

FORD HALL FORUM

Under the Auspices of the Boston Baptist Social Union

Nineteenth Season — 1925-1926

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT 7.30

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ABRAHAM MYERSON
December 27

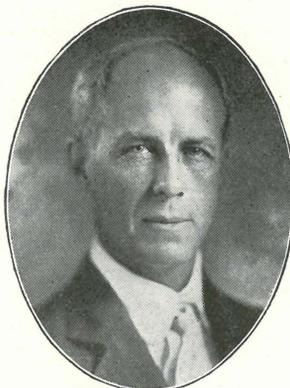
AN INNOVATION
The doors will close promptly at 8 o'clock, and late-comers will not be admitted until the speaker has finished his address at about 9 o'clock. We are inaugurating this rule for the convenience of those who have come on time and for the convenience of the workers as well as out of courtesy to the speakers.



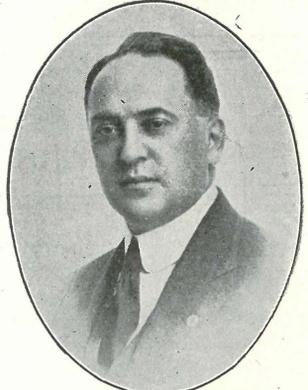
JOHN HAYNES HOLMES
January 3



W. E. B. DU BOIS
January 10



EDMUND VANCE COOKE
January 17



LOUIS WOLSEY
January 24

FORD HALL, Corner Bowdoin Street and Ashburton Place.
Doors open at 7.00 o'clock. Half-hour concert. Address by noted speaker.
Questions from the audience.

TO HELP MEET EXPENSES A SILVER COLLECTION IS TAKEN AT THE DOOR

Five Successive Programs

DECEMBER 27

Concert at 7.30—RAYMOND and LUCY SIMONDS

A Program of Songs of Yesterday

Address by ABRAHAM MYERSON

"Human Motives"

(Broadcast from Station WBZ)

JANUARY 3

Concert at 7.30—THE FENWAY TRIO

Alice Hatch, Soprano

Hildegard Berthold, 'Cellist

William Ellis Weston, Pianist

A Program of Music of the Theatre

Address by JOHN HAYNES HOLMES

"Shall Our Theatres Be Censored?"

JANUARY 10

Concert at 7.30—THE VESPER QUARTET

Ethel Hardy Smith, Soprano

Charles Henry, Tenor

Emma Mosely, Contralto

Joseph Benn, Bass

Ella France Jones, Accompanist

Address by W. E. B. DU BOIS

"The Hypocrisy of White Folk"

(Broadcast from Station WBZ)

JANUARY 17

Concert at 7.30— VESPER BRASS QUARTET

First Trumpet, LeRoy Anderson

French Horn, John Dolan

Second Trumpet, Henry Syvanen

Trombone, John Barress

Address by EDMUND VANCE COOKE

"Is God a Democrat?"

JANUARY 24

Concert at 7.30—ISZO GLICKSTEIN

Cantor, Temple Mishkan Tefila

NATHAN ROSEN, Pianist

Address by LOUIS WOLSEY

"Peace and Good Will Among Jew and Christian"

(Broadcast from Station WBZ)

The Ford Hall Forum feels that if these five meetings, especially planned for this series, enable you to meet some of the problems of 1926 with a more scientific attitude and to approach your differences with your fellows in a more tolerant spirit—whether you be Jew or Gentile, Catholic or Protestant, white or colored, of the Orient or the Occident, no matter what you believe or how you express it—you will be the more honest when you say: "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," and that you will be actually effecting its accomplishment.

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Miss Sarah Abrahams
Miss Ida S. R. Gould
Herbert H. Hammond
Walter R. Hammond

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Miss Marian T. Hosmer
Mrs. Ada F. Isbitsky
Nathan Isbitsky
Mrs. Minnie H. Kogos
Leo Meltzer

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Maurice Rosen
Miss Lillian M. Seaman
Arthur E. Sullivan
Arthur J. Thornton

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Mrs. Claire Thornton

Forum Songs

HEAR, HEAR, O YE NATIONS!

(*Adeste Fideles*)

Hear, hear, O ye Nations, and hearing obey
The cry from the past and the call of today!
Earth wearies and wastes with her fresh life
outpoured,
The glut of the cannon, the spoil of the sword.

Lo, dawns the new era, transcending the old,
The poet's rapt vision, by prophet foretold!
From War's grim tradition it maketh appeal
To service of all in a world's commonweal.

Home, altar and school, the mill and the mart,
The workers afield, in science, in art,
Peace-circled and sheltered, shall join to create
The manifold life of the firm-built State.

Then, then shall the empire of right over wrong
Be shield to the weak and a curb to the strong;
Then justice prevail and, the battle-flags furled,
The High Court of Nations give law to the
world.

And thou, O my Country, from many made one,
Last-born of the nations, at morning thy sun,
Arise to the place thou art given to fill,
And lead the world-triumph of peace and
good-will!

