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CREAM CHOCOLATES.—Mr. G. Lavie, No 21 St. Charles street, has just received an invoice of the celebrated Cream Chocolates of Masson, of Paris.

HAVANA AND MEXICO.—We have Havana journals to the 23d Dec. They contain no news of general importance. Their advices from Mexico are to the 9th Dec., and represent the "dissidents" beaten on all sides and resistance to the Empire diminishing. From Tampico it is reported that the guerrillas remaining south of Tamaulipas do not exceed 150 men.

The Havana Press of the 23d Dec. cont the lottery drawing of the 21st, by which it appears that No. 25,240, sold in this city, gained a prize of $50,000.

THE OPERA.—The performance of Ernani at the Opera House last night was well attended and excellently rendered. Sig. Susini, basso, this first appearance, made quite a favorable impression. This evening Norma will be given, leading parts to be supported by Mme Ghioni, Mlle. Cauissa, and Signor Maccafferri and Susini.

POSTPONEMENT.—The time for Mlle Rhea's grand vocal and instrumental concert at Odd Fellows' Hall, has been changed from this evening to Thursday evening, the 4th January.

GRAND BENEFIT CONCERT.—A grand concert for the benefit of widows and orphans of Louisiana soldiers is to be given at Odd Fellows' Hall, on Friday evening, by the Society of the Children of Mary. It will present the unusual combination of two pianos and twenty four young ladies performing thereon.

The President's Special Message.

Mr. Sumner may well have been disturbed in the Senate on the 19th inst., when the special message of President Johnson on the condition of the South, accompanied by a report from Gen. Grant of the results of the latter's recent visit to several of the Southern States, was laid formally before that body. A report from Carl Schurz "on the loyalty of the South," but to long to be read without overtaxing the time and patience of the Senate, was also submitted along with the special message. But as this report was founded on observations considerably inferior to those made by Gen. Grant, and to conclusions of the President deduced from the most recent data, official or unofficial, in his possession, it may reasonably be regarded as obsolete or superseded, in the presence of the exhibit of the condition of the South given by these highest civil and military functionaries of the Government. The President, in laying this information before the Senate, did so in response to an official inquiry addressed to him by that body as to "the condition of the South." In this relation he "communicates to it *ex officio* facts such as may guide them in acting on the question of reorganization;" and, having, ostensibly, invited them for that purpose, the Republican majority in the Senate can not refuse to use them in good faith in that character without taking the serious responsibility before the country of rejecting the testimony of the President as an official falsification. For such a rejection of it, Mr Sumner showed that he at least was ready, the moment the message was read, when he characterized it as a "white washing" document in the sense in which that epithet was applied by the Abolitionists of Congress to the message of President Pierce on "bleeding Kansas." Senators Doolittle and Dixon were perfectly justified in so understanding Mr. Sumner, when they rose to defend the President against his imputation. Mr. Sumner's ultimate effort to qualify his injurious language, after having solemnly that he had nothing to recant or to explain, was far from creditable either to his firmness, candor, or verbological ingenuity. Nothing could appear more puerile and unsemantical than the lexicographic quibbling by which he sought to evade the responsibility of insulting the veracity, while repudiating the testimony of the President.

As to the tenor of the information upon which Mr Sumner and the Republicans of his school are evidently prepared to make an issue with the President, the telegraph gave a partial glimpse a few days ago. We now have it in full as textually delivered to the Senate. It must be admitted, on examining it in detail and considering its general purport, that Mr. Sumner could do otherwise than reject its evidence of the condition of the South" without abandoning the ideal material assumptions in his own position in reference to the question of Southern reorganization and restoration. For by this official act the President declares that the rebellion is at an end, a declaration which is not less entitled to the acceptance of Congress than a previous declaration from the Executive that an insurrection existed. Congress based war legislation on one, and it now devolves upon it to base peace legislation on the other. But, like the Roman orator of old, the voice of Mr. Sumner is "still for war." Nothing remains to a complete restoration of the Union, according to the President, supported by Gen. Grant, but Southern representation in Congress and a just system of taxation.

