

GOSPEL OF GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS

District Building

Waldo C. Hibbs, secretary to Commissioner Macfarland, and Louis C. Wilson, assistant assessor, purpose the coming spring to make a 125-mile tramp in the Virginia mountains.

These two young men are enthusiastic pedestrians, and in anticipation of their coming walk through the picturesque Shenandoah have accumulated a large number of road maps designed for the use of motorists and wheelmen, showing the location of towns, rivers and roads. When not busy with their official duties the two are in "executive session" or in consultation with friends on this proposed trip. Every one in the District building has heard something about it.

As soon as the weather opens up warm Mr. Hibbs and Mr. Wilson will leave Washington over the Baltimore and Ohio railroad for Shenandoah Junction, where they will take the Norfolk and Western to Natural Bridge Station. After a brief stop they will walk to Lexington, a distance of fourteen miles. From that point they will walk through the picturesque Goshen Pass, in the Blue Ridge, a distance of twenty-five miles. They will make a side trip to Weyer's cave, on the Norfolk and Western railroad, five miles away, made famous before the war by Port Crayon in his book on the caverns.

After exploring the subterranean passages of the Luray caverns they will take a train home. The entire distance to be covered on foot will exceed 125 miles. These young men have recently lost a frequent companion on their trips, just a dog, whose own chief delights were a long walk and a game of ball, a fox terrier, formally and infrequently addressed as "Mr. Punchello," and more familiarly as "Punch," the long-time property of Mr. Hibbs. He was a dog of character and of ancient English lineage, who walked, or rather trotted through life with ears cocked and tail up, manifesting in his intent to his friends and receiving even the remotest suggestion of "take a walk" with yelps of delight. His death, of pneumonia recently, threw into mourning a long list of intimate personal friends, for he had long ago usurped the position of host in his master's house, and extended the glad paw of welcome to the friends of the household.

Waldo C. Hibbs, secretary to Commissioner Macfarland, is a diplomat of no mean ability—this particular quality being demonstrated in his ability on many an occasion—a feature of his ripe experience in handling men that makes him invaluable to the Commissioner. But no one has ever charged him with being possessed with a humorous turn—he's too dignified for that. However, one day last week he went on record as a humorist. His telephone rang. He took down the receiver and said "Hello," when he was greeted with a pleasant sounding German voice, which proceeded to inquire:

"Was dits der Deestrick building?" Secretary Hibbs assured his questioner that it was, when this conversation followed:

"Vel, is that where they makes legisla-tion?"

Mr. Hibbs pleaded guilty to the charge and said, "Yes, we do frame up and recommend to Congress some laws up here."

"All right," said the German voice, "what could you tell me about der draft of der beer bill?" Thunderclap for the moment, as he had never heard of any beer legislation having been before the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Hibbs was puzzled, but only for a moment, when he handed his German questioner this lemon over the wire. "Oh, yes," he remembered. The draft of the beer bill has come to light, but for the present it will be kept dark."

Just at this point Mr. Hibbs hung up the receiver. The Commissioner is in receipt of a communication from a man who seeks employment under the District government that from the standpoint of simplified spelling and complex rhetoric is one of the most remarkable communications ever received at the District building. It was addressed to "the honorable board of Commissioners of the district of Columbia." It was written on note paper, ruled, and, while readable, showed that the writer had with no little effort filled the three sheets of his communication. The spelling belonged to a school of simplicity and brevity that has the President's system beaten a mile. The translation of the letter taxed the genius and capacity of experts in handwriting of private secretaries Hibbs, Pratt, and Gargus, of the Commissioners' offices, and Chief Clerk Meyers, of the executive offices.

Henry B. Davis, inspector of plumbing, has returned from Cleveland, Ohio, where he went in the dual capacity of president of the Sanitary Engineers and Plumbers Association of America, which he organized here a year ago, and as representative from the District to secure information in a general plan to formulate national and international rules to regulate steam fitting and plumbing of a uniform nature. He was re-elected president of his association and came home with a fund of valuable information.

