

# IN GALILEE



**By Thornton Chase**

Thornton Chase (1847 – 1912) is commonly recognized as the first convert to the Bahá'í Faith of Occidental background. During his life he organized many Bahá'í activities in Chicago and Los Angeles and was considered a prominent Bahá'í. In 1907 Chase was able to go on pilgrimage. Though Chase was able to be with `Abdu'l-Bahá in Akka for only three days, the experience transformed him. `Abdu'l-Bahá, highly impressed by Chase's qualities, conferred on him the title *Thábit*, "steadfast." On returning home Chase wrote an account of his pilgrimage, which was published under the title *In Galilee* in 1908. The short work gives a detailed and poignant description of `Abdu'l-Bahá's home and family in Akka, as well as a moving description of `Abdu'l-Bahá Himself. The work remains one of the most important examples of the genre commonly known as pilgrim's notes. For more information on the Bahá'í Faith, visit [bahai.org](http://bahai.org)

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