But Mr. Sumner will not consent to such a restoration, and if the two Houses shall agree with him in this respect, we will have the singular spectacle of the Union restored as regards the Executive branch, and disrupted as regards the Legislative branch of the Government, of peace in the nation of the President, of war in the action of Congress.

But it begins to be much less certain than it was a few weeks ago whether Congress will persist in contravening the policy of the President, in view of the cordial approval of that policy as set forth in his late regular message by the press and the people throughout the country. The New York *Times*, in an article ascribed to Mr. Raymond, significantly refers to the important bearing of this last fact, when it says:

> The President's view and recommendations have broadly and emphatically met public eyes whether or not they will rally with old theories and representations. This also presents nothing else than that the great object of the struggle for both sections is to be accomplished. Congress will make a grievous mistake if it fails to take special note of this sign of the times.

The approval of the President's Message by the people, North and South, is a popular ratification of the policy he has acted upon. Let Congress not itself combat and attempt to contravene it.

STEAMER PERRY ON IN ALABAMA RIVER.—We are informed that the steamer Dove, which arrived here on Thursday, from Mobile, on her downward trip, by a party of guerrillas on the river bound. The boat was thoroughly searched and then set adrift. The captain and passengers passed the fiend. Tuesday night's down steamer her pilot house, but fortunately no one was injured.

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Special Message of the President on the Condition of the Southern States—Gen. Grant's report of his Late Visit—Their Meeting with the United States Senate—Mr. Sumner's Call the Message Whitewashing.

We find in the *National Intelligencer* of the 20th the following among the previous day's proceedings in the United States Senate:

Mr. Cowan said a message had just been received from the President in response to a resolution calling for information as to the condition of the States lately in rebellion. He called for the reading of that message.

The message of the President was read, as follows:

To the Senate of the United States:

In reply to the resolution adopted by the Senate on the 12th instant, I have the honor to state that the restoration waged by a portion of the people against the properly constituted authority of the Government of the United States has been suppressed; that the United States are in possession of every State in which the insurrection existed, and that, as far as it could be done, the courts of the United States have been restored, post offices re-established, and steps taken to put into effective operation the revenue laws of the country.

As the result of the measures instituted by the Executive, with the view of inducing a re-assumption of the functions of the States comprehended in the inquiry of the Senate, the people of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee have reorganized their respective State governments. They are yielding obedience to the laws and Government of the United States, with more willingness and greater promptitude than under the circumstances could reasonably have been anticipated. The proposed amendment of the Constitution, providing for the abolition of slavery forever within the limits of the country, has been ratified by each one of those States, with the exception of Mississippi, from which no official information has been received, and in nearly all of them measures have been adopted, or are now pending, to confer upon freedmen the privileges which are essential to their comfort, protection, and security. In Florida and Texas the people are making commendable progress in restoring their State governments, and no doubt is entertained but they will at an early period be in a condition to resume all of their practical relations with the General Government.

In what portion of the Union lately in rebellion," the report of affairs is more promising than, in view of all the circumstances, could well have been expected. The people throughout the entire South evince a laudable desire to renew their allegiance to the Government, and to repair the devastation of war by prompt and cheerful return to peaceful pursuits, and abiding faith is entertained that their actions will conform to their professions, and thus acknowledging the supremacy of the Constitution and laws of the United States their loyalty will be unreservedly tendered, and a Government whose leniency they cannot fail to appreciate, and whose fostering care will soon restore them to a condition of prosperity. It is true that in some of the States the demoralizing effects of the war are to be seen in occasional disorders; but these are local in character, not frequent in occurrence, and rapidly disappearing as the authority of civil law is extended and sustained. Perplexing questions are naturally to be expected from the great and sudden change in the relations of the races, but systems are gradually developing themselves under which the freedman will receive the protection to which he is justly entitled, and, by means of his honest, intelligent and industrious efforts under the protection of equal laws, will soon become a independent member in the community in which he has a home.

From all the information in my possession, and from that which I have recently derived from the most reliable authority, I am induced to cherish the belief that sectional animosity is surely and rapidly merging itself into a spirit of nationality, and that representation, connected with a properly adjusted system of taxation, will result in a harmonious restoration of the relation of the States to the National Union.