While away he stopped off in Pittsburgh. The story published in this column last Sunday in connection with the contention in the executive office as to whose treat it was—or both—Chief Clerk Meyers' by reason of his promotion, or Clerk Johnston's by reason of his recent marriage, resulted in Mr. Meyers presenting the ladies of his office with a box of fine candy, and the men clerks with good cigars. It's now Mr. Johnston's turn.

The proprietor of a medicinal remedy, a panacea for all ills of flesh, with the hope of advertising his compound, has sent a letter to the Commissioner, extolling the efficacy of his medicine, which he recommends the Commissioner to try personally for any physical ailment with which they may be afflicted. However, the Commissioner are not seriously considering taking the nostrum, but have referred the communication to Dr. Woodward, of the Health Department, who handled the papers with gum gloves.

Thursday, while the elements outside cast a mantle of snow over the city and a gloom in the offices of the District building, the newspapermen in the reporters' room sat in a brown study striving to think up a subject on which

PASSED TO HIS REWARD



"PUNCH,"

Whose Death is Mourned by Hosts of Friends.

they could write a new story—news had been usually quiet all day—when suddenly the door opened and a handsome young woman walked in the room. There was a scamp for coats—all the fellows were in their shirt sleeves—pipes and cigarettes were discarded and everybody "sat up" and tried to look handsome. The young woman came on a business mission. She disposed of it quickly and was soon gone. But her short presence had dispelled the gloom and everything seemed brighter for her short presence. The press room is a seldom honored by the presence of a lady visitor, and this event was out of the ordinary. Three of the reporters are married men, the other one—Nick—is a bachelor, and how cheery he did get after the lady departed. He seemed to think she gave him a special look, and he even went to the looking glass to take a look at himself. He returned to his desk with a self-satisfied smile that seemed to say, "Oh, I'm the candy boy." A little later, when it was learned that the lady was a married woman, Nick became crusty, left the room for a round of the building for news, and an attempt to hide his disappointment.

Dan Donovan, of the Auditor's Office, noted for his fund of good stories, was stumped for once yesterday when asked to tell an original story, not a chestnut.

One of the busiest men in the building last week was Louis C. Wilson, one of the assistant assessors in Assessor E. W. Griffin's office. He was too busy to even talk to the newspaper men, for whom he has a fondness and that is reciprocated by the members of the "Fourth Estate."

Commissioner Biddle, who has been out of the city for the past three days, is expected in his office tomorrow morning.

C. T. Shoemaker, leave clerk, is on the sick list and was absent from his office Saturday.

FORGIVENESS DINNER FOR PAIR OF ELOPERS

Last Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Frank O. Everett, the former of the division of appointments, entertained Mr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Everett at their home. The dinner was a "forgiveness dinner," which was the result of the secret marriage of Ernest D. Everett and Miss Elizabeth Galtner on December 22. The families of the young people, it seems, were not taken into their confidence when they planned and executed their coup. Mr. Everett took the form of a trip to Leesburg, Va., in the latter part of December, where the marriage ceremony took place. The secret finally leaked out, and the "forgiveness dinner" followed. Mrs. Everett was formerly Miss Elizabeth Galtner, of this city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Everett were employed in the Interior Department. They are at home to their friends at 23 Q street northeast.

MANY EUROPEAN ROYALTIES HAVE WRITTEN FOR PAPERS

In the course of the recent sojourn of King George of Greece in Paris a long article was published in a newspaper of that city, dealing with the conditions in the island of Crete. The article bore the signature of one of the editors, but it has been learned since that the signature was fictitious, and that its true author was the King. King George is not the first monarch to avail himself of an opportunity to publish his views on a pending question of the day. Emperor William I of Germany, who as early as 1848 realized the ever-growing importance of the press, published in the Preussische Wehr-Zeitung several articles on military topics. Napoleon III whenever outvoted in his council of ministers and compelled to consent to some measure he opposed, would go over to the opposition of his own government. He supported in Brussels a newspaper, of which no notice would have been taken had it not been an open secret that it was fed from the Tuilleries. After the publication of the emperor's decision in this Brussels paper would print an editorial attacking it violently, and this editorial was written by the emperor himself. After Napoleon's fall there were found among his papers the outlines of a serial novel, to be published in the newspapers of the provinces, that was to depict the rule of the Bonapartes in the most brilliant colors. King Oscar of Sweden has contributed many articles to Swedish newspapers.

