

Janabe Fazel Mazandarani

THE great events in the history of any Cause are not fully appreciated and understood until time has proven the importance of those events. The work that has been done in the Bahai movement during his sojourn in America by Fazel Mazandarani is a stupendous work. Coming to us as a messenger from Abdul Baha, bearing credentials of the greatest importance to those believing in the Bahai Revelation, his progress on his lecture tour has been marked by the attention, not only of those who know and believe in the Bahai Revelation, but of the entire country. The profoundness of his spiritual knowledge is equaled only by his simplicity of expounding that knowledge. Possessing the accumulated wisdom of the East together with an intimate association with Abdul Baha, having been a student of the Arts and Sciences, he brings to the Western world a message vibrant with importance for the reconstruction of the demoralized state of the human mind. Some small idea of the importance of his work during the past few months can be gleaned from the following extracts taken from the hundreds of newspaper clippings which have come to us. Fazel Mazandarani is ably assisted in his undertaking by Mirza Ahmad Sohrab as his interpreter and companion who shares in the debt of gratitude which all who work toward a better and truer civilization extend to this great teacher.

Quoting from the Portsmouth Times, Tuesday, July 27th, 1920, in an article headed

GREENACRE CONFERENCES.

"Education, religion, the future of Palestine, and astronomy to be discussed in this weeks programme.

"Interesting lectures to be given by famous men"

"For years, every summer, Greenacre Conferences have been held on the beautiful banks of the Piscataqua River, Eliot, Me. The platform of these Conferences was built upon the ideals of brotherhood, universal peace, and the oneness of mankind."

MIRZA FAZEL SPEAKS ON WOMAN QUESTION IN PERSIA

"Just at this time the Fellowship is entertaining the learned Persian Philosopher and expounder of the Bahai movement, Fazel Mazandarani. He comes out of the calm and mystic East into

the turmoil and practical life of the West, with a refined wisdom which is one of the spirit. He brings into the confused life of the West the melodious tone and sweetness of a spiritual mind and philosophic nature, undisturbed by storm and stress of modern civilization, fraught with conflict and struggle"

"He said in part, "the common self of humanity is like the body of an individual. Just as the body of man is subject to diseases, likewise the body politic becomes afflicted with illnesses. The Prophets of God in every age and cycle are the divine physicians, and their teachings are the prescriptions, but the majority of the people of the world never listen to them nor do they heed their advice; thus the number of diseases are increased and multiplied day by day. In this day the body politic is subject to many kinds of sicknesses; a social and economic unrest is spreading all over the country. One of the greatest diseases of the past has been the inequality between men and women. This disease had become chronic in the Orient. Men looked down upon women as inferior beings, as individuals possessing no souls. They were characterized as tools in the wily hands of Satan, to beguile the innocent male from the path of virtue. A century ago there were no schools for girls; they were not even allowed to read and write and they were isolated entirely from the association of man, but since the appearance of Baha o'llah sixty years ago in Persia, all these antiquated customs have been changed. He taught the equality of men and women, and enjoined his followers to train their sons and daughters in all the modern sciences, crafts and arts. For this reason the Bahais of Persia are far in advance of other communities in that country. They have built many fine schools in Teheran, Hamadan, etc. The doors of these schools are opened to both boys and girls. They are filled with eager and enthusiastic students. They have founded libraries and hospitals and altogether their noble and unselfish work is regenerating that ancient country. Among the Bahai women Kurratu-l'Ayn the poetess and martyred heroine is the most famous, and justly so because she was the first woman of Persia to sacrifice her life for the sake of the emancipation of her sex. She threw away the veil and from 1844 to 1852 she travelled throughout Persia teaching the freedom of women and introducing the new ideals of the day. She said, "men and women are like the two eyes and

hands of the body. Both must be trained. Men and women are the two wings of the bird of humanity; if one wing remains weak, the bird cannot fly to the highest aspect of perfection."

St. Louis Daily Globe, Monday, November 22nd, 1920.

