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WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?

The first number of this little publication will remind some of us of the initial Ford Hall Sunday Evening meeting of nearly five years ago. At that meeting there were only one hundred and fifty present. Will more people than that number buy a copy of this little bulletin? It is my guess that there will be more than that many who will buy a copy. What do you think about it?

If this publication can enjoy anything like the increase in circulation which has characterized the growth in attendance on the Ford Hall meetings, it can wield an influence for good almost equal to that which marks the meetings themselves.

If everyone who is deeply interested in the Ford Hall meetings will take an interest in extending the circulation of Ford Hall Folks, our little venture will be an immediate success. So many have asked at various times if there was not something that they might do to help along the cause since we take no collection at the meetings and never ask for subscriptions for the work. This is your chance: Buy copies of this paper every week and circulate them among people who ought to be interested in the work we are trying to do. Send them to friends in other cities and towns with the idea of encouraging them to start a series of similar meetings.

I bespeak for our young friend, Mr. London, who will act as business agent for our little paper, the hearty good will and active co-operation of all loyal Ford Hall friends. He is deeply and unselfishly interested in the work, and the future of the publication will be largely dependent on his success in selling it.

George W. Coleman

Of course you have heard about our Birthday Party on February 23 and about the letters which are then to be presented to Mr. Coleman, bound in a beautiful book. The chairman of the committee in charge of that day has a word to say in this, our first issue, about those same letters. Be sure and read his message.

If you like this little paper—and we trust you will—you will be glad to know something of the group from which it sprang, that devoted body of Ford Hall Folks, as they call themselves, who meet in the lower hall of Ford building, every third Sunday afternoon, to devise ways and means of making the meetings better. Already they have rendered one immense service to the committee by organizing as Line Ushers, those cheery men and women wearing red satin badges who are facilitating the filing of the crowd into the hall on Sunday evenings. We bespeak your cooperation in the efforts of these, our new assistants.

Mrs. Anna Carlin Spencer is to be our speaker, next Sunday evening, her topic being, “Are Our Public Schools Democratic?” Mrs. Fletcher Copp will be in charge of the concert.