CURE FOR OPIUM HABIT SAID TO HAVE BEEN FOUND

It would not be wise, perhaps, to put too much faith in a story which comes from the Straits Settlement concerning the discovery of a specific for the opium habit. The drug is largely used by Chinese in Singapore, Penang, and other centers in Malaya, but a plant which grows freely in Selangor is, so far as the story runs, working wonders in the way of destroying the craving for the poppy product. It is described as a shrub akin to gambier, and a decoction from the dried leaves is said to effect the cure.

Local anti-opium societies have been formed in different places, dispensaries have been opened to supply the specific and at some of these there have been more than 2,000 applicants in one day. In the few weeks since the plant was discovered no fewer than 14,000 persons in Kuala Lumpur alone are said to have been cured. Supposing the reports are true, there is something suspicious about the sudden popularity of the antidote.

Agriculture

The Farmers had as their opponents in the departmental league chess match last Wednesday evening, at the Washington Chess Club, the Navy-War team, which is composed of some of last year's champions. The match resulted in a draw. Prof. Hitchcock, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, being the only knight of his team to score a victory, which he did by defeating his opponent, C. L. Snell, of the Navy. Messrs. Rutter and Pew, of the Farmers, won their games by forfeit, while Roberts, Parks, and Cross lost in actual play. This is probably the last match Prof. Hitchcock will participate in this season, as he has been detailed by the department to do special work abroad, and leaves the last of this month to assume his new duties. His absence will seriously handicap the Farmers, as he is a very strong player, and has been putting up a fine article of the royal game this winter, having lost but one game so far in the present tournament. He has also made an excellent record in the departmental chess handicap, but will be unable to complete his schedule. The Farmers do not play again until January 30, when they have as their opponents the Interior team. Following is the result of Wednesday's match:

Agriculture—Roberts, 0; Hitchcock, 1; Parks, 0; Cross, 0; Rutter, 1; Pew, 1. Total, 3.
Navy-War—Tibbets, 1; Snell, 0; Webster, 1; Molkow, 1; 2 games forfeited. Total, 3.

The paper read by Miss Josephine A. Clark, librarian of the department, before the Washington Library Association at its meeting last week, contained some very interesting information concerning the growth and development of the department library. The present library was founded in 1829 in the agricultural division, of the patent office, then under the jurisdiction of the Department of State, and the first librarian, J. B. Russell, was appointed in 1837. In 1838 the agricultural work was transferred to the Department of the Interior, and in 1862 the library was transferred to the new building erected for the Department of Agriculture, and at the present time this library is said to be the largest collection of books and pamphlets on agriculture in the world.

Thomas A. Scott, who has been connected with the law office of the Forest Service, has resigned to engage in the practice of law at Spokane, Wash. Mr. Scott was appointed as clerk from the Fifth Congressional District of Missouri in the Bureau of Animal Industry. During his service in the bureau he took up the study of law at the George Washington University, and after graduating was transferred to the law office of the Forest Service. During Mr. Scott's connection with the department he made a host of friends, who wish him much success in his new field of labor.

Prof. H. W. Wiley, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, gave a very interesting lecture on Monday evening at the Vermont Avenue Christian Church, under the auspices of the Men's Club of that congregation. Prof. Wiley talked of what the pure food laws will do for the public.

Roy A. Cave, of the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa, has been appointed handbook assistant in the animal husbandry office of the Bureau of Animal Industry.

The friends in the department of Capt. John T. Lytle, secretary of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, were pained to learn of his death, which occurred at San Antonio, Tex., last week.

Glifford Pinchot, chief of the Forest Service, left the past week for an extended Western trip.

R. H. Ransom, chief of the zoological division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, is on a short trip to South Dakota.

Richard R. Wallace, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, is absent on a few days' annual leave.

Miss Susana Flanagan, of the Forest Service, is spending a few days' annual leave.

McPherson Reynolds, of the dairy division of the Bureau of Animal Industry, was absent a few days the past week on account of illness.

