

Society

WASHINGTON'S autumn season will be inaugurated this week, with the return to the White House of the President and Mrs. Taft and their young daughter, Miss Helen Taft. Not that entertainments will follow, but the mere fact that the flag is floating over the White House, signifying the presence of the Chief Executive, and that one is apt to meet the first lady of the land and her daughter almost any moment of the day in the ordinary rounds of shopping or visiting, gives an incentive for being in town, and lends a little spice to those who are less in the limelight. Miss Lettermann, secretary to Mrs. Taft, and who will have charge of Mrs. Taft's engagement book this season, has returned during the past week from her summer visit abroad, and has been at work a little while each day at the White House on the preliminary work of the social season.

Mrs. Taft has been having a visit from her two sisters, Mrs. More, on her way home from her summer place at Bliddeford Pool, Me., and her only unmarried sister, Miss Herron, who spends most of her time caring for their aged father, Judge Herron. Miss Herron has not made visits to the White House like her other sisters, as she has more care devolving upon her. Miss Helen Taft spent the past week with her great-aunt, Miss Della Torrey, at Millbury, Mass., where the President is so fond of visiting.

The great scarcity of official buds makes it impossible to predict what the season will be for the young people. The diplomatic corps will probably be the guest of all the different circles of Washington society, for it has as dean now the Austro-Hungarian Ambassador, Baron Hengelmueller von Hengelsdorf, whose handsome and brilliant wife is the most lavish entertainer of all the diplomatic hostesses. She is fond of gaiety. She loves music and is well cultivated in it. She is fond of cards and has the most frequent parties, even after other parties are all over with, and they play well into the wee sma' hours. She loves to make gaiety for her young daughter and only child, who will be a debutante three or four seasons hence, and her receptions and dinner parties are among the most brilliant assemblages of the whole season. There will be many new faces in the corps, and, again, many old friends of the service returning, all of whom will be greatly entertained.

But to return to debutantes. There will be a greater number of Paris wardrobes displayed by these fetching creatures who create so much interest each season. One of the latest of them to be announced is Miss Gertrude Greely, youngest daughter of Gen. Adolphus W. Greely, of north pole fame. She is returning with her parents and brother and sisters from a year's absence abroad.

Another interesting and much more historic home has already been opened here for the season, after having been closed for many years. It is that of the late Gen. and Mrs. Edward Fitzgerald Beale, parents of Mrs. John R. McLean. The hosts there now are Truxtun Beale and his beautiful young wife, who was Miss Marie Oge, of California. It has descended into Mr. Beale's possession, but since his divorce from his first wife, who was Miss Harriet Blaine, he has not occupied it or allowed any one else to. He was former United States Minister to Persia and to Greece, but has lived for some years in California and traveled much abroad. He is Mrs. McLean's only brother, and she is delighted to have him here and her girlhood home open again.

It is filled with historic mementos and memories. The house is the corner of H and Jackson places, on the west side of Lafayette Square, and was built in 1819 by Commodore Decatur, and was the first private residence built on the square. In fact, only the White House and St. John's Church were then in existence about the famous park. Decatur lived there until his death, resulting from the famous duel with Commodore Barron. Mrs. Decatur removed to Kalamazoo, in Georgetown, three years afterward, and rented her Jackson place home to the Russian government for their Minister. It has since been occupied by Henry Clay, when he was Secretary of State; Sir Charles Vaughan, British Minister; Baron Hyde de Noulville, French Minister; then by the government and used as offices, when it was purchased by Gen. Beale, who was a grandson of Commodore Truxtun, under whom Commodore Decatur was a midshipman.

During the life of Gen. and Mrs. Beale, and even after Mrs. Beale's widowhood, the old mansion was the scene of brilliant festivities such as it was accustomed to under the regime of its original master. It was said in that old time that the history of Commodore De-

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MISS DORIS HAYWOOD,
Granddaughter of the late Judge Jeremiah Wilson.

cat's life was written on the walls, by the decorations, in the trophies, and souvenirs displayed there. They were gifts from famous people, cities, and countries; from Congress, and many were purchased or captured in various conflicts. It has also been said that every President from Madison to Grant was entertained beneath its roof, and certain it is that Arthur, Harrison, Cleveland, and McKinley were guests there. The present mistress, Mrs. Truxtun Beale, went to Cincinnati on Tuesday to attend the centenary celebration of the consecration of her great-grandfather, Rev. Philander Chase, as first bishop of Ohio. She is also a grandniece of Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase, whose beautiful and brilliant daughter, Kate Chase Sprague, was a reigning belle in Washington society during her girlhood and early married life.