The report of Gen. Grant is herewith transmitted as requested by the Senate. No reports from the Hon. John Covode have been received by the President. The attention of the Senate is invited to the accompanying report from Lieutenant General Grant, who recently made a tour of inspection through several of the States whose inhabitants participated in the rebellion.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

WASHINGTON, December 18, 1865.

Mr. Cowan then called for the reading of a report made to the President by Gen. Grant, concerning his late visit to the South.

Gen Grant's report was read as follows:

HEADQUARTERS ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18, 1865.

His Excellency A. Johnson, President of the United States:

SIR: In reply to your note of the 16th inst requesting a report from me, giving such information me I may be possessed of, coming within the scope of the inquiries made by the Senate of the United States, in their resolution of the 12th instant, I have the honor to submit the following:

With your approval and also that of the honorable Secretary of War, I left Washington City on the 27th of last month for the purpose of making a tour of inspection through some of the Southern States, or States lately in rebellion, and to see what changes were necessary to be made in the disposition of the military forces of the country, how these forces could be reduced, and expenses curtailed, etc., and to learn as far as possible the feeling of the citizens of these States towards the General Government. The State of Virginia being a necessary halt to Washington City, and information from that quarter, therefore, readily obtained, I hastened through the State without conversing or meeting with any of its citizens. In Raleigh, North Carolina, I spent one day, in Charleston, South Carolina, two days, Savannah and Augusta, Georgia, each one day. Both in traveling and while stopping, I saw much and conversed freely with the citizens of those States, as well as with officers of the army who have been stationed over them. The following are the conclusions I have come to by me:

I am satisfied that the mass of thinking men of the South accept the present situation of affairs in good faith. The questions which have heretofore divided the sentiments of the people of the two sections—slavery and State rights—or the right of a State to secede from the Union—they regard as having been settled forever by the highest tribunal—arms—that man can resort to. I was pleased to learn from the leading men whom I met that they not only accepted the decision arrived at as final, but that now the smoke of battle has cleared away and time has been given for reflection, that this decision has been a fortunate one for the whole country, they receiving the like benefits from it with those who opposed them in the field and in the cause.

Four years of war, during which law was executed only at the point of the bayonet throughout the States in rebellion, have left the people, possibly, in a condition not to yield that ready obedience to civil authority the American people have generally been in the habit of yielding. This would render the presence of small garrisons throughout those States necessary until such time as labor returns to its proper channel and civil authority is fully established. I did not meet any one, either those holding places under the Government or citizens of the Southern States, who did not think it practicable to withdraw the military from the South at present. The white and the black mutually require the protection of the General Government.

There is another reason why the early withdrawal of the military from the South is necessary. The embarrassments in existing between the two races, but more particularly the want of security for life and property, together with the large majority of the people not having yet taken the oath prescribed in the President's proclamation, operate to keep out of the South large numbers of people who would otherwise go there, and who contribute by their capital, their labor, and their votes to make it prosperous and contented. Idleness and poverty are the two great elements of danger in the South. Both white and black are without employment, and both are firm in the belief that the Government is bound to support them. Thousands are relieved from absolute suffering by the contributions of benevolent societies and the Freedmen's Bureau. This support comes alike to the white and black, and is about equally divided between them. It is of course issued in such a manner as to discourage idleness, but it is sufficient to prevent suffering. Large numbers of people are thus supported directly from the Government, and indirectly by reason of the large amount of money expended by the benevolent societies, who are contributed by the charitable men and women of the North. This support is a necessity now, but should be discontinued as rapidly as possible. In my opinion the Freedmen's Bureau should be made a department separate from the War Department, with enlarged powers, and its operations should be conducted by officers selected for their special fitness for the duties required of them. Many officers and agents of the Bureau are now excellent men, but others are not. Some are regarded by the citizens as unnecessarily severe in their measures and unjust in their decisions. Such officers and agents do much harm by their example. Others, selected with reference to their special duties, can do much good.