S. B. Gregory, of the Weather Bureau, is absent on a few days' annual leave.

H. H. Walters, time clerk of the department, has been transferred to the Bureau of Chemistry. Mr. Walters will have charge of the files and records in his new position, and intends installing a new system for the keeping of records and correspondence of the bureau.

G. L. Fauett, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, has returned to duty after a couple days' annual leave.

Charles A. Scott, of the Forest Service, left the past week for a forest leave, which will be spent in Nebraska.

A. A. Girault, special field agent in the Bureau of Entomology, is absent on a few days' leave.

C. R. Corey, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, returned to duty the past week after three days' annual leave.

The remains of Mrs. Charlotte Thomas, clerk in the pomology division of the Bureau of Plant Industry, who died at her apartment, 225 Fifth street southeast, last week, were taken to her old home at Corning, N. Y., for burial. Mrs. Thomas, who was one of the oldest clerks in the department, was seventy-nine years of age, and had been in the service of the department for about fifteen years, and her sudden death came as a great shock to her friends.

W. W. Husson, of the Weather Bureau, has been absent on a few days' annual leave, and returned to duty the past week.

F. B. Headley, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, is absent on a few days' leave.

F. R. French, of the Bureau of Animal Industry, is taking a few days' annual leave.

W. W. Jefferson, of the Weather Bureau, has returned to duty after a couple days' leave.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Brookland

The Emerson Club of Brookland, under the supervision of its president, the Mrs. Bertie, met Friday at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Daniels. The evening was spent in the discussing of Emerson's essay, "Self Reliance." Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. McHugh, Mr. and Mrs. Moister, Mr. and Mrs. Gross, Mrs. Kinnam, Mrs. Noel, Mrs. Downing, Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Carpenter, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Briscoe, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Berryman, Mrs. Zollinger, Mr. Massey, Misses Marian, Bertie, Della, and Smith. The club will meet on Friday next at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James F. McHugh for a further discussion of the same essay.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Brookland Baptist Church will give a supper on February 5, in the church hall. The committee in charge of the supper consists of Mrs. J. B. Lord, Mrs. J. L. Primm, Mrs. D. Marlan, Mrs. Etz, Mrs. Lynch, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Galbraith, Mrs. Holmes, Miss Alice Hughes, and Miss Brown.

The Brookland Methodist Social Club was given an enjoyable evening at the home of Rev. E. E. Marshall. The evening was spent in music and games, followed by a delicious refreshment.

Capt. Joseph Banner entertained St. Anthony's Club on Wednesday evening last. After the business of the club had been transacted they indulged in a few games of euchre.

The Brookland Chapter of the Eastern Star will meet on Wednesday evening at the town hall. A number of new members will be initiated.

Mrs. Farquhar has returned to Chicago, where her husband is engaged in work with the Census Bureau.

Lieutenant Watt, of Engine Company No. 15, who has been very ill, is convalescing.

Mrs. F. A. Watson, of Evans street, who has been ill for the past week, is improving.

Mr. Andres, of Fourteenth street, and Mrs. Owens, of Langdon, were married Thursday. They will make their future home at Fourteenth street and Brentwood road.

Dr. Robert True, of Newton street, an employee of the Department of Agriculture, has left for Florida.

Mr. Waley, of Thirteenth and Hamilton street, entertained the Girls' Friendly Society on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Blake Clark entertained the club Mrs. Misses Alice Brown, Grace Atwell, Mary Shrader, John Mayhew, Jaunetter Goodley, Nellie Mason, Marguerite Miller, Agnes Bayne, Mable Smithson, Edna Mackey, and Messrs. William Pagen, James Ramsey, Alfred O'Grady, John Smith, Albert Emertzer, George Wayleigh, Ralph Johnson, Leonard Mangum, Robert Wetling, Wilson Andrews, John Angess, and Randolph Angess.

