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Christian and Jew - will they ever meet?, 1923.

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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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1244 Little Building, Boston

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

HENRY GIDEON, Director of Music

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FRANCIS J. McCONNELL
February 4

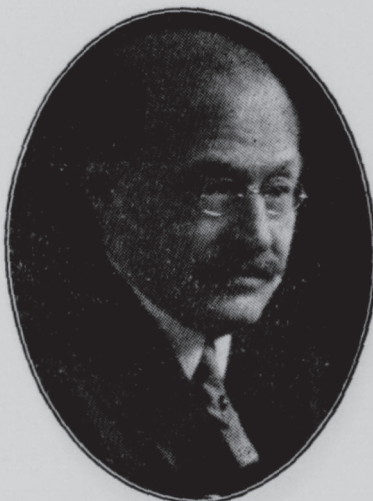
We celebrate the FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY of our forum work at Ford Hall, Sunday Evening, February 25, and again with a fellowship banquet, Wednesday Evening, February 28. We earnestly invite all our forum friends, especially those of former years, to make a special effort to be with us on one or both of these anniversary occasions. Further particulars on the last page.



CHARLES FERGUSON
February 11



ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
February 18



EDWARD A. STEINER
February 25



RAYMOND ROBINS
March 4

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

FEBRUARY 4

Concert at 7.30—Songs from Opera and Oratorio, BEN REDDEN, Tenor

Address by FRANCIS J. McCONNELL

"The Church and Freedom"

FEBRUARY 11

Concert at 7.30—The Mendelssohn Singers, A. J. CALDERWOOD, Conductor

Address by CHARLES FERGUSON

*"The Technarchy—in New York, Berlin and Bucharest:
A Business Method that Regenerates Cities"*

FEBRUARY 18

Concert at 7.30—Joint Program

LOUISE K. BROWN, Soprano; RAYMOND McCLURE, Violin

Address by ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN

"Labor and the Courts"

FEBRUARY 25

FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY of the FORD HALL FORUM

February 23, 1908—February 25, 1923

Concert at 7.15—CONSTANCE and HENRY GIDEON

In Familiar Songs of a Great People

Reading by WILLIAM HAWORTH DUNCAN of former days

Ford Hall Folks pay their respects to the Boston Baptist Social Union

JOHN J. SULLIVAN, Spokesman

Response by the President of the Union

DEWITT G. WILCOX, M.D.

Ford Hall Looking into the Census Mirror

Report by J. ARTHUR SPARROW

"What I Think of the Ford Hall Forum"

One-Minute Testimonies from the Floor

Address by EDWARD A. STEINER

"The Making of a Great Race"

MARCH 4

Concert at 7.30—EDWARD BOATNER, Baritone

Negro Spirituals and Miscellaneous Art Songs

Address by RAYMOND ROBINS

"Leadership the Crux of Democratic Society"

Forum Songs

O BEAUTIFUL, MY COUNTRY

(Music: Ewing)

"O beautiful, my Country!"

Be thine a nobler care
Than all thy wealth of commerce,
Thy harvests waving fair;
Be it thy pride to lift up
The manhood of the poor;
Be thou to the oppressed
Fair Freedom's open door.

For thee our fathers suffered;
For thee they toil'd and pray'd;
Upon thy holy altar
Their willing lives they laid.
Thou hast no common birthright,
Grand mem'ries on thee shine;
The blood of pilgrim nations
Commingle flows in thine.

O beautiful, our Country!
Round thee in love we draw;
Thine is the grace of Freedom,
The majesty of law.
Be Righteousness thy sceptre,
Justice thy diadem;
And on thy shining forehead,
Be Peace the crowning gem!

—Frederick L. Hosmer.

OLD FOLKS AT HOME

Way down upon de Swanee ribber,
Far, far away,
Dere's wha' my heart is turning eber,
Dere's wha' de old folks stay.
All up and down de whole creation,
Sadly I roam,
Still longing for de old plantation,
And for de old folks at home.

CHORUS

All de world am sad and dreary,
Eb'rywhere I roam,
O! darkies, how my heart grows weary,
Far from de old folks at home.

All round de little farm I wander'd
When I was young,
Den many happy days I squander'd,
Many de songs I sung.
When I was playing wid my brudder,
Happy was I.
O! take me to my kind old mudder,
Dere let me live and die.

One little hut among de bushes,
One dat I love,
Still sadly to my mem'ry rushes,
No matter where I rove.
When will I see de bees a humming,
All round de comb?
When will I hear de banjo tumming,
Down in my good old home?

—Stephen C. Foster.

