# FORD HALL FORUM

Under the Auspices of the Boston Baptist Social Union

Sixteenth Season - 1922-1923

# **EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT 7.30**

GEORGE W. COLEMAN, LL.D., Director and Chairman

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2.30 to 4.00 P. M., except Saturday; otherwise by appointment

HENRY GIDEON, Director of Music LOUIS G. GOLDBERG, Violin Accompanist

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MARGARET SLATTERY November 19



ROGER N. BALDWIN December 3



CHIEF SKIUHUSHU December 10



JAMES HARVEY ROBINSON November 26



HENRY C. VEDDER December 17

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.

A SILVER COLLECTION IS TAKEN AT THE DOOR.

# Five Successive Programs

### NOVEMBER 19

Concert at 7.30 — EDWARD McHUGH, Baritone

Address by MARGARET SLATTERY

"High Brow, Low Brow, and Middle Brow"

# NOVEMBER 26

Concert at 7.30 — RUSSELL COOK and Instrumental Ensemble.

Address by JAMES HARVEY ROBINSON

"What is the Matter with Education?"

#### DECEMBER 3

Concert at 7.30 — ALICIA STARRATT, Violinist

Address by ROGER N. BALDWIN

"Free Speech or Violence?"

# DECEMBER 10

Concert at 7.30 — TEMPLE ISRAEL VOCAL ENSEMBLE

Address by CHIEF SKIUHUSHU

"Americanizing the Original American"

#### DECEMBER 17

Concert at 7.30 — HELEN TRUE, Soprano; MILLICENT CHAPMAN, Pianist

Address by HENRY C. VEDDER

"Can We Live by the Golden Rule?"

# Forum Songs

### LOVE'S OLD SWEET SONG

Once in the dear dead days beyond recall, When on the world the mists began to fall, Out of the dreams that rose in happy throng, Low to our hearts love sang an old sweet song:

And in the dusk where fell the firelight gleam, Softly it wove itself into our dream.

#### REFRAIN

Just a song at twilight, when the lights are low,

And the flickering shadows softly come and go;

Tho' the heart be weary, sad the day and long,
Still to us at twilight comes love's old song,
Comes love's old sweet song.

Even today we hear love's song of yore; Deep in our hearts it dwells forevermore; Footsteps may falter, weary grow the way, Still we can hear it at the close of day; So till the end, when life's dim shadows fall, Love will be found the sweetest song of all.

# ONWARD, BROTHERS

Onward, brothers, march still onward, Side by side and hand in hand; We are bound for man's true kingdom, We are an increasing band.

Tho' the way seems often doubtful, Hard the toil which we endure, Tho' at times our courage falters, Yet the promised land is sure.

Olden sages saw it dimly,
And their joy to madness wrought;
Living men have gazed upon it,
Standing on the hills of thought.
All the past has done and suffer'd,
All the daring and the strife,
All has help'd to mould the future,
Make man master of his life.

Still brave deeds and kind are needed,
Noble tho'ts and feelings fair;
Ye, too, must be strong and suffer,
Ye, too, have to do and dare.
Onward, brothers, march still onward,
March still onward, hand in hand;
Till ye see at last man's kingdom,
Till ye reach the Promised Land.

-H. Havelock Ellis.

# GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE

When wilt Thou save the people?
O God of mercy, when?
Not kings and lords, but nations,
Not thrones and crowns, but men.
Flow'rs of Thy heart, O God, are they,
Let them not pass like weeds away,
Let them not fade in sunless day.
God save the people.

Shall crime bring crime forever,
Strength aiding still the wrong?
Is it Thy will, O Father,
That men shall toil for wrong?
"No!" say the mountains; "No!" the skies;
"Man's clouded sun shall brightly rise,
And songs be heard instead of sighs."
God save the people.

When wilt Thou save the people?

O God of mercy, when?

The people, Lord, the people,

Not thrones and crowns, but men.

God save the people, Thine they are;

Thy children, as Thy angels fair,

Save them from bondage and despair.

God save the people.

-Ebenezer Elliott.

#### ONWARD, FAITHFUL COMRADES

Onward, faithful comrades,
Rest not in the fray
Till the light before us
Breaks in glorious day;
Ignorance dark is fading,
"Scoffers stay to pray."
Truth and right direct the fight and
Lead the better way.