Brightwood

The Brightwood Knockers' Club, a popular organization, was entertained Saturday evening at the home of Miss Alice Brown. After a short business meeting the guests enjoyed a game of euchre, in which William Pagen and Grace Atwell received prizes. Those composing the club were Misses Alice Brown, Grace Atwell, Mary Shrader, John Mayhew, Jaunetter Goodley, Nellie Mason, Marguerite Miller, Agnes Bayne, Mable Smithson, Edna Mackey, and Messrs. William Pagen, James Ramsey, Alfred O'Grady, John Smith, Albert Emertzer, George Wayleigh, Ralph Johnson, Leonard Mangum, Robert Wetling, Wilson Andrews, John Angess, and Randolph Angess.

In Honor of Son's Return. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson had a number of people at their residence, on Eighth street, Tuesday evening. The occasion was a year in honor of their son's return from a year's stay in New Mexico. After listening to the interesting story of Mrs. Robinson's stay in the Western Territory, the happy guests were ushered into the dining room, where supper was served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Graymiller, Mrs. Anna Wellington, Mr. and Mrs. John Talley, Ralph Angess, Miss Lillian Breedy, Mrs. Arthur Young, Miss Howard Barkley, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Robinson.

Successful Euchre Party. A successful euchre party was held at the home of Miss Mable Losen Monday evening. After ten successive games were played the punch cards were examined. Mr. Matthew H. Wiley and Miss Cora Bethnell received first prizes. Those present were Messrs. Matthew Whitley, Louis Shrader, James Longlaw, Horace Clingbecker, Jesse R. Connolly, William P. Glatner, James K. Austen, and Misses Edna Atwell, Mable Losen, Kate Graymiller, Emma Right, Julia Lineman, Mabel Welton, Lillian Thompson, May Hunt, and Edna Key.

Personal Notes. Mr. and Mrs. G. Glascoe have moved from Eighth, near Longfellow street, to their new home, on Brightwood avenue.

The next meeting of the Central High School Sophomore Club will be at the home of Miss Mabel Reeves, of Sherman avenue.

Miss Nellie Smith, of the city, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Cox at dinner last week.

Charles Schnech was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Glascoe, of Brightwood avenue.

Paul Dexter visited friends in Takoma Park last week.

Louis Schnech is now living with his sister, Mrs. Glascoe, of Brightwood avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bradenbridge have returned from a two weeks' visit with friends in Baltimore.

Miss Cora Bethnell spent Monday night with her aunt, Mrs. Hummel, of Lamont street.

Howard Shellman has left the city for Chester Pa., where he has a position with the Chester Ax Manufacturing Company.

Anacostia

John A. Logan Post, No. 13, G. A. R., and its ladies' auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 7, held joint installation exercises Wednesday evening last, in the Masonic Hall, in Anacostia. Mrs. Keeler, the department instituting and installing officer, acting as the installing officer for the ladies' organization and Mr. Eldridge performing a like service for the post. The officers installed for the post are A. B. Frisbie, commander; Henry W. Eno, senior vice commander; W. Marden King, junior vice commander; the Rev. Willard G. Davenport, chaplain; Nelson H. Miller, surgeon; James H. Douy, officer of the day; John H. Anderson, officer of the guard; Alpheus Davidson, quartermaster; Louis Hicks, adjutant; Thomas J. Putnam, sergeant major; E. C. Messer, quartermaster sergeant; William H. Peck, patriotic instructor.

The following are the officers installed for the Woman's Relief Corps: Mrs. Mary A. Simpson, president; Mrs. Emma Eno, senior vice president; Mrs. Emma Williams, junior vice president; Mrs. James McLean, chaplain; Mrs. Eliza P. Watson, treasurer; Mrs. Margaret B. Tew, secretary; Mrs. Carrie King, conductress; Mrs. Julia A. Douy, guard; Mrs. Annie A. Peck, patriotic instructor; Mrs. Elizabeth Bube, Miss Mary Coleman, and Miss Edna Williams, color bearers. After the installation ceremonies a program was rendered. Remarks were made by Commander Frisbie, Mrs. Keeler, Mrs. Vina M. Calhoun, the department president; James H. Douy, Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. Annie Peck, Mrs. Isabel Worrell Hall, special national press correspondent; Messrs. Eldridge and Rowe. William Scantlebury contributed a solo, accompanied on the piano by Miss Ritchie. Mr. Gallagher gave a recitation. Refreshments were served by the ladies.