THE MARCH OF FREEDOM

Hark, hark, the peal of clarions calling,
A host unnumber'd marching by;
O'er serried ranks the pennons falling!
The hills give back the battle cry,
The hills give back the battle cry.
Whence come ye, hero warriors, hither?
What land, what ages gave you birth!
What crave ye still of bleeding earth,
What laurel wreaths that shall not wither?

To arms! the clarions call
To deeds, the doing worth;
March on! March on! till Freedom dawn,
And justice rules the earth!

Glory to God, the day is breaking,
The long awaited golden morn!
The heroes dead who, self forsaking,
Gave all to hasten freedom's dawn,
Gave all to hasten freedom's dawn.
As brothers, comrades march beside us,
On, then, to conquest of the world.
On till our battle flags are furl'd
In freedom's peace, and God shall guide us.
Ye mountains, clap your hands!
Exult, O sky and sea!
March on! March on! breaks o'er all lands
The dawn of liberty!

—Charles Sprague Smith.

GOD SAVE AMERICA

(Dedicated to Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch)

God save America, new world of glory,
New born to freedom and knowledge and power,
Lifting the towers of her lightning-lit cities
Where the flood tides of humanity roar!

God save America! Here may all races
Mingle together as children of God,
Founding an empire on brotherly kindness,
Equal in liberty, made of one blood!

God save America! 'Mid all her splendors,
Save her from pride and from luxury;
Throne in her heart the unseen and eternal;
Right be her might and the truth make her free!

—W. G. Ballantine.

God save America! Brotherhood banish
Wail of the worker and curse of the crushed;
Joy break in songs from her jubilant millions,
Hailing the day when all discords are hushed!

God save America! Bearing the olive,
Hers be the blessing the peacemakers prove,
Calling the nations to glad federation,
Leading the world in the triumph of love!

Platform of Principles

The Open Forum stands for:

1. The complete development of democracy in America.
2. A common meeting-ground for all the people in the interest of truth and mutual understanding, and for the cultivation of community spirit.
3. The fullest and freest open public discussion of all vital questions affecting human welfare.
4. For free participation from the forum floor either by questions or discussion.
5. The freedom of forum management from responsibility for utterances by speakers from the platform or the floor.

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Comment on the Speakers

FRANCIS J. McCONNELL — February 4

Here is a Methodist bishop from Pittsburgh, abundantly able and generously willing to face a Ford Hall audience with the topic, "The Church and Freedom." This subject is peculiarly timely in view of the difficulties that Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, who spoke for us a few months ago, is having with the authorities of the Episcopal Church. Out in Missouri just now there is a great stir over the dismissal of Professor Slaten from William Jewell College, a Baptist institution. Our own fellow member, Rev. Henry W. Pinkham, of the Unitarian fellowship, lost his church during the war because of his pacifism. But Bishop McConnell, as chairman of the Interchurch World Commission investigating the steel strike, not only did not lose his bishopric, but was transferred by his denomination from the silver-producing state of Colorado to the steel-making commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Bishop is rated as one of the keenest, fairest and most independent men in high clerical office. The Ford Hallers who heard him discuss the steel strike here two years ago will not need to be reminded of his gifts as a speaker.

CHARLES FERGUSON — February 11

Another speaker new to the Ford Hall Forum is Mr. Charles Ferguson, an indefatigable student of modern problems and a widely-known writer and lecturer. He has his own philosophy about things and a brilliant way of giving it expression. He was President Wilson's special commissioner studying business conditions in European countries and afterward carried credentials from members of the Cabinet to various business communities throughout the United States. At another time he served the State Department in the Far East. In his message to us he will speak as a reporter describing the immense transformation that is actually taking place in our modern civilization. He will show how a new and regenerate social order is coming into existence whether we like it or not. He is eager to tell Boston how it can ease the pain of the enormous change—and get the profits. He will foretell exactly what is bound to happen in the readjustment of America's relation to Europe, and he will appeal to us to help along what seem to him to be predestined changes. Now doesn't that whet your appetite?

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN — February 18

Any woman who has been arrested ten times but never convicted of any offense is an unusual character. Elizabeth Gurley Flynn's record is all the more striking in this regard when you know that these incidents in her busy life occurred over such a widely scattered area as New York City; Missoula, Mont.; Spokane, Wash.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Paterson, N. J.; Duluth, Minn.; and Chicago, Ill. She is even now under \$5,000 bail on the last charge against her. All this isn't so surprising when you know that in her Irish ancestry she had grandfathers who were Fenians and rebels. This remarkable woman is in the fight for free speech and is always for the under dog. Knowing well her reputation for unrestrained radicalism, Mr. Coleman was amazed at her calm, logical, orderly, convincing presentation of the Sacco-Vanzetti case when he heard her speak on the platform of Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple. If she presents her topic, "Labor and the Courts," in the same masterly fashion, this night at Ford Hall will be one to be long remembered.