#### CHORUS

Onward, faithful comrades, Rest not in the fray Till the light before us Breaks in glorious day!

Mighty hosts are coming,
Vict'ry's flag unfurled,
Brothers true uniting,
Conquerors of the world;
Unjust claims denying,
Mammon's pow'r must fall.
Truth and justice wrong defying,
Comfort, joy for all.

Selfishness must perish,
Wrong will strive in vain,
For love's blessed kingdom
Evermore shall reign;
Brotherhood our watchword,
Mighty is its pow'r.
For it aims to help us all and
Blessings on us show'r.

Forward then, all people,
Join our earnest throng,
Blend with ours your voices
In triumphant song;
Follow thus our Leader,
Truth all hearts enshrine.
Fill the earth with truth and mirth, all
Hearts with joy divine.

-Harvey B. Moyer.

# MY COUNTRY IS THE WORLD

My country is the world;
My flag, with stars impearled,
Fills all the skies.
All the round earth I claim,
Peoples of every name;
And all inspiring fame
My heart would prize.

Mine are all lands and seas,
All flowers, shrubs and trees,
All life's design.
My heart within me thrills
For all uplifted hills,
And for all streams and rills;
The world is mine.

And all men are my kin,
Since ever man has been,
Blood of my blood.
I glory in the grace
And strength of every race,
And joy in every trace
Of brotherhood.

The days of pack and clan
Shall yield to love of man,
When, war-flags furled,
We shall be done with hate,
And strife of state with state,
When man with man shall mate
O'er all the world.

-Robert Whitaker.

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# Comment on the Speakers

#### MARGARET SLATTERY - November 19

Margaret Slattery is one of the most outstanding women on the American platform today. It would be difficult to name another woman who addresses more gatherings in the course of a year, or one who presents a vital message in any more compelling fashion than does Miss Slattery. And she can hold any kind of an audience with equal facility. Her messages at the Ford Hall Forum have endeared her to hundreds of our folks. Only those who know something of her versatility, penetration and humanness can guess what she will make out of her topic, "High Brow, Low Brow and Middle Brow."

# JAMES HARVEY ROBINSON - November 26

Professor Robinson has never been heard at the Ford Hall Forum, and we were happy in being able to persuade him to accept this appointment. His recent book, "The Mind in the Making," has deeply stirred the intellectual world and set people to thinking along a new line. H. G. Wells, the famous English writer, after reading this book, said: "For me, I think James Harvey Robinson is going to be almost as important as was Huxley in my adolescence and William James in later years." And our Ford Hall speakers are continually making reference to this remarkable book. Professor Robinson was on the faculty of Columbia University twenty-four years. He is one of the organizers of the New York School of Social Research. At the recent 'Sconset School of Opinion, on Nantucket Island, Professor Robinson was one of the leading speakers. It was the interest he aroused there in his discussion of education that led us to choose the topic set for this evening, "What is the Matter with Education?" Professor Robinson is one who enjoys a give-and-take with his audience. This occasion will doubtless bring out many who are not accustomed to attend these meetings.

#### ROGER N. BALDWIN — December 3

We regret that we have not had Roger Baldwin on the Ford Hall platform long before this. He is a man who has given his life to the service of high ideals without counting the cost to himself. Graduating from Harvard, he took charge of the Department of Sociology in Washington University, St. Louis, and engaged in social settlement work there. He gave a number of years to juvenile court work and was Secretary of the Civil League, an organization engaged in all sorts of state and municipal reform work, political and civic. During the war his ideals ran counter to an overwhelming public opinion and he preferred to spend a year in jail rather than lower the flag of his conscience. He resigned the various positions he held in St. Louis and volunteered his services to help maintain civil liberty during the war. He is now Director of the American Civil Liberties Union. Recently Mr. Baldwin had several months' experience as a manual laborer and came in direct contact with the coal and steel strikes. Mr. Baldwin's interest in free speech and opposition to violence is the same in the face of either industrial or military strife. Doubtless he will have something to say about the present burning question of no coal to burn.

