to visit their friend, Robert S. Abbott, at his home on South Parkway, Tuesday afternoon, May 2, and enjoyed a delightful hour discussing their common interest in racial amity.

Publisher's Conviction

It is well known that Mr. Abbott holds a deep desire in his embrace of the Bahai faith because it strives for the full culmination of unity in all of its teachings and for the establishment of a "New World Order" that expounds the oneness of all races, one faith, and universal peace. The visit was a treat to the editor for these friends live the Bahai teachings and demonstrate by acts instead of by the mouthing of empty words.

A "New World Order"

At the Amity banquet, April 26, at the Auditorium hotel for the convention delegates, Mesdames Gross and Mason called upon all hearts to unite in spirit and letter into the world of the teaching of the Bahai faith, in that, perchance their hearts would be moved to become members and, thereby, strengthen the forces which were rallying and marching ahead toward the fulfillment of a "NEW WORLD ORDER."

Mrs. Mason was one of the speakers at the Bahai Youth Luncheon, April 30, at the Arrington hotel, Evanston, Ill., that was attended by 125 youths of the United States and Canada. It is in the youth of the world that Mrs. Mason centers her deepest hopes and cherished desires. Her work with the youth group right here in Chicago some years ago, is well remembered by her friends.

A Speaking Tour

On Monday evening, May 1, Mes-

dames Gross and Mason were the speakers at the Chicago Bahai rooms, 118 South Michigan avenue at the post reception to delegates that was given by Chicago friends.

On Wednesday evening, May 3, they were entertained by Madam White, a graduate of Fisk university, and Mrs. Florence Sanford.

On Sunday evening, May 7, Mrs. Mason will speak in Kenosha, Wis. Her subject will be "For What Are We Searching?"

On their return trip to Boston, the ladies will speak in Scranton, Pa., and Binghamton, N. Y.

Both ladies have been the house guests of Professor William Paton and his noted wife, Mrs. Mahdah Paton of 2958 North Clark street, where Professor Paton has his vocal studios. Mrs. Mason is the daughter of the Patons.

The Patons

Professor Paton trains for concert and opera. He has studied in Paris, France; Florence, Italy, and Berlin, Germany, with Jean de Resgke, S'briglia and Herr Cooper who was a pupil of the Leo Kofler of Vienna, Austria—one of the greatest masters of voice of the 19th century. These contacts have given to Professor Paton not alone a wonderful basso cantante voice but the power to impart to others. He is the nephew of Sir Joseph Noel Paton, the famous Scotch painter, copies of whose works are in the Ryerson library in the art institute of Chicago.

Mrs. Mahdah Paton, the mother of Mrs. Mason, is a well known author and lecturer. Her greatest interest is in the spreading of the Bahai teachings. This she has done for more than twenty years. She, being the daughter of Lord and Lady Torrence, very naturally carries on the pioneering spirit of her parents.