

Hold Memorial Here for Woman Baha'i Leader

The Wilmette and Evanston Baha'i Assemblies held a memorial service December 31, at the Baha'i temple for Mrs. Keith Ransom-Kehler, Vassar graduate, world traveler, and lecturer, the news of whose recent death from smallpox in Ispahan, Persia, has reached American friends. Mrs. Ransom-Kehler left the United States in 1930 on a lecture program which took her to Australia, Java, India, China, Japan and Persia, carrying with her a message to the universities of "World Peace and Universal Brotherhood," and a more special message to the women of these countries of the "Equality of Men and Women." Throughout the East she became known to large groups of women who came to regard her as the herald of their emancipation from the traditions which had long retarded their social progress. She was one of the foremost adherents of the world movement known as the "Baha'i Faith."

In August, 1932, Mrs. Keith Ransom-Kehler went to Persia to represent the American Baha'is in appealing to the Shah's government for the removal of the ban on the entry of Baha'i literature into the country where seventy years ago this world religion was founded by Baha'u'llah. From the court minister Mrs. Ransom-Kehler received assurance that the prohibition, passed under the former Mohammedan political regime, would be rescinded. This promise was, however, unfulfilled and Mrs. Ransom-Kehler devoted the remaining months of her life to the task of penetrating the imperial entourage and presenting to the Shah in person a formal petition prepared by the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States and Canada.

Her fellow countrymen will erect in Ispahan a memorial to commemorate the work of this brilliant representative of their Movement, the second American Baha'i to die in Persia while serving the cause her faith.

Manager



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W. Marshall Branch of Winnetka has been appointed manager of the Marshall Field & Company Annex building, 25 E. Washington St., Chicago, it was announced this week by Hughston M. McBain, assistant to the president of Marshall Field & company. Mr. Branch succeeds Francis W. Boyden, whose retirement was recently announced.

Mr. Branch has been assistant general manager of The Merchandise Mart since February of this year, and prior to that time was on the administrative staff of that building for more than a year. Before joining The Merchandise Mart staff he conducted his own building specialties business.

Mr. Branch was born and raised on the north shore and graduated from the Evanston High school in 1915. After serving in the United States Navy during the World war he entered the University of Illinois.

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