—Frederick L. Hosmer.

Forum Songs

INTERNATIONAL HYMN

O'er continent and ocean,
From city, field and wood,
Still speak, O Lord, Thy messengers
Of peace and brotherhood.
In Athens and Benares,
In Rome and Galilee,
They fronted kings and conquerors
And taught mankind of Thee.

We hear, O Lord, these voices
And hail them as Thine own;
They speak as speak the seraphim
Who guard Thy silent throne.
One God, the heav'nly Father,
One King, the Lord above,
One kingdom of Humanity,
One holy law of Love.

The tribes and nations falter
In rivalries of fear;
The fires of hate to ashes turn,
To dust the sword and spear.
Thy word alone remaineth;
That word we speak again,
O'er sea and shore and continent,
To all the sons of men.

—John Haynes Holmes.

SWING LOW, SWEET CHARIOT

Swing low, sweet chariot
Coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan and what did I see?
Coming for to carry me home.
A band of angels coming after me
Coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, etc.

If you get there before I do
Coming for to carry me home,
Tell all my friends I'm coming too,
Coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, etc.

I'm sometimes up and I'm sometimes down
Coming for to carry me home.
But still my soul feels heavenly bound
Coming for to carry me home.

Swing low, etc.

THE VOICE OF GOD IS CALLING

The voice of God is calling
Its summons unto men;
As once he spoke in Zion,
So now He speaks again.
Whom shall I send to succor
My people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen
The bonds of lust and greed?

I hear my people crying
In cot and mine and slum;
No field or mart is silent,
No city street is dumb.
I see my people falling
In darkness and despair,
Whom shall I send to shatter
The fetters which they bear?

We heed, O Lord, Thy summons,
And answer, here are we!
Send us upon Thine errand,
Let us Thy servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes,
Our years a passing hour—
But Thou canst use our weakness
To magnify Thy power.

From ease and pleasure save us,
From pride of place absolve;
Purge us of low desire,
Lift us to high resolve.
Take us and make us holy,
Teach us Thy will and way,
Speak, and behold! we answer,
Command, and we obey!

—John Haynes Holmes.

GOD OF THE STRONG

God of the strong, God of the weak,
Lord of all lands and our own land,
Light of all souls, from Thee we seek
Light from Thy light, strength from Thy hand.

In suffering Thou hast made us one,
In mighty burdens one are we;
Teach us that lowliest duty done
Is highest service unto Thee.

Teach us, great Teacher of mankind,
The sacrifice that brings Thy balm;
The love, the work that bless and bind;
Teach us Thy Majesty, Thy calm.

Teach Thou, and we shall know indeed
The truth divine that maketh free;
And knowing, we may sow the seed
That blossoms thro' eternity.

—Richard Watson Gilder.

Forum Who's Who

ABRAHAM MYERSON—Born in Yanova, Russia. Professor of Neurology, Tufts College Medical School; Visiting Neurologist, Boston City Hospital; Consulting Neurologist, Boston Psychopathic Hospital. Author of "The Nervous Housewife" and "When Life Loses Its Zest." To a Bostonian the terms "Psychology" and "Myerson" are almost synonymous, chiefly because he has the happy faculty of translating the language of science into words that the man of the street can comprehend. The Sunday evening between Christmas and the New Year is to a Forum the most important Sunday of the entire season. We need a speaker who not only can interpret the spirit of Christmas but who will help us check up on ourselves for the New Year. Understanding something about Human Motives should enable us the better to put into practice "Peace on earth, good will toward men." The Ford Hall Forum is glad to welcome Dr. Myerson to its platform and congratulates the audience on having the opportunity to hear this speaker on this topic just before the New Year.

JOHN HAYNES HOLMES—Born in Philadelphia in 1879; Harvard graduate; ordained and installed as minister of the Third Religious Society (Unitarian), Dorchester, Mass., March 2, 1904; pastor of the Community Church of New York (formerly called the Church of the Messiah) since 1907; editor of *Unity*, Chicago. G. K. Chesterton once said of H. G. Wells, "You can almost hear his mind growing." That's how we feel about the speaker for this evening, and that's why we have enjoyed hearing him on Religion, on World Politics, on Economics, and are just as certain to enjoy listening to his talk on Censoring the Theatre.

W. E. BURGHARDT DU BOIS—of Negro descent. Dr. Du Bois has for years been director of publications in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and editor of *The Crisis*. Previously he was for thirteen years professor of economics and history at Atlanta University, and holds degrees from Fisk University and Harvard. He also studied two years at the University of Berlin and has travelled in the United States, the West Indies, Europe and Africa. If you cannot stand straight-from-the-shoulder truths as one of the leaders of a down-trodden race sees the truth, don't come. He'll shake you out of your smugness and we hope he's going to make some of us ashamed of ourselves. You undoubtedly know many people who need a message of this kind. Tell them about the Du Bois night at Ford Hall.