Building a New Home. Policeman Joseph L. Giltott, of the Anacostia force, is having a new dwelling built at premises 424 Jackson street. It will be a six-room house, containing modern improvements, and will cost \$2,000. The contract has been awarded to Mrs. A. L. Foss, a local architect.

Returned to Duty. Sergt. Charles A. Stevens, in command of the Anacostia station, who has been absent from duty owing to illness, resumed charge of the affairs of the precinct last Saturday relieving Sergt. J. W. McCormick, who was assigned from night work to the day post. Mounted Officer A. W. Green has been acting as sergeant at night.

St. Elizabeth's Entertainment. An amateur dramatic company from this city, under the management of Edmond Oliver, journeyed to St. Elizabeth's Asylum last Friday evening, where a performance was given for the amusement of the patients and employees in the assembly hall of the institution. The orchestra of the hospital assisted in the entertainment. Those taking part were Clara Dupree, Jessie Ward, Jennie Shepherd, Lola Williams, Gertie Lauer, Annie Shepherd, Gustaf Moberg, John L. Reh, Charles Sprenger, Robert Hey, Paul Oliver, and Edward Oliver. The performance terminated with a one-act comedy entitled "Trouble." The closing number was "Good Old U. S. A.," rendered by entire company.

Baptists Plan Reunion. Plans are under consideration for a reunion of the members of the Anacostia Baptist Church the latter part of the present month. The event will be the first of this character ever held by the church. It is the intention to have all the members assemble answer to roll call and enjoy an entertainment.

Death of Miss Weigel. The recent death of Miss Rose Weigel, which occurred at Providence Hospital after an unexpected recurrence of illness, was a great shock to the members of her family and their friends. Miss Weigel was the daughter of Dr. Dorah Weigel, of 119 Jefferson street. She was one of the Sunday school teachers in the Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, and was a member of the Junior Daughters of the King of the same parish. The funeral occurred from the Emmanuel P. E. Church, Rev. Willard G. Davenport, the pastor, officiating. The Society of the Junior Daughters of the King attended in a body and presented a floral cross, the badge of the order, as a token of remembrance. In addition each member placed a rose on the casket. The interment was in Prospect Hill cemetery.

Martin-Canter Nuptials. A wedding of great interest to Anacostians was that of Francis Theodore Canter and Miss Jane Margaret Martin on last Wednesday afternoon at St. Mark's Catholic Church, Catonsville, Md. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Dume, pastor of the church. Miss Mary Martin, of Anacostia, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid. Miss Helen Martin, of Baltimore, also sister of the bride, was the maid of honor, and Henry J. Guy was best man. The ushers were Messrs. John McNulty, Thomas Martin, Edward Shipley, and William Crowley, all of Baltimore. A reception was held at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Martin, parents of the bride, at 3 Bloomsbury avenue, Catonsville. Among those present from Anacostia were Miss Mary McNamara, Miss Mary Soper, Miss Mary Martin, and Henry J. Guy. Others were present from this city, New York, Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Canter will reside in Catonsville.

Holy Name Society Officers. The Holy Name Society of St. Theresa's parish, in Anacostia, met recently in the hall of the church, corner of Washington and Filmore streets, for the purpose of electing officers for the new year and of perfecting plans for the special service in St. Theresa's, to be held under the auspices of the organization. The election of officers resulted in the choice of those who had been in service the past year, as follows: The Rev. M. P. Eagan, assistant pastor, spiritual director and treasurer; P. S. Quaid, president; Alston Moore, recording secretary; Clayton Beall, financial secretary; J. T. Farrell, sacristan. It was decided to hold a special vespers service Sunday evening in the church, and to extend an invitation to the various Holy Name societies of the city to participate. The choir of St. Theresa will render special music, and the sermon, it was announced, will be delivered by the

Takoma Park

J. W. Jarvis, who spent a few days at this place, has returned to his business in Boston.

Miss Johanson has returned to her home in New York city, after a pleasant visit with her friend, Mrs. D. W. Keavis, at this place.

J. M. Quinn, of Grant avenue, spoke at the Young People's Endeavor, at the Memorial Church, in Washington, on Friday evening.

