

**Black Mens Gathering  
c/o Dr. William Roberts  
1233 Central Street  
Evanston, Illinois 60201**

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Mrs. Gwen Ellis

Dear Gwen,

You have been constantly in our thoughts and prayers.

On his passing, the Guardian of the Faith named Louis G. Gregory a Hand of the Cause of God and in doing so recalled the words of the Beloved Master Abdu'l-Bahá who said he was like pure gold current in every market. Shoghi Effendi called our attention to Mr. Gregory saying he was the pride and example to the Negro adherents of the Faith.

Now that a full seven days have passed since you and your family lovingly placed Caswell's earthly remains in their final resting place, and our shattered hearts have overcome the intense shock of the news of his illness and sudden passing, we want you to know that men of the Gathering in places far flung are ardently offering their prayers beseeching the Almighty to embrace his precious soul as he advances in the worlds beyond. We join countless others of all backgrounds in sending our condolences to you and to his sons assuring you of our support during these challenging times.

Caswell is one of our heroes. His stately demeanor and debonair style established his reputation as a man for all seasons. His calm and reserve despite the many obstacles he endured in his life made it possible for many of us to visualize how it was possible to sustain one's nobility in the face of severe trials. His encouraging word, his approving glance and even his occasional critical comment all served to inspire in us possibilities that may never have been realized. His participation in and contributions to the Black Mens Gathering some years ago will remain an important memory for all of us.

Caswell internalized the legacy of Mr. Gregory and demonstrated in his life those qualities of dedication and determination, a bright countenance and firmness of faith in the face of trials, a longing for learning and a humble attitude with a selfless demeanor. Caswell was quiet yet strong and reflected the spirit of Mr. Gregory making us better men when we were with him.

When next we meet we will offer prayers Gathering Style on his behalf. And we will remember you, Jonathan and Jason and the extended family, surrounding each with our loving embrace.

I can hear the brothers calling out now with an intensity and fervor befitting this great man.

We send to you our loving greetings,

Dr. William Roberts

On behalf of the Black Mens Gathering