EDMUND VANCE COOKE—Poet, author, wit, philosopher. No other American poet of the day is more widely quoted by writers, ministers and lecturers than is Edmund Vance Cooke. He has written for over eighty monthly and weekly periodicals, not to mention the hundreds of newspapers through which his matter has been syndicated. The humor of Mr. Cooke contains a seed-thought of keen, clean meaning. His poems of purpose are a mental tonic. He leaves his audiences smiling, refreshed, and with new courage for the day. Newton D. Baker says: "Since Whitman, there has been no other poet who so surely gripped the vital things of democracy." You are wondering what the speaker is going to say in a talk labelled "Is God a Democrat?" He himself expresses it this way: "A democratic poet's idea of progressive democracy in religion as well as in politics, logically built in its theme and illustrated through the author's verses." A poet of rare ability and unusual cleverness, Mr. Cooke is really a genius.

LOUIS WOLSEY—Rabbi; graduate of the University of Cincinnati and Hebrew Union College of Cincinnati. For the past twenty-three years he has occupied the pulpit of one of the largest Reformed Jewish congregations of the country, the Euclid Avenue Temple of Cleveland, and was recently called to the pulpit of Congregation Rodeph Shalom of Philadelphia, the oldest Reformed Jewish congregation of America. Rabbi Wolsey is a member of the Commission on Peace and Good Will Between Jew and Christian and is eminently qualified to discuss for us the topic he has chosen. If you know what Dr. Myerson says about Human Motives and what Mr. Cooke thinks about democracy in religion, you are sure to get the most out of the Wolsey night. With some hesitancy we suggest that what Dr. Du Bois thinks about the Hypocrisy of White Folk is not unrelated to our discussion this evening; and of course all of us who know Mr. Holmes are certain that if more Jews and more Christians had his wonderful spirit and his capacity for "loving his neighbor as himself," the topic "Peace and Good Will Among Jew and Christian" would be a description of a fact rather than an expression of a desire.

Program Through February

(Subsequent Speakers to be Announced)

- Oct. 18 *Dean ROSCOE POUND—"The Task of the Law."
 " 25 Dr. CHARLES FLEISCHER—"Mixed Marriages."
 Nov. 1 *Dr. JAMES J. WALSH—"Is Life Worth Living?"
 " 8 Prof. HUGHES MEARNS—"Setting Free the Creative Spirit."
 " 15 *Rabbi STEPHEN S. WISE, Ph.D.—"The Tragedy of American Self-Isolation."
 " 22 JAMES WATERMAN WISE—"The Religious Spirit and Modern Youth."
 THOMAS QUE HARRISON—"The Challenge of Peace to Modern Youth."
 " 29 *Rev. M. J. AHERN, S.J.—"What a Scientist-Theologian Believes of Evolution."
 Dec. 6 CLARENCE DARROW—"Crime and Its Treatment."
 " 13 *Mrs. FRANK B. GILBRETH—"The Man's Place in the Home."
 " 20 Dr. SHERWOOD EDDY—"Pacifism Is Necessary."
 Rev. D. BREWER EDDY, D.D.—"Pacifism Is Not Necessary."
 " 27 *ABRAHAM MYERSON, M.D.—"Human Motives."
 Jan. 3 Rev. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES—"Shall Our Theatres Be Censored?"
 " 10 *W. E. B. DU BOIS, Ph.D.—"The Hypocrisy of White Folk."
 " 17 EDMUND VANCE COOKE—"Is God a Democrat?"
 " 24 *Rabbi LOUIS WOLSEY—"Peace and Good Will Among Jew and Christian."
 " 31 Prof. HARRY F. WARD—"China and the Orient."
 Feb. 7 *Sir GEORGE E. FOSTER—"Canada in the Empire."
 " 14 SCOTT NEARING—"The Voice of New Russia."
 " 21 *MAURICE SAMUEL—"Palestine's New Message."
 " 28 Madame HELENE SCHEU-RIESZ—"The Voice of Central Europe."

*These meetings, including the question period, will be broadcast through Radio Station WBZ, Boston and Springfield, under the personal supervision of Mr. G. H. Jaspert.

RADIO

Members of our Radio audience, by sending in one dollar or more to the Forum office, can become radio members. They will receive advance notices of the meetings, with pictures and biographical material of all the speakers to whom they are listening every other Sunday evening throughout the season. And, what will please some of them even more, this gives them the opportunity of sharing in the expenses of these meetings—expenses which are greatly increased because of the broadcasting.

Those listening in on broadcast nights may send in questions by telegraph or by telephone (Haymarket 2340) and these questions will be answered if they reach the hall in due season; the meeting is over at ten o'clock. Questions, in order to get such attention, should be pertinent to the subject of the evening and should have the questioner's name and address. The Forum office will be glad to hear from its radio audience after each broadcast. We welcome expressions of opinion on the meeting and we shall be glad to forward to the speaker any comments you care to make.

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