PERSIAN PHILOSOPHER ADVOCATING UNION OF WORLD
RELIGIONS

ORIENTAL LECTURING IN ST. LOUIS ON TEACHINGS
OF BAHÁ O'LLÁH

"Janabe Fazel Mazandarani of Teheran, Persia, addressed the congregation of the Temple Israel, Washington Blvd. and Kings Highway on "The Ideals of the New Day" interpreted through the Bahai Cause yesterday morning. The address was delivered to the Congregation through an interpreter Mirza Ahmad Sohrab of Palestine, who is accompanying the teacher on his trip over the world in his lectures upon the unifying of all religions, races and language. He spoke yesterday evening before the Fraternal Temple, 25 North Grand Avenue, on "New Evidences of Life After Death", and is scheduled to deliver many addresses in his short stay in this city."

"At the Temple Israel an open forum followed his address and hundreds of eager inquirers pressed about him, asking questions of his interpreter while "the wise man from the East" wearing the long robe of the Mazandarani district and the white turban of the scholar, smilingly answered their questions. The open forum was opened by his asking his audience if they did not believe that his lecture was the essence of the teachings of Moses and the Sermon of the Mount put into actual practice?"

Fazel Mazandarani has been asked to speak this afternoon on "Universal Brotherhood", and this evening at 8 o'clock before the New Thought group on "Material and Spiritual Healing." Wednesday evening in Vandervorts Music Hall, his subject will be "The Progress of Woman in the Orient", Thursday evening in Fraternity Temple, "A New Solution of the Economic Problem".

Montreal Star, October 18th, 1920.

EXPOUNDS BAHAI REVELATION HERE

"The Bahai Revelation is like a tent in which all the peoples of the world without regard to creed or color may gather and seek peace and quiet beneath the shade," so declared Fazel Mazandarani of Teheran, to the Star, on Saturday afternoon.

Janabe Fazel Mazandarani is a Persian sage and philosopher who has come to America to help spread the doctrine and teachings of Baha 'o'llah and to bring the tidings of a great spiritual movement in the East Fazel Mazandarani will deliver a lecture in the Ritz Carlton Hotel Tuesday evening.

The Anconda Standard, January 5th, 1921.

TEACHER OF BAHAI FAITH IN BUTTE

Fazel Mazandarani arrived here for a series of talks on Universal Brotherhood. His first address was at the Schaffer Temple, of the A. M. E. Church last night. This afternoon he will speak at Good Temple Hall on North Main Street, and tonight before the Theosophical Society.

"During the last eight months," he began, "I have been traveling over the United States and Canada, lecturing before clubs, schools, Universities and in Churches. I bring out of the East the good news of the message of the Bahai movement.

PREDICTIONS FOR 1921

"This century in which we live is the dawn of a grand and glorious age, the era which has been predicted by the seers and prophets of the past, the age in which the ideal of universal peace must be established among the nations of the earth, and prejudices removed."

He expressed himself as delighted with his experience in the United States. He was most impressed by the system of public education and thought it is wonderful that the little red school house should be found even in remote villages. The system of vocational training also appealed to him.

The Helena Daily, Saturday, January 8th, 1921.

"FAZEL MAZANDARANI ON BAHAI MOVEMENT"

**"IT IS NOT SO MUCH A NEW RELIGION AS RELIGION
RENEWED AND UNIFIED."**

**“BAHAIS BELIEVE WORLD HAS ENTERED THAT ERA
FOUNDED UPON RELIGIOUS UNITY IN ACCORD
WITH SCIENCE AND RELIGION,” SAYS
PERSIAN PHILOSOPHER.**

Salt Lake Telegram, January 2nd, 1921.

**“INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE IS AT HAND”
“NATIONS JOIN FOR WORLD’S BENEFIT”
“FAZEL MAZANDARANI ARRIVES AT SALT LAKE TO
GIVE ADDRESSES”**

**“STRUGGLES BETWEEN CAPITAL AND LABOR TO BE
ADJUSTED, HE SAYS.”**

Entrance of the nations not already affiliated with the league of nations into the league and the dawning of a golden era of a better understanding between the East and the West are some of the things predicted to take place this year by Janabe Fazel Mazandarani, of Teheran, Persia. Mazandarani accompanied by Mirza Ahmad Sohrab, arrived in Salt Lake Saturday after an eight months' tour of various cities of the eastern United States.