EDWARD A. STEINER — February 25

This is the night we celebrate our Fifteenth Anniversary. Prof. Edward A. Steiner of Grinnell College, Iowa, is our chosen speaker for this happy occasion. He has a wonderful understanding of our audience, and they respond to him to a remarkable degree. We shall never forget the exalted inspiration of the messages he has brought us. He is one of the best platform speakers in America. The topic selected for the occasion, "The Making of a Great Race," is most enticing to us and doubtless will put him at his best. Professor Steiner, an Austrian by birth, led the typical life of an immigrant in this country, pressing coats on New York's East Side, digging coal in Pennsylvania, laboring in the steel mills and getting into jail because of a strike. He has studied in Oberlin College and at Heidelberg, Göttingen and Berlin. His books about immigrant life have made him famous.

RAYMOND ROBINS — March 4

Commenting on Col. Raymond Robins, the director of the great Philadelphia Forum says, "I do not think there is a better speaker in America." And we might add that he is one of America's foremost citizens. He has devoted his remarkable gifts to the promotion of the public welfare, in settlement work, in civic reform, as Red Cross Commissioner in Russia during the war, in the Men and Religion Forward Movement, as a founder of the Progressive party, in a round-the-world tour with Fred B. Smith, and as an outstanding speaker who is eagerly listened to in every part of the country. Having exhibited in his own life such a wide range of leadership, it will be extremely worth while to hear what he has to say about "Leadership the Crux of Democratic Society."

Complete Program, 1922-1923 Season

- 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?"
 " 24 No meeting on Christmas Eve.
 " 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 SIDNEY HILLMAN—"Reconstruction in Russia."
 " 21 PROF. NATHANIEL SCHMIDT—"The Rights and Duties of the Turks."
 " 28 JAMES H. MAURER—"What's Wrong with the Coal Industry?"
- Feb. 4 BISHOP FRANCIS J. McCONNELL—"The Church and Freedom."
 " 11 CHARLES FERGUSON—"The Technarchy—in New York, Berlin and Bucharest: A Business Method that Regenerates Cities."
 " 18 ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN—"Labor and the Courts."
 " 25 PROF. EDWARD A. STEINER—"The Making of a Great Race." (Special Fifteenth Anniversary Program.)
- Mar. 4 COL. RAYMOND ROBINS—"Leadership the Crux of Democratic Society."
 " 11 S. K. RATCLIFFE—"England Changing Hands."
 " 18 RABBI ABBA HILLEL SILVER—"Christian and Jew—Will They Ever Meet?"
 " 25 PROF. HARRY F. WARD—"Can Civilization Continue?"
- Apr. 1 CHARLES ZUEBLIN—"Is Europe Coming or Going?"
 " 8 LOUIS VICTOR EYTINGE—"Prison Reform."

Important Information

The Ford Hall Forum comes to its Fifteenth Anniversary in the midst of its most successful season. The tide of interest and devotion manifested by its members was never so great. It is receiving a larger measure of confidence and good will on the part of the general public than ever before.

Let us all make a special effort to bring to our FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING, February 25, those who used to attend regularly but are now unable to do so. *MARK THIS PARAGRAPH* and the anniversary night program on the second page and mail it (or, better still, hand it) to someone you know who used to be a regular attendant at Ford Hall, Sunday nights. Tickets may be had at the forum office in the Little Building for those old friends of the forum who are advanced in years, physically handicapped, or living at a great distance.

Don't miss the FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET in Ford Hall on the night of Wednesday, February 28, the last day of the month. This will take the place of our usual Ford Hall Folks Banquet at the close of the season. It will be the greatest occasion of the kind in the history of our work. All friends of the forum are invited. Whittemore, who served us so well last year, will be the caterer. Distinguished Bostonians will speak. Messages of congratulation from great leaders will be presented. A souvenir program that will be a keepsake for years to come is being prepared. Better get your tickets early,—\$1.50 each. Send check to Miss Alice H. Samson, 1244 Little Building, Boston.

The photographs taken Sunday, January 14, have come out very successfully. There is a wonderful picture of the entire audience, floor and galleries and platform; also of the Ford Hall Folks in business session and at supper. There is a fine group picture of the officers, ushers and assistants, and a remarkable picture of the big line of people outside the building waiting for the doors to open. An opportunity will be given later to purchase a copy of these pictures.

There are 613 paid-up members of the Ford Hall Folks. We are proud of these friends. They add greatly to the strength of all our work. Those who do not yet belong and who are interested in the forum can secure all the privileges of membership by sending their name and address with one dollar to Miss Alice H. Samson, 1244 Little Building, Boston. Make checks payable to the Ford Hall Folks.