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Ford Hall Meetings

Conducted by THE BOSTON BAPTIST SOCIAL UNION

FOURTEENTH SEASON — 1920-21

EVERY SUNDAY EVENING AT 7.30

Opening with a Concert under the Direction of Mrs. RICHARD H. JONES

NOVEMBER 28. — Mrs. Marietta L. Johnson of Fairhope, Alabama, will speak on “**Education for the New Age.**” Mrs. Johnson is convinced that



the prolonging of childhood is the hope of the race, and as a means of making childhood richer has developed a system of education which employs no forced tasks, no graduations, marks, examinations, or punishments, and no books until the tenth year unless the child himself desires to learn to read. Her theory of education has been described as “a system based on the natural demands of the individual rather than on requirements that must be met.” Exactly the person to talk to us at Ford Hall on the Sunday nearest that festival in the year most closely connected with *family* life in New England — Thanksgiving Day!

DECEMBER 5. — Bishop Francis J. McConnell, chairman of the Inter-church Commission which investigated the Steel Strike, a commission of which our own Mr. Coleman was one member, will talk to us on “**The Church and Labor.**” Our meeting falls into the series of meetings headed up by the Federal Council of Churches, convening in Boston at the time, and giving extended consideration to the subject of the church and labor. This is sure to be one of the big nights of the season at Ford Hall.

DECEMBER 12. — Dr. W. E. Burghardt Du Bois, who is the most distinguished living Negro writer and orator, will talk on “**The Future of the Darker Races.**” Dr. Du Bois has appeared before on our platform and will be remembered for his message that Negro blood can do a distinct service to the world and his insistence that we must make it possible for a man to be both Negro and American, by which he means that he should have every door of opportunity freely opened to him.

DECEMBER 19. — John Haynes Holmes, than whom no one who comes to Ford Hall is ever more gladly heard, will talk to us on the interesting subject “**What Shall We Think of the Bolsheviks?**” At a time when the recent experiences of the novelist, H. G. Wells, in Russia are being made available to us in Boston through one of our great Sunday papers, it will be especially interesting to check up Mr. Wells’ conclusions and opinions with those of Mr. Holmes.



THESE THINGS SHALL BE!

These things shall be! a loftier race
 Than e'er the world hath known shall rise;
 With flow'r of freedom in their souls,
 And light of science in their eyes.

Nation with nation, land with land,
 Unarm'd shall live as comrades free;
 In ev'ry heart and brain shall throb
 The pulse of one fraternity.

They shall be gentle, brave and strong,
 To spill no drop of blood, but dare
 All that may plant man's lord-ship firm,
 On earth, and fire, and sea, and air.

New arts shall bloom of loftier mould
 And mightier music thrill the skies,
 And ev'ry life shall be a song,
 When all the earth is paradise.

These things—they are no dreams—shall be
 For happier men when we are gone:
 Those golden days for them shall dawn,
 Transcending aught we gaze upon.

—John Addington Symonds.

O GOD OF EARTH AND ALTAR

(To the music of "Webb")

O God of earth and altar
 Bow down and hear our cry,
 Our earthly rulers falter,
 Our people drift and die;
 The walls of gold entomb us,
 The swords of scorn divide,
 Take not Thy thunder from us,
 But take away our pride.

From all that terror teaches,
 From lies of tongue and pen,
 From all the easy speeches
 That comfort cruel men,
 From sale and profanation
 Of honor and the sword,
 From sleep and from damnation,
 Deliver us, good Lord.

Tie in a living tether
 The priest and prince and thrall,
 Bind all our lives together,
 Smite us and save us all;
 In ire and exultation
 Aflame with faith, and free,
 Lift up a living nation,
 A single sword to Thee.

—G. K. Chesterton.

HAIL THE GLORIOUS GOLDEN CITY

(Music: Sanctuary—J. B. Dykes, 1871)

Hail the glorious Golden City,
 Pictured by the seers of old!
 Everlasting light shines o'er it,
 Wondrous tales of it are told:
 Only righteous men and women
 Dwell within its gleaming wall;
 Wrong is banished from its borders,
 Justice reigns supreme o'er all.

We are builders of that city;
 All our joys and all our groans
 Help to rear its shining ramparts;
 All our lives are building stones:
 Whether humble or exalted,
 All are called to task divine;
 All must aid alike to carry
 Forward one sublime design.

