

BAHAI CONGRESS OPEN DOOR FOR RACES OF EARTH

New-Old Religion Teaches of Oneness of Mankind and Spirit of Science

Chicago is the object of the eyes of millions of people this week. These millions are the followers of Bahai. For it is here that the 14th annual convention is being held.

Louis Gregory of Washington, D. C., one of the lecturers at the congress, says that one of the primary aims of the Bahai movement is the realization of the complete accord of religion with science. According to Mr. Gregory, religion, if clearly understood, entirely sanctions the postulates of science, and if it contradicts the known and proved facts of science it ceases to be religion and becomes superstition.

Mr. Gregory declared that to have the mind brightened by the discoveries of science and the heart purified by the truths of religion are gifts sacred and essential to human progress. But until men realize their unity discord will rend asunder the best elements of the world.

Harlan F. Ober of Boston, in his address, "When Religion Brings Universal Love and Unity," declares that the period of transformation through which the world religions have been passing is the forerunner of a marvelous world unity, and that when this unity is consummated knowledge will increase and the fears and prejudices of men will be destroyed.

It is the object of the Bahai movement to cause men everywhere to throw off the blinders of prejudice and grasp the rope of fellowship with all the world.

Albert Vail said Tuesday in his address that "the cause of God in the world today is the cause of universal brotherhood and peace, a universal society of nations, universal education, universal religion. To spread this cause men's minds must be filled with the light of these universal ideas, the knowledge of the oneness of God and the oneness of mankind. But the dynamic power is the love for all peoples, races and religions."

The congress is being held on the ninth floor of the Auditorium hotel, and many prominent race people have been in constant attendance since its opening.