

# Ford Hall Meetings

FOURTH SEASON—1910-11

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING

AT 7.30 P. M.

**November 6**—DR. ARTHUR H. SMITH of North China will be the speaker, and his topic, "*When East Meets West.*" Dr. Smith, though he has passed nearly forty years of his life in China, is of New England birth. His father was a minister in Connecticut and the boy was educated at Beloit College, from which he graduated in 1870. Two years later he went to China under the American Board of Foreign Missions and since then he has been located at several stations in North China. Dr. Smith was in the siege of Peking during the Boxer Rebellion of 1900 and has many thrilling stories to tell of that moving experience. Few Americans or Europeans have so wide and intimate a knowledge of China as he and we are indeed fortunate to secure him for a Ford Hall evening. Known all over the world as uniquely qualified to interpret the East to the West, Dr. Smith is also famous for his scintillating wit and for a rapid-fire oratory compact of accurate information, shrewd comment and brilliant illustration. His books on China and its people are delightful reading whether one cares about "missionary" enterprises or not. For they enable one—as do his talks—to share intimately in the varied life of an elusive but curiously interesting foreign race.



## SOME SUGGESTED BOOKS.

- "A Cycle of Cathay."—Dr. W. A. C. Martin.
- "New Forces in Old China."—Dr. Arthur J. Brown.
- "The Evolution of A New China."—Brewster.
- "A Typical Mission in China."—Goothill.
- "The Educational Conquest of the Far East."—Robert E. Lewis.
- "China and Her People."—Charles Denby.
- "Chinese Characteristics" (1890).—Dr. Arthur H. Smith.
- "Village Life in China" (1899).—Dr. Arthur H. Smith.
- "China and America Today" (1907).—Dr. Arthur H. Smith.
- "The Story of the American Board."—William E. Strong.

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Hall Sunday evening meetings open Henry George, Jr., speaking on "What is Accomplished." The second meeting by Alexander Irvine on "The Church and the State;" and the last Sunday in October by Dr. Brown, whose topic will be "The Social Factor."

Speakers announced for the rest of the season are: Dr. Abbott, D. D., the Rev. O. P. Gifford, Dr. Auschenbaugh, Norman Hapgood, Dr.

Lawrence, President W. H. P. Faulkner, DuBois of Atlanta, Miss Margaret Gifford of London, J. W. Bengough of New York, Mrs. Ellen Adams of New York, Mrs. Ellen Adams of New York, Mrs. James A. Francis, D. D., Professor of Chicago, Bishop Charles C. Williams, George B. Lund of Schenectady and Dr. York.

Hall meetings are supported from the Social Union by the late Daniel Sherrill's "Companion" and were organized to carry out in Mr. Ford's will, for gathering together to dispel the increasing antagonism between the employed. For the first season there were 10 meetings; last season there were twenty. It is believed that when the second season comes it will be enthusiastically to urge the world's

the people were glad to fill out the list and to give the committee in charge the residential distribution of Ford Hall references (if any), and their occupation. More than 10 per cent were teachers; the meetings each week from places within a radius of ten to 25 miles from Boston; 25 per cent from the suburbs; while of the rest, all are found to live in the immediate vicinity of other parts of the city proper. About 10 per cent of those who filled out the list were themselves without interest in religion. About 12 per cent were Jews, 15 per cent Catholics, five per cent Episcopalians, and about the same number of Unitarians and Methodists. New religions, Spiritualism, Quakerism—every religion indeed—appears to be represented.

Meetings reach just the people Mr. Ford intended—working folk—is made of. About 40 per cent are teachers; the greater number are members of churches; 10 per cent are clerks and salespeople; 10 per cent are students, and 15 per cent students.

B. Cannon