The duties now required of the military in the South are more those of police than soldiers. Besides post commanders, there should be a general officer in command of each State, who should be empowered to hear and determine all complaints made against officers or citizens, subject to such limitations, restrictions and directions as may be given from time to time by the President or General of the Army. Such officers should be relieved from all duty not necessary to the exercise of their functions, and should be assisted by a sufficient force of cavalry to enable them to perform their duties promptly. Their decisions should be subject to the approval of the President or General of the Army. Without such power in the hands of officers who will exercise it understandingly, and with decision, I do not see how the military can be withdrawn from the South for the present without great danger of collisions between the races, which would be prejudicial to the general welfare of the country.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant.

U. S. GRANT, Lieutenant General.

Mr. Sumner. I wish to make one remark with reference to the last paragraph before the close. I wish to know whether the report of Major General Carl Schurz is annexed to the message of the President.

Mr. Foster in the chair. The Chair understands that it is.

Mr. Sumner. Then I think it had better be read.

Several Senators. It is too long.

Mr. Sumner. At any rate we can begin it. It is a very important document. The Senate will remember that when the report was made of the condition of affairs in Kansas every word was read at that desk. Now the question involved is much more important. We have a message from the President which is like the whitewashing message of Franklin Pierce with regard to the atrocities in Kansas. I think the Senate had better listen to the report of General Schurz on this important subject.

Mr. ——tittle. The Senator from Massachusetts expresses to one remark which he ought, it seems to me, in justice to himself to qualify, if not altogether to retract. Speaking of his message just received from the President, he said it was like the whitewashing message of Franklin Pierce to cover up the atrocities in Kansas, and that affairs in these States sought to be covered up and whitewashed by the message of the President were much worse than the affairs in Kansas. Now, Mr. President, I think the Senator of Massachusetts must have let fall that exp-ression without giving it sufficient thought. I cannot believe that that Senator, occupying the high position he does, representing the great State he does, wishes to be understood as stating here in the Senate and to the country that the message just received from the President is a whitewashing message, seeking to cover up and conceal certain transactions—a state of things infinitely worse than the transactions in Kansas—that terrible affair which was the beginning of all our woes—a civil war itself, the prelude to the great war from which we have just emerged. I believe, sir, that the honorable Senator from Massachusetts will at least qualify, if he does not wholly retract this strong expression.

Mr. Sum——. I have nothing to qualify, nothing to modify, nothing to retract. In former days there was but one Kansas to suffer under illegal power. Now there are eleven Kansas suffering only as one suffered. Therefore, sir, are eleven are more than one, as is the enormity of the days of Franklin Pierce.

There is no question before me to the misconduct of any body in Kansas or in the Southern States. The charge has been directly made in the Senate that the President of the United States has sent in a whitewashed report with regard to these enormities. Now, sir, I cannot see that in silence. What is a whitewashed report? It is one which attempts to cover up by falsehood and misstatements certain facts. That is a whitewashed report. Now, sir, as a friend of the President—and I profess no exclusive or peculiar friendship for him—I cannot sit quietly and listen in silence to such charges.

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I have not stopped in this country by authority you come together, nor do I care; for citizens of any neighborhood, county or State, are free to come together and consult as to the best mode of promoting the interests of the community, but be sure you represent the sentiments of the people. I think you ought to be careful that you do not get the opinion of the whole people of Arkansas. I know there are people in the South, and I know no Southern gentleman would willingly or intentionally represent himself to be what he is not. But I understand you are citizens of Arkansas, and delegates of the people, therefore you have a right to be here to discuss matters of interest to yourselves; to consider your grievances, if you have any, and to petition the President or Congress for redress, and I believe they will do you justice.

But you have a more important work. It is not political. Your time needs attention in other directions. I came here from a distance, and I tell you I find you far behind all other parts of the country. Go to your immediate attention to those things which will make your State inviting to the stranger to come and settle among you. You have not fifty miles of good roads in Arkansas, impeding those who are traveling more easy from point to point. You are behind your sister States because you have not adopted any system of internal improvement, or developed any of your vast resources.