Mrs. Knox, wife of the Secretary of State, Mrs. Wickersham, wife of the Attorney General, and Mrs. Nagel, wife of the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, have all returned to their Washington homes for the season. Mrs. Wickersham will be sent to go to Hot Springs, Va., for a short visit with Mr. Wickersham's brother-in-law and sister, Sir Robert and Lady Hadfield, of England, who have taken a cottage there for the autumn.

Lenox, Lakewood, and Hot Springs of Virginia attract the diplomats strongly. And for the matter of that, scores of official people prefer those localities during this early autumn to the most fascinating city life. The Austro-Hungarian Ambassador and Baroness Hengelmueller, who always spend a short time at least at Lenox in the autumn, will remain there probably for two weeks yet, and then return to the embassy here. The French Ambassador is among the few of the ambassadorial circle who are in town this month, except the Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Uchida, who arrived a few days ago, and the new Italian Ambassador, Marchese Confaloniere, who has just qualified in his new position. The Russian Ambassador and Baroness Rosen and their young daughter, Baroness Elizabeth, left Manchester yesterday morning and are spending the weekend in New York, possibly a few days longer than that, and will then come to the embassy here. The British Ambassador and Mrs. Bryce are on their way to their British home for a few months' vacation after their strenuous South American trip. The German Ambassador and Countess von Bernstorff and their young daughter, Countess Alexandra, will sail from Germany for this country on the 19th. Maj. Herwarth von Bittenfeld, the new military attaché, who arrived several weeks ago and took a house at 1105 Sixteenth street, will go back to Mexico in about a fortnight to escort Frau Herwarth to Washington. She will not, however, spend the winter here, but will sail for Germany shortly after her arrival, to remain there until the springtime or later. The Mexican Ambassador, Senor de la Barra, will return here to-morrow or next day with his two young sons, from Mexico. The Japanese Ambassador and Baroness Uchida have returned from Buena Vista, where they spent the summer, and Mr. and Mrs. Matsui have also opened their home in Bancroft place.

Mr. Hinshaba, who is spending the first vacation he has had in some years at his home in Japan, will return here in time for the opening of the season on January 1. The Turkish Ambassador, Youssouf Zia Pasha, will remain in New York for another week, when he will join the counselor of the embassy, Raif Bey, at the embassy here. They will have some additions to their staff, in the appointment of some other secretaries of the embassy. There appears to be no prospect of a new Brazilian Ambassador much before early spring, and in the meantime Mr. R. de Lima e Silva will remain as chargé d'affaires. The Bolivian Minister and his bride, to whom he was married during the midsummer at the seashore, have returned to the legation for the season. Mme. Zalles, the Minister's older daughter, will spend the winter with them here, although her husband has not been connected with the staff of the legation for some time. The Argentine Minister and Mme. Portela, who have been absent since the early spring in their own country, will not return for some months yet, as the new President of the Argentine Republic, Dr. Roque Saenz Bena, has appointed a new secretary of state in M. Bosch, who is now Argentine Minister to France and who cannot return to Argentina for at least three months. In the meantime the Minister to the United States has been acting secretary ad interim, and Senor Don Jacinto L. Villegas will remain in charge here. The Peruvian Minister and Mme. Pardo have returned to this country, but are traveling and tramping about the mountains and will remain away for a time yet. The Minister from the Netherlands and Mme. Loude will return to the legation from Mexico about October 25. The Danish Minister and Countess von Moltke will return from the country home of the latter's parents at Lancaster, Mass., early in November. The Haitian Minister, H. Paulus Sannon, has a new secretary of legation in Edgar N. Numa, who succeeds Mr. Price-Mars.

Among the out-of-town guests were the Misses Nannie and Mary Young, of Frederick, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Lee announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Charlotte Lee, to Mr. Henry Farwell Munn. The wedding will take place November 16.

The engagement is announced of Miss Christine Patten, daughter of Col. William S. Patten, U. S. A., retired, and Mr. Robert B. Reid, Jr., of New York. Miss Patten is a granddaughter of the late Col. George W. Patten, U. S. A., and also of the late Hudson Taylor, of Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Tanzer, of Cumberland, Md., has issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Carrie Tanzer, and William L. Blumenfeld, of Philadelphia, which will take place Monday evening, October 24, at 59 Decatur street, Cumberland, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Lents have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Gertrude Virginia, to Mr. Hal Gibson Crockett on Wednesday evening, October 26, at 8 o'clock, in the home of the bride's parents, 141 Rhode Island avenue northwest. Rev. John T. Huddle, of St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, will officiate. Miss Olga M. Lenz, a sister of the bride, will act as maid of honor, while Mr. Crockett will have for his best man Mr. Fred O. Lenz, brother of the bride.