Mrs. Miss Holmes arrived here Thursday from Des Moines, Iowa, and will visit at the home of her son, C. E. Holmes, on Blair Road.

Mrs. Clarke, of this place, visited friends in Washington Wednesday.

Mrs. Carly, of Mt. Pleasant, was a guest of Mrs. C. C. King, of Cedar street.

K. C. Russell, who has been in Hartford, Conn., the past week, returned Tuesday evening to his home, on Highland avenue.

Mrs. Ralph Denison, of Pine street, is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Hancock came to this place from Boston, Mass., to make this place his home during this winter.

Mrs. D. W. Reavis called on friends at this place on Monday.

R. D. Hottell, of New Market, Va., visited his son, William D. Hottell, at this place last week.

Mrs. Smith, who has been in Ohio visiting, returned recently to her home on Carroll avenue.

Dr. J. H. Neal and wife called on friends in Takoma Park Tuesday.

Mrs. Martha Ellsworth, who has been quite ill at her home, on Magnolia avenue, is slowly recovering.

Miss Miller has recently come to this place from Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Smith, of Brightwood, were at this place Tuesday.

Alexandria

Mrs. S. G. Brent last week entertained her friends at a bridge party at her home in North Columbus street.

Samuel Cuvillier and son, Charles, left Alexandria for New York last week, from which port they sailed for Colon, Isthmus of Panama.

Mrs. M. N. Cole and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, are making their home at the residence of Mrs. Cole's brother, J. E. McCreaw, in South St. Asaph street.

Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett had as her guest last week her son, Robert, of New Mexico.

Announcement has been made of the marriage at St. Mary's Church, on last week, by the Rev. H. J. Cutler, of Henry Borden and Mrs. Mamie Wells, both of this city.

Dr. Charles T. Lindsay had as his guest last week Judge N. C. McDougal, of Kansas City.

Thomas W. Collingsworth, who has been ill at his home in South Fairfax street, is better.

Miss Sophia Bendheim, who has been visiting in Richmond, has returned home.

Mrs. Marshall L. King, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Hancel, in Charlottesville, has returned home.

J. M. Hill had as his guest last week Representative R. D. Cole, of Ohio.

Miss Nellie Hoy had as her guest last week Miss Lillian Becker, of Richmond.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of William F. Webster, of this city, to Miss Sara Laseourrie, of New York. The wedding will take place in this city the last of this month.

Miss Ethel Larnard had as her guest last week Miss Kate Collins, of Orange.

Mrs. Thomas Moss paid a visit to friends in New York last week.

Mrs. George A. Nowland was last week confined to her home by sickness.

Miss Etta Jackson last week paid a visit to Miss Marie Allen, in Harrisonburg.

William Scrivener was last week confined to his home by an attack of grip.

Miss Lena Carter had as her guest last week Miss Frances Turner of The Plains.

Rev. Father Noonan, of St. Dominic's Church, the feast of the Holy Name will be celebrated Sunday in the Catholic churches, and it was thought the special program outlined would be appropriate for its observance in St. Theresa's parish. Following the service the members of the different societies present will be entertained in the church hall at a smoker.

Personal Notes. Miss Anna Vincent, of 12 Maple avenue, who has been confined to her home by a severe attack of grip, is able to be about again.

Mrs. T. J. Moore, who has been spending a few days with her nephew, G. H. Shannon, of New Shore, Md., has returned to her home.

HOW A CHINESE SOLOMON DECIDED A DIFFICULT CASE. A blind street musician, reports a Chinese paper, stood on the shore of a river, puzzled how to cross the stream. He implored an oil dealer, who happened to come along, to assist him. The oil dealer had pity on the helpless man, took him on his shoulders, gave him his money bag to hold, and carried him across. When he deposited his burden on the other shore the blind man refused to return him his money bag, raised a noise and declared that the money was his property. The matter came before the judge, and each man said on oath that the money belonged to him. The judge finally ordered the bag of money emptied into a sack, and then suddenly announced that the oil dealer was the owner. When asked for the reason for his decision, he declared that the money of the oil dealer must certainly show traces of his business, and indeed, on the surface of the water traces of oil were found.

MONEY FOR STREETS IN THE DISTRICT