You are welcome back into the Union, which is to-day stronger than ever, and the United States is now more highly honored abroad than heretofore, and believed at home. But you think you have not all the rights you are entitled to, yet you now have more rights and privileges under existing circumstances than you would have in any civilized country except America. Had you done as you did in your land, under the bloody flag of Great Britain or the tricolor of France, many of you would not be here, and you would not have been permitted to assemble as you are now assembled, and talk over political questions and rights. Is not the meaning of this convention the best evidence that you have a good deal of liberty. Make the measure of your rights, I cannot inform you. What is right and wrong I do not profess to know, and I do not think you know, but we can all understand what is law. Inquire as to what is lawful—that is plain and simple. Act lawfully as a people will do right. There are large numbers of lawyers within the sound of my voice who can tell you what is lawful. Confess to the laws. This is all we, as military men, can mention. Laws are our guide.

I take the liberty of suggesting to you the propriety of every citizen helping his neighbor. In this country, poor, and you can all do something towards building it up and restoring it to prosperity. Cultivate the soil; get your plantation in order; make every possible improvement; get your local and county affairs in a good shape. Such work will be far more important and beneficial than whether you shall vote this year or next, or not until two or three years hence. There need be no hurry about this political organization; hide your time; help build up the country, and never mind about voting for the present. I believe all will work out right in a few years. What you want in this State is work. Above ground is your mineral and other resources; develop them and let no manner of voting alone for a time while. Union as soon as possible; that whilst re-constructing they must and require protection from the Government; that they are in earnest in wishing to do what they think is required by the Government, not humiliating to them as citizens—and that if such course was pursued out, they would pursue it in good faith. It is to be regretted that there can not be a greater commingling at this time between the citizens of the two sections, and particularly of those entrusted with the law making power.

I did not give the organization of Freedmen's Bureau that attention I would have done if more time had been at my disposal. Gen Howard is an able officer, however, with officers connected with the Bureau. I think I can vouch that in some of the States its affairs have not been conducted with good judgment or economy, and that the welfare of society spread among the freedmen of the Southern States, that the labor of their former owners will at least in part be divided among them, must come from the agents of this Bureau. This belief is softened by interfering with the willingness of the freedmen to make contracts for the coming year. In some States, Freedmen's Bureau is the absolute necessity until civil law is established and enforced, securing to the freedmen their rights and full protection. At present, however, it is independent of the military establishment of the country, and seems to be operated by the different agents of the Bureau according to their individual ideas of right and have. General Howard, the able head of the Bureau, made friends by his just and fair instructions and advice he gave but the complaints in South Carolina was that those who left there were not to be found after those own country they must expect to live by the sweat of their brow, advise the freedmen that they can only enforce the contract system for them, and to see that both contracting parties comply with their engagements. If some instances I am sorry to say, the freedmen have left their homes to be found after the idea that the freedmen has a right to live without care or provision for the future. The effect of the indolent division of land in planting and cultivation, in common, by the negro race. In such cases I think it will be found that vice and disease will tend to the extermination or great reduction of the negro race. It is not expected that the soldiers will fly men on the South for years not to change in a day, and therefore the freedmen require the aid of the military and only leave to protect them, the planting care of those who will give them good counsel and in whom they rely.

The President's Bureau has, I suppose, on the sufficient authority, been established in the States for the suppression of a spurious currency, and for the detection of persons engaged in counterfeiting. Quite a number of persons have been arrested by officers of the Bureau, and brought to this city for trial. Some of these have been released on habeas corpus, and others have been released on bail. Some of the latter class have failed to appear for trial, and their bail has been forfeited. Some of the bail bonds have been put in suit, and in every case that I have heard of the bail has been released from the forfeiture. This has had a bad effect. It has encouraged others to go into the business of counterfeiting, and has had a tendency to bring the Bureau into disrepute. I would recommend that the Bureau be discontinued, and that the persons now under bail bonds be left to the civil authorities of the States where they reside, to be dealt with as they may be by the laws of those States.

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But you have a more important work. It is not political. Your time needs attention in other directions. I came here from a distance, and I tell you I find you far behind all other parts of the country. Go to your immediate attention to those things which will make your State inviting to the stranger to come and settle among you. You have not fifty miles of good roads in Arkansas, impeding those who are traveling more easy from point to point. You are behind your sister States because you have not adopted any system of internal improvement, or developed any of your vast resources.

