

News Notes of the Nation's Capital

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The Misses Valerie and Vermelle Turner made distinct social hits during their recent visit to New York City, where they were highly entertained by the elite. They graduated last June from the Washington high school.

Mr. Harry Parker, attached to the ways and means committee of the House of Representatives, has purchased a beautiful home in the 1300 block of Riggs place.

A. N. Scurlock, the photographic artist de luxe, has made several poses of Misses Vivian Lucile Thompson and Arnetta Costin, who were selected by the National Benefit Association as the subjects to be shown on its illuminated calendars for the year 1916. The calendars of this famous institution are invariably works of art and are eagerly sought for by its large and discriminating clientele throughout the eight states in which it operates.

Capt. Leon H. Jordan, a political and business magnate of Kansas City, Mo., spent a few days here last week and was shown the sights by Editor J. Finley Wilson of the Eagle. Capt. Jordan was the dinner and luncheon and theater guest of a number of Washington's leading professional and commercial forces and renewed acquaintance with a host of old friends. Capt. Jordan is no stranger here, having served long and capably as a member of the official staff of the Recorder of Deeds in the days of the late C. H. J. Taylor. He says Kansas City will give the National Medical Association a grand reception next year and is confident that the "City on Seven Hills" will also have the pleasure of entertaining the seventeenth annual session of the National Negro Business League, for which elaborate preparations are already under way.

Rev. J. R. L. Diggs, well known in many cities of the country where he has served, is the new pastor of the First Baptist church of Georgetown (West Washington), succeeding Rev. E. E. Ricks, who has accepted a call to the principal Baptist church at Roanoke, Va.

Miss Capitola Frye, formerly of Louisville, Ky., who came here recently to accept a government position, has been elected secretary of the E. Azalia Hackley Musical Association.

Attorney Thomas L. Jones, accompanied by his wife, is in Toronto, Canada, on a health-seeking mission. Mr. Jones, conceded to be the leading criminal lawyer in this section of the country, has been ill for several months with a complication of ailments, due largely to overwork, and has been advised to remain in the North for several weeks for rest and recuperation. Mr. Jones is very popular in Toronto and vicinity, having visited the Canadian city a number of times and delivered some notable addresses there. He is being strongly urged to remain with our British cousins indefinitely.

Miss Marie C. James, Washington's favorite mezzo-contralto, put in several weeks this summer in a school of music in Philadelphia, perfecting herself in certain phases of musical practice, and is reported by the authorities to have shown remarkable grasp of the new work and a musical skill rarely encountered. Miss James is an assistant director of music in our public schools.

R. W. Thompson has returned from Boston, where he attended the meeting of the National Negro Business League. En route homeward he stopped over at New York, where he was the guest of Editor George W. Harris of the New York News, and at Philadelphia, where he was the guest of Mr. Salem Tutt Whitney, the eminent comedian and producer.

Miss Vivian L. Thompson has gone to Durham, N. C., to begin her fourth year as director of domestic science in the Whitted high school.

The condition of Assistant Superintendent Roscoe Conkling Bruce is unchanged. He will not be able to attend the opening of the public schools on the 20th.

Mr. Harry A. Williams, who brought the Washington Concert orchestra up to a high state of efficiency, has moved to Baltimore.

The "Jitney bus" is not a glittering success in Washington. The outfit should be made to go. The management is of the opinion that the business cannot thrive if it does not draw the color line. No business is wanted here that cannot exist upon a lawful and humane basis.

Dr. C. Sumner Wormley was called to Newark, N. J., last week by the death of his brother.

Mrs. Daisy W. Henson, District Deputy of the Daughter Elks of Washington, has been spending the past two weeks in Atlantic City and will visit friends in Philadelphia, Long Branch, Jersey City and New York before returning for her fall social season. She is planning a series of high-class entertainments to be given at an early date by the Elks' Magnolia Club, of which she is president.

Miss Gladys C. Fearing of this city, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren G. Fearing, a graduate of the Teachers' college, Howard university, class of '15, has been appointed a teacher of music at the Bordentown, N. J., Manual Training and Industrial school.

Miss Clarice Jones, daughter of Lawyer and Mrs. Thomas L. Jones, has been spending some time here with her parents and will shortly resume her work as director of music at Livingstone college, Salisbury, N. C., where she has achieved a gratifying success during the past two years. Miss Jones is an honor graduate of the Conservatory of Music, Cornell university, Ithaca, N. Y. During the major portion of the summer Miss Jones, in response to popular demand, gave lessons in instrumental music at Charlotte, N. C., making her home with Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Clement of that city.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. W. Howard have been attending the Half Century Emancipation Exposition at Chicago. Mr. Howard is from Harrisburg and is serving very satisfactorily as deputy United States marshal here. He is also an attache of the Pennsylvania Post of Harrisburg and has a long and enviable record as a gilt-edged newspaper man. Mr. and Mrs. Howard are domiciled with Mrs. J. W. Smith, widow of the late Bishop Smith, 1309 R street, Northwest.

Judge Robert H. Terrell starts on his tour of Texas early in November, under the pilotage of Mr. Rufus G. Byars, house manager of the Howard theater, who knows every foot of the inhabited lands of the "Lone Star" state. Mr. Byars hails from "The Alamo" and has helped to make San Antonio famous. A "real live Negro Judge" will be a novelty that all Texas will appreciate, and Judge Terrell and Mr. Byars will doubtless have "the time of their lives."

Notwithstanding the coat of "white-wash" applied to Giles B. Jackson's administration of the fiscal affairs of the Richmond Emancipation Exposition by an alleged "committee," the people of the country are far from being satisfied. The "committee" was composed of John H. Braxton, William Miller and Theodore W. Jones. The means these confiding gentlemen had of knowing what went with the \$55,000 does not appear in the record. The "assets," valued at \$16,000, turned over to the association, are not itemized with a definiteness that carries conviction. The country would like to see the books opened by an authority that will be conclusive. If this incident is closed, it will be a "cold day" when another appropriation of like character is permitted to pass Congress.