

# THE DAYS OF A MAN

*BEING MEMORIES  
OF A NATURALIST, TEACHER  
AND MINOR PROPHET OF  
DEMOCRACY*

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Jungle and town and reef and sea,  
I have loved God's earth and God's earth loved me,  
Take it for all in all!



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as to personal liberty, diet, and methods of studying literature, and his many eccentricities were effective in impressing his ideas. It seems that he had been granted an undesired "leave of absence" from Cracow because of his freedom of speech. In the stormy days which followed he took refuge in Savoy, whence he sent me his book on "The Meaning of Freedom," and where later, as I learned through the Polish Relief Committee, he was on the verge of starvation. We then forwarded a little money from Stanford, but I have since heard nothing of his fate.

*The Bahai* Another visitor of the same year was the Bahai, Abdul Bahas, son of Baha O'llah, the famous Persian devotee, founder and head of a widespread religious sect holding as its chief tenet the Brotherhood of Man, with all that this implies of personal friendliness and international peace. Through an interpreter the kindly apostle expressed with convincing force a message accepted, in name at least, by good men and women all through the ages. He asked for some of my own essays to be translated into Persian and cordially invited me to his abode of peace in the hills of Damascus.

*Grenfell* Still another apostle of good will, who came to us not long after, was Sir Wilfred Grenfell, the missionary physician of the bleak shores of Labrador. The story of his noble work has been so well told that I need only express my own appreciation of the man and my pleasure in presenting him to the students of the University.

On June 5, 1912, on the invitation of the German consul, Von Bopp, I heard an address at the Fair-