#### CHIEF SKIUHUSHU — December 10

Our speaker this evening is a Northern Blackfoot American Indian. He hails from the Pacific Coast and was earnestly recommended to our attention by Dr. Lackland, the leader of the Denver Forum, who speaks of him and his message in the highest terms. In 1914, in the interest of a campaign to gain full citizenship for his people, he made a 4,000 mile journey on a pony from Montana to Washington, receiving, as he journeyed along, the endorsement of twenty-five governors and hundreds of colleges, churches and patriotic organizations. Red Fox (which is the English of Skiuhushu) with his companion, Black Hawk, raised thousands of dollars for the Red Cross through their lectures during the war period. The story of the American Indian has never been heard on our platform. It presents a record of which the American people cannot be proud. Chief Skiuhushu has come all the way across the country to tell his story. We are fortunate in getting it first hand from a really truly native American.

#### HENRY C. VEDDER — December 17

Many complimentary expressions have come from our speakers as to the worth of the Ford Hall audience, but nothing ever pleased Mr. Coleman more than the remark by Professor Vedder when he spoke to us just ten years ago. He said, if it were necessary, he would have been glad to walk from Philadelphia for the privilege of speaking to the Ford Hall audience. He had then just published his book, "Socialism and the Ethics of Jesus." Now, once more, he has written a crucial volume, "The Fundamentals of Christianity," which has greatly stirred the religious world and threatened his official standing. He will certainly not handle his topic, "Can We Live by the Golden Rule?" in any platitudinous fashion. He is a radical in the sense that he goes to the root of things and follows the truth wherever it leads him. As again showing the temper of the man and his understanding of our work at Ford Hall, let us quote from his letter of acceptance: "It is a great joy to address that audience, and they are worthy of the best that the best can do. That puts every speaker on his mettle when he faces them."

# Speakers and Topics through January

- Oct. 15 WILLIAM R. GEORGE "The Smallest Republic in the World."
- " 22 REV. PERCY STICKNEY GRANT, S.T.D. "Progress."
- " 29 IVY L. LEE "What is to Become of Our Social Order?"
- Nov. 5 PROF. CLARENCE R. SKINNER "Human Nature Versus Civilization."
- " 12 REV. JOHN HAYNES HOLMES "Europe in 1922 as One Traveler Saw It."
- " 19 Miss MARGARET SLATTERY "High Brow, Low Brow and Middle Brow."
- " 26 Prof. JAMES HARVEY ROBINSON, Ph.D. "What is the Matter with Education?"
- Dec. 3 ROGER N. BALDWIN "Free Speech or Violence?"
- " 10 CHIEF SKIUHUSHU "Americanizing the Original American."
- 17 PROF. HENRY C. VEDDER, D.D.—"Can We Live by the Golden Rule?"
- 4 You meeting on Christmas Eve.
- 4 31 PROF. ARTHUR GORDON WEBSTER—"The Times' Plague: The Americanization of Arthur Gordon Webster."
- Jan. 7 Prof. S. L. JOSHI "Islam as a Religion and Political Factor in the World's History."
- ' 14 Speaker to be announced.
- 21 PROF. NATHANIEL SCHMIDT Topic to be announced.
- " 28 JAMES H. MAURER "What's Wrong with the Coal Industry?"

# FIVE HUNDRED FORD HALLERS FOR THE FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY

George W. Coleman, Chairman Ednah Blanchard, Secretary Alice M. Parnell, Treasurer

Our friends in the Ford Hall audience are waking up to the privileges afforded by membership in the Ford Hall Folks. With the payment of one dollar for the season, you register your interest in the work of these meetings, share the fellowship of the inner circle, receive the regular programs in advance through the mail, become eligible for all the social events, and receive a membership card which admits you any and every Sunday evening at the side door on Bowdoin Street before the doors are open to the public. And the Ford Hall Folks, through these membership fees, are able to make a generous contribution toward the financial support of the Forum.

There is an enthusiasm to enroll 500 members in the Ford Hall Folks before the night of our Fifteenth Anniversary, February 25. We have already gone beyond the half-way mark, and if the real friends of the movement in our audience will register themselves and encourage some friend to follow suit, we can accomplish it. It would be a great encouragement to all our work if this could be done. Many are not in a position to give their services as ushers, collectors and special assistants on Sunday evening, but could easily help by taking a membership in the Ford Hall Folks. We need this support this winter more than ever.

Fill out and send this coupon with one dollar (making checks payable to Ford Hall Folks) to Miss Alice H. Samson, Ford Hall Forum, 1244 Little Building, Boston, or give it, at the Sunday evening meeting, to Mr. Coleman, Miss Samson, Mrs. Parnell, or the head usher.

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