“The economic struggles and turmoil between capital and labor will be adjusted,” Mazandarani said, “and all rights, both racial and national, will be equalized. The smaller nations now oppressed by mandatory government will be free and international justice will settle the affairs of all men during the new year.”

These are the predictions of the great spiritual teacher Abdul Baha of Palestine, for whom Mazandarani is acting as an agent in this country after spending several months in a Persian prison for acknowledging his belief in the doctrine. Following his release from the prison where he was thrust when it was discovered he was preaching the new doctrine to the students of the university, Mazandarani came to America.

CLOSER COOPERATION

“I am an envoy from the orient to the occident with the purpose of creating a closer cooperation between the two hemispheres,” said Mazandarani. “I believe that the darkness of the old time is passing. A new age of social justice with equality for

all sons of man is approaching. A wonderful sun is dawning, casting its rays on man everywhere—rays which will dispel ignorance. This is the dawn of a new international conscience, a golden era of better understanding between the East and the West.

“This year will mark greater development of peace ideas between nations, and arbitrations will gain more power. The parliament of man will be strengthened in the next twelve months and the nations that have not already entered the league will be added and a congress of all people on earth will be created.

“Autocracy and despotism in politics will vanish and a world of democracy with rights for the smaller nations will be ushered in. The human race, nationally and racially, will be equalized.

PROFIT SHARING

“Capitalists will take in the laborer on the basis of profit sharing rather than that of wages. They will be given a voice in government of industry and ownership in the property of the plant. Naval and military expense will be largely reduced. Large sums of money now being spent on these will be expended for instruction and culturing the people so that instead of spending the money on building infernal machines of slaughter these colossal fortunes will be expended for irrigation, education and expansion of industries.

“In this year the governments all over the world will enter into a new contract, open and understandable. Foundations for new plans of public education will be laid, not only by each government for itself, but for the far off countries, where people are deprived of the most rudimentary knowledge. Scientific and technical training will be given so that the natural resources of the world may be better divided.

UNIVERSAL RELIGION

“The world will become in course of time like one home. There will be one United States of the world, one international auxiliary language, one parliament, one universal religion. These are the radiances which will penetrate further into the conscience of man during 1921,” concluded Mazandarani.

Mazandarani will speak to three Salt Lake audiences in his native tongue with Mr. Sohrab interpreting the addresses. He

will make the first address this morning at 10 o'clock to the inmates of the state prison, speaking on "The Bahai Movement and its Universal Application." At 8 p. m. he will speak in the Eighteenth ward chapel on "Palestine during the Days of Reconstruction." Monday night he will speak at the regular weekly meeting of the Theosophical society in the Kieth Emporium building on the "Bahai Movement."

This is only a very brief synopsis of the latter part of the tour of Janabe Fazel Manzandarani. We have quoted in other numbers from the accounts given of his lectures throughout the country. He will be present at the Bahai Convention in Chicago, beginning April 23rd, and will attend the Inter-Racial Congress in Washington during the month of May. It is hoped he will be present at the "Protest Against Prejudice Meeting", to be held in Carnegie Hall the latter part of May, when six of the most prominent speakers in New York representing different races and types of thought, will unite to set forth the possibilities resulting from mutual consideration and understanding upon the questions of races, creeds and classes. This meeting should be one of national and world importance. Announcement of the names of the speakers and the exact date will be made in REALITY later.



The Death - Bringer

By *Albert Durrant Watson*

A word was spoken — a breath of frost
 Struck Love with an icy chill;
 Two hearts went limping; joy was lost
 And wandered lone on a tempest hill;
 The flowers of the soul their petals shed
 Music was silent and Art fell dead.