

# GREGORY SEES GREAT SERVICE OF ABDUL BAHÁ

Says Divine Spirit of Love  
 Was Melting United States  
 Color Line

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The writer was deeply touched by your recent article about Abdul Baha, who has ascended to the Supreme Horizon. All that you stated was true, and volumes more can and will be written about that illustrious soul. He was to the human world a loving father, a mighty teacher sent from God, and a temple: the abiding place of the spirit of love. This divine spirit of love was the moving spirit of his life, exalted through servitude to God and all His



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creatures, and it was the mystery of His sway over millions of hearts. Withal, His wisdom and other virtues shone with the brilliancy of the sun.

During more than a score of years in Washington we have seen Presidents come and go; likewise the kings in the realms of commerce, sciences and arts, the bright flowers of the world's marketplace from every realm, but not one of these, in all that makes a man, or all of them together, could have weight in the balance against Abdul Baha, whose wisdom was not acquired but inspirational, due to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Although he never attended school, men of the highest rank in the scholastic world, like the late Arminius Vam- bery, the late Prof. Cleve of Oxford University, author of 39 theological works, and Prof. E. G. Brown of Cam- bridge University, who journeyed to the Orient years ago and met both Baha'ullah and Abdul Baha, father and son, have expressed their hom- age in most eloquent terms. To these may be added the names of persons of every rank and station in every part of the world, whose insights were opened by the revelation of the father and the eloquent interpretations of the son.

The creed of Abdul Baha, like the former, was love and union. His voice was the harmony of life. His mel- lowing influence upon discordant notes and notes was a miracle to relate. His logical arguments against prejudices, his gentle, sweet way of removing them, were astonishing and overwhelming.

At one and the same time Abdul Baha was the highest idealist and the most practical statesman. For al- though he never held an office, lovers of truth the world over were inspired by his ideals and principles, and men of affairs sought and followed his advice. What contemporaneous statesmen have borrowed of this divinely wise man will be told in time, and therein furnish one of the most brilliant and thrilling chapters of the world's history.

Ten years ago the writer journeyed to visit him in Egypt before he had set foot on any Western shore. It may be recalled that about 50 years of his life was spent in Oriental prisons. It was quite amazing to see his knowledge of the race question in America. Both the disease and the remedy were clear to him. The con- vention for unity between the white and Colored races, held in Washing- ton last spring, and the one in Springfield which has recently fol- lowed, were entirely due to his in- spiration and guidance. They have given to many millions of people their first vision of the abandonment of prejudices in America.

When it is recalled how our great- est statesmen, such as Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln and Roosevelt, could see only so far and no farther in regard to this distressing problem, on the other hand, as the Baha' teachings spread, millions of grateful souls will praise the pure-hearted servant of God Abdul Baha, who lived the simple life, affected no regal state, nor took credit to himself for the illumination and guidance of souls. The spirit of his wonderful life and beautiful teachings are being spread throughout the world by his enthusiastic and devoted followers, who, like Abdul Baha, offer his cup without money and without price." His are the signs and perfections of the universal teacher.

His friends all pledge themselves to carry on his work and testify that his spirit is even more powerful since he ascended from this elemental plane. "To heal the nations and to pacify the world," to remove all dis- cord, to destroy all prejudices, to unify through love, form the ultimate goal. Every aim that is real should revolve around the one great aim of unity through love. This is the re- ligious of Abdul Baha.