And the work that we have builded,
 Oft with bleeding hands and tears,
 And in error and in anguish,
 Will not perish with our years;
 It will last and shine transfigured
 In the final reign of Right
 It will merge into the splendors
 Of the City of the Light.

—Felix Adler, 1909.

THY KINGDOM COME!

"Thy kingdom come!" O Lord we daily cry,
 Weary and sad with earth's long strife and pain!
 "How long, O Lord!" Thy suff'ring children sigh!
 "Speed Thou the dawn, and o'er the nations reign!"

Thy kingdom come! then all the din of war,
 Like some dark dream, shall vanish with the night!
 Peace, holy peace, her myriads gifts shall pour,
 Resting secure from danger and affright.

Thy kingdom come! no more shall deeds of shame,
 Brutish and base, destroy the soul divine:
 Bright with Thy love's all-purifying flame
 Thy human temples evermore shall shine!

Thy kingdom come! mad greed for wealth and power
 No more shall grind the weaklings in the dust.
 Then mind and strength shall share Thy ample dower,
 Brothers in Thee, and one in equal trust.

—H. W. Hawkes.

AMERICA, THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
 For amber waves of grain,
 For purple mountain majesties
 Above the fruited plain!
 America! America!
 God shed His grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet,
 Whose stern, impassioned stress
 A thoroughfare for freedom beat
 Across the wilderness!
 America! America!
 God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
 Confirm thy soul in self-control,
 Thy liberty in law!

O beautiful for heroes proved
 In liberating strife,
 Who more than self their country loved,
 And mercy more than life!
 America! America!
 May God thy gold refine,
 Till all success be nobleness,
 And ev'ry gain divine!

O beautiful for patriot dream
 That sees beyond the years,
 Thine alabaster cities gleam
 Undimmed by human tears!
 America! America!
 God shed His grace on thee,
 And crown thy good with brotherhood
 From sea to shining sea!

—Katharine Lee Bates.

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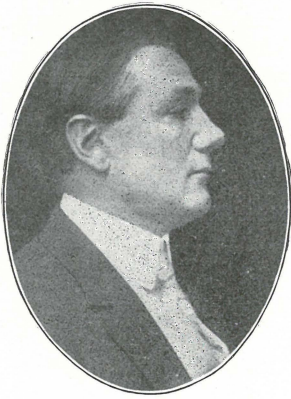
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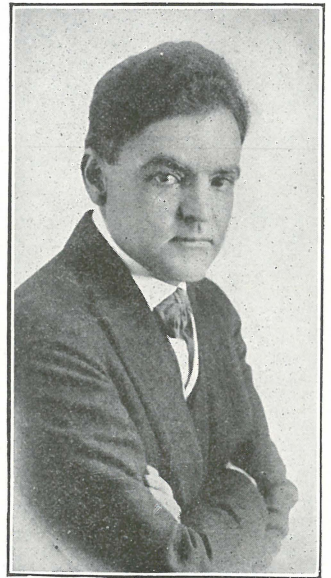
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 AT THE DOOR TO HELP MEET EXPENSES

DECEMBER 26.—**Charles Zueblin** is associated in the minds of all habitués of Ford Hall with the joy of Christmas. Always he comes to us then, bringing his breezy interpretation of things that are doing in the world of sociology. This time he is to talk to us on the arresting topic, **“Has America Any Ideals?”** At a time when many of us are looking backward with the three hundredth anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims more or less in our minds, it will be extremely good for us to have Mr. Zueblin query whether the spirit of the Mayflower has died out in the descendants of its heroic passengers and ask if America is equal to the task of pioneering in the world of 1920?



JANUARY 2.—**Professor Arthur D. Rees**, formerly of the University of Pennsylvania, who, though he is new to Ford Hall, has lectured many times in Cooper Union as well as at the Church of the Ascension Forum in New York, will bring to us the extraordinary mass of information concerning the underlying causes of war, which he discusses under the title **“Financial Imperialism and the Way Out.”** Dr. Rees was in Russia during the war, and his message is of great value, though these are peace times, in that the grave and tragic currents that caused one war are likely to cause another unless we all watch out.

JANUARY 9.— The speaker will be **Professor Nathaniel Schmidt** of Cornell University.



The **Ford Hall Folks** and **The Committee in Charge of the Meetings** are most grateful to all the friends who are so generously manifesting their good will in the matter of the silver offering at the door. **KEEP IT UP** and our success is assured.

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