You are welcome back into the Union, which is to-day stronger than ever, and the United States is now more highly honored abroad than heretofore, and believed at home. But you think you have not all the rights you are entitled to, yet you now have more rights and privileges under existing circumstances than you would have in any civilized country except America. Had you done as you did in your land, under the bloody flag of Great Britain or the tricolor of France, many of you would not be here, and you would not have been permitted to assemble as you are now assembled, and talk over political questions and rights. Is not the meaning of this convention the best evidence that you have a good deal of liberty. Make the measure of your rights, I cannot inform you. What is right and wrong I do not profess to know, and I do not think you know, but we can all understand what is law. Inquire as to what is lawful—that is plain and simple. Act lawfully as a people will do right. There are large numbers of lawyers within the sound of my voice who can tell you what is lawful. Confess to the laws. This is all we, as military men, can mention. Laws are our guide.

I take the liberty of suggesting to you the propriety of every citizen helping his neighbor. In this country, poor, and you can all do something towards building it up and restoring it to prosperity. Cultivate the soil; get your plantation in order; make every possible improvement; get your local and county affairs in a good shape. Such work will be far more important and beneficial than whether you shall vote this year or next, or not until two or three years hence. There need be no hurry about this political organization; hide your time; help build up the country, and never mind about voting for the present. I believe all will work out right in a few years. What you want in this State is work. Above ground is your mineral and other resources; develop them and let no manner of voting alone for a time while. Union as soon as possible; that whilst reconstructing they must and require protection from the Government; that they are in earnest in wishing to do what they think is required by the Government, not humiliating to them as citizens—and that if such course was pursued out, they would pursue it in good faith. It is to be regretted that there can not be a greater commingling at this time between the citizens of the two sections, and particularly of those entrusted with the law making power.

I did not give the organization of Freedmen's Bureau that attention I would have done if more time had been at my disposal. Gen Howard is an able officer, however, with officers connected with the Bureau. I think I can vouch that in some of the States its affairs have not been conducted with good judgment or economy, and that the welfare of society spread among the freedmen of the Southern States, that the labor of their former owners will at least in part be divided among them, must come from the agents of this Bureau. This belief is softened by interfering with the willingness of the freedmen to make contracts for the coming year. In some States, Freedmen's Bureau is the absolute necessity until civil law is established and enforced, securing to the freedmen their rights and full protection. At present, however, it is independent of the military establishment of the country, and seems to be operated by the different agents of the Bureau according to their individual ideas of right and have. General Howard, the able head of the Bureau, made friends by his just and fair instructions and advice he gave but the complaints in South Carolina was that those who left there were not to be found after those own country they must expect to live by the sweat of their brow, advise the freedmen that they can only enforce the contract system for them, and to see that both contracting parties comply with their engagements. If some instances I am sorry to say, the freedmen have left their homes to be found after the idea that the freedmen has a right to live without care or provision for the future. The effect of the indolent division of land in planting and cultivation, in common, by the negro race. In such cases I think it will be found that vice and disease will tend to the extermination or great reduction of the negro race. It is not expected that the soldiers will fly men on the South for years not to change in a day, and therefore the freedmen require the aid of the military and only leave to protect them, the planting care of those who will give them good counsel and in whom they rely.

The President's Bureau has, I suppose, on the sufficient authority, been established in the States for the suppression of a spurious currency, and for the detection of persons engaged in counterfeiting. Quite a number of persons have been arrested by officers of the Bureau, and brought to this city for trial. Some of these have been released on habeas corpus, and others have been released on bail. Some of the latter class have failed to appear for trial, and their bail has been forfeited. Some of the bail bonds have been put in suit, and in every case that I have heard of the bail has been released from the forfeiture. This has had a bad effect. It has encouraged others to go into the business of counterfeiting, and has had a tendency to bring the Bureau into disrepute. I would recommend that the Bureau be discontinued, and that the persons now under bail bonds be left to the civil authorities of