A reception will be held after the ceremony, and the young people will then go on a honeymoon trip. They will be at home to their friends after November 16 at 141 Rhode Island avenue.

PERSONALS.

Hon. Jacob M. Dickinson, Secretary of War, and his party arrived at St. Petersburg, Russia, October 10. They were accompanied from Moscow by William Spencer, third secretary, and Maj. Stephen Slocum, military attaché of the American Embassy. At Moscow the Baron de Bode, Russian military attaché at Washington, entertained the American party.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Reese, formerly Miss Mattie Morrison, whose wedding was one of the prettiest events of the early autumn, have returned from their honeymoon trip and are settled in their apartment, 708 Tenth street northwest, where they will be pleased to see their friends. They were the recipients of many beautiful presents.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rudolph announce the engagement of their daughter Leah to Mr. Herman Jacobson, of Potsdam, N. Y.

The wedding of Miss Mary Mullen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas G. Young, and Mr. Richards D. Van Allan, of Savannah, Ga., took place Friday afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, 234 Fourteenth street.

The bride wore a white broadcloth suit with hat to match. Mr. James K. Young, brother of the bride, played the wedding music. Rev. J. A. Gill, of Frederick, Md., performed the ceremony, which was attended by a small gathering of

cans at dinner. They were also the honor guests at a dinner given by John H. Snodgrass, American consul general. A ballet entertainment, at which Prince Odoevsky Masloff, lord chamberlain of the Kremlin palaces, was the host, was provided on another occasion.

Mrs. Robert J. Wynne has returned to Washington for the season. Her daughter, Miss Ruth Wynne, who is abroad with her brother-in-law and sister, Lieut. Roland French, of the British army, and Mrs. French, probably will join her mother here later in the winter.

Mr. Jerome M. Bonaparte and several others left Virginia Hot Springs yesterday on a driving trip to Natural Bridge, Va., making a change of horses at the first stop (Goshen) twenty-eight miles, and the second at Lexington, twenty-two miles farther on. They reached the bridge in time to see it by moonlight.

Mrs. Boyd, wife of Dr. J. D. Boyd, U. S. N., is expected to return to Washington to-morrow from Cincinnati, where she spent the past several days. Dr. and Mrs. Boyd and Miss Boyd spent the summer in Europe, and have only returned recently.

Rear Admiral Willard H. Bronson, U. S. N., and Mrs. Bronson, who spent the summer in Europe, will sail for home about October 20.

Mrs. George W. Brown, who is spending the week-end in New York, will return to this city to-morrow.

Paymaster Frederick G. Pyne, U. S. N., and Mrs. Pyne have taken the house at 1642 Twenty-first street for the coming season.

Capt. Nelson Gopen, Medical Corps, U. S. A., left Washington Thursday for his new post of duty, at Hot Springs, Ark. Mrs. Gopen and her daughter are visiting in this city, and will join him later.

Mrs. Price, wife of Lieut. Commander Henry Bertrand Price, U. S. N., attached to the U. S. S. Delaware, is visiting in Norfolk.

Miss Nellie Acker has returned to Washington after spending the summer with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Acker, in Oakland, Cal. She probably will be among the debutantes of this season, but she is yet extremely young, and her parents have not quite given their consent to her being launched in society.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Chapin have returned from several months' absence in Japan and the Orient. They returned by way of Europe, and spent some time in Paris and London.

Miss Doris Haywood, daughter of Mrs. William Haywood, will be the Thanksgiving bud this year, and will be presented to society at a tea to be given by her mother in their home, in I street, which is the old home of Mrs. Haywood's parents, the late Judge and Mrs. Jeremiah Wilson. Miss Haywood spent the summer abroad and made a lengthy stay in Paris with her mother and brother.

Mrs. Loud, wife of Representative Loud, of Au Sable, Mich., has returned to their apartment on the Ontario. She was accompanied by their children and her mother, Mrs. Glenn.

Mrs. Ezra Koons and her daughter, Miss Edith Koons, have returned to their apartment at the Highlands after a long absence. They spent July in their old home at Hillsdale, Mich., and the later summer at Bar Harbor and Quebec. On their way back to Washington they stopped for shopping in New York.

Chaplain J. J. Kane, U. S. N., retired, has just returned from Europe on the Cunard liner Carmania, completing his fiftieth trip across the Atlantic. He intends making his home in Washington for the remainder of his days.

Miss Edna Snyder, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. William Taylor Snyder, who will make her debut in Washington society this winter, went to Annapolis yesterday to attend the hop last night. She will retire to Washington to-day. Miss Phyllis Snyder will leave to-morrow to visit her grandmother, Mrs. Hammond, at her summer home in the Adirondacks. Later Miss Snyder will visit in Lawrenceport and Bronxville, N. Y. She will not return until Christmas.

Col. Frederick V. Abbot, United States Engineer Corps; Mrs. Abbot and daughters are now settled in their new home, 68 Sparks street, Cambridge, Mass., their son, Jerry D. Abbot, having returned to college at Hanover, N. H. Col. and Mrs. Abbot will celebrate their silver wedding to-day at an evening reception to their many relatives and friends in Cambridge.

Mrs. William A. Morsell had her guests during the week Miss Sarah A. Wheeler, of North Charles street, Baltimore, and the Misses Farrar and Brock, of Boston, Mass.

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mr. Beekman Winthrop went to New York yesterday, the former to make an inspection of the Brooklyn Navy Yard and the latter to spend a week with her mother, Mrs. John Wood, in New York. Mr. Winthrop returned to the Navy Department last Wednesday, after an inspection cruise aboard the dispatch boat Dolphin, which included the Naval Academy at Annapolis, the navy yard at Norfolk, and the Indian Head proving ground. He was accompanied by Mrs. Winthrop and Miss Marion Oliver.

The Bolivian Minister and Mme. Calderon have returned to the legation for the season. This is the first time the bride of the Minister has come to the legation, as she has spent her time in and around New York ever since the wedding, which took place in New Jersey in mid-summer. Mme. Zalles, older daughter of the Minister, will spend the winter with her father and sister. The new Mme. Calderon is an Englishwoman, who has lived many years in this country.

The former second secretary of the German Embassy, Mr. von Stumm, who, with his American bride, formerly Miss Constance Hoyt, of this city, has been passing several months leave on the von Stumm estate in Germany, has been assigned to a post at Stuttgart, where he and Frau von Stumm will reside for a year. They have taken an apartment in Stuttgart for the winter.

W. A. F. Ekegren, chargé d'affaires of Sweden, and Mme. Ekegren and their baby daughter will go to Sweden for a several months' visit upon the arrival of the newly appointed Minister, Count Ehrensvard, who is expected shortly.

Friends of Count Ladislav Cairaiky, attaché of the Austro-Hungarian Embassy, have been informed that this popular attaché, now on leave of absence, will not return to Washington. Count Cairaiky, who only joined Baron Hengelmueller's staff last winter, accompanied the embassy to Bar Harbor, where he en-

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joyed the same popularity that made him one of the most feted of the younger diplomats in Washington's gay season. He returned to Hungary in September.

Miss Katherine Lettermann, secretary to Mrs. Taft, has returned to her apartment after spending the summer in Europe with her sister.

Prof. Edgar Frisby, U. S. N., Mrs. Frisby, and Miss Frisby have returned to Annapolis from a visit of two months in Mexico City.

Miss Carmel Egan, youngest daughter of the Minister to Denmark, will leave Copenhagen early in November to pass the winter in America with her sister, Mrs. Elmer J. Murphy, at the latter's home in Eighteenth street. Miss Egan was a debutante the year before her father's appointment to Copenhagen, and was among the most popular of the Washington buds of that season.

Mrs. William M. Clarke and Miss Clarke have returned from their home in Pennsylvania to pass the winter at The Connecticut, according to their usual custom.

Passed Assistant Surgeon I. S. K. Reeves, U. S. N., who is on duty at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, arrived in Washington this week, and is the guest of relatives at 1720 Twenty-second street.

Mrs. Victor Kauffmann and her youngest son have joined Mr. Kauffmann at the Grafton for the winter, having recently returned from their camp in the White Mountains. Master Philip Kauffmann went from the mountains to school at Lawrenceville, N. J.

First Lieut. James R. Nalle, Twelfth Infantry, and his bride, who was Miss Gladys Buller, of Sheridan, Wyo., are guests of the bridegroom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Nalle, of this city. They will soon sail for the Philippines, where Lieut. Nalle's regiment is stationed.

Mrs. S. K. Cunningham, Miss Dolly Cunningham, and their guests, Miss Portia Black, daughter of Judge Black, of Philadelphia, and Miss Price, of Philadelphia, to-morrow will go to Winchester, Va., where they will visit Mrs. Harlee, who is giving a house party.

Mrs. Pradley, wife of Pay Director L. A. Pradley, U. S. N., retired, has returned from Sandwich, Mass., and is located at 1506 Twenty-first street.

Miss Bealle Daingerfield, of Alexandria, Va., is the guest of Lieut. and Mrs. Upshur, in Port Royal, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Percival Dodge, the former the immediate predecessor of Hon. Frank Carpenter as Minister to Morocco, have arrived in Washington. Mr. Dodge has been called to an important post in the State Department. They have taken as their residence for the coming winter the home of Mme. von Bruening, in N street, which has been unoccupied for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Baker, of 1225 Euclid street, are the guests of Mrs. Baker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Lambert, of Port Jervis, N. Y.

Mrs. Edward P. Mertz and Miss Marjorie R. Mertz, after spending the summer abroad, have returned to their home in Cleveland Park.

Mrs. Ben Miller and Miss Frances Miller returned the past week to their home for the winter. They stopped over a few days in Philadelphia and New York, after spending a month at Atlantic City. Miss Miller went to Annapolis Friday morning to visit until Monday Mrs. Allen Buchanan in the yard and to attend the hop last evening at the Naval Academy.

Mrs. Harley Calvin Gage and Miss Margaret Gage, have returned to their home in Dupont circle, after spending the summer motoring with friends on Long Island and in Westchester County, New York. On their return they visited Mrs. Gage's brother, Judge Wilbur Ashley Mott, of New Jersey, and spent some time in Atlantic City.

Mrs. Maude Cushing Maxon, after a visit in Western New York, has returned to her home, 3162 Eighteenth street.

Mrs. Frank Tainter, of New York, who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ben de M. Miller, who recently returned to Washington, left here yesterday for Virginia Hot Springs, where she will be the guest of Lady Hadfield.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bass, of the Roman, have visited their Miss Leona Bass, of Baltimore.

Mrs. Dave Frank, of the Clifton, is visiting relatives in New York.

Miss Gladys Mayer will leave Washington to-morrow and go to Baltimore to visit her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mayer.

Paymaster Donald Nesbit, of the Connecticut, is visiting friends in this city and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott Nesbit, at their country home, near Warrenton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Emmons, of Boston, the former a brother of Prof. Franklin Emmons, have leased the residence of the Director of the Smithsonian Institution, Twenty-second street, for six months. The owners of this handsome home, Mr. and Mrs. Walcott, will spend the winter at the Brighton, the latest addition to Washington's smart apartment houses.

Commander G. W. Logan, U. S. N., commanding the U. S. S. Mayflower, arrived in Washington on Monday, and is the guest of friends at Stoneleigh Court.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip S. Hitchborn are passing a few weeks at Stoneleigh Court preparatory to opening their home for the winter.

Lieut. Philip H. Torrey, U. S. M. C., and Mrs. Torrey are being congratulated on the birth of a daughter, Elizabeth Trescott Torrey, October 8, at Port Royal, S. C. Mrs. Torrey was formerly Miss Elizabeth Trescott, of this city.

Mrs. Huntington Jackson, who has been passing a few days with her

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mother, Mrs. Converse, in town, is giving up her residence, "Faraway," at Towson, Md., and will pass the month of November in Washington, the guest of Mr. John B. Jackson, in Connecticut avenue.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Der Gesellig-literarischeverein opened its tenth season last night with an evening dedicated to the Austrian poetess, Baronin Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach. The meeting was held at the home of the president and founder of the club, Miss Anita Schade. A feature of the programme was the piano playing of Mme. Eschenbach, from "Anfänger," Ebner-Eschenbach, Miss Amy C. Leavitt, piano solo, Mme. Maria von Unschuld; the reading of a letter by Ebner-Eschenbach addressed to the president and members of the club by the famous authoress herself. At the close of the programme Mrs. Frank Claudy, vice president of the club, read an interesting biography of Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach. Miss Schade had the pleasure of reading a letter addressed to the president and members of the club by the famous authoress herself. At the close of the programme Mrs. Frank Claudy, vice president of the club, read an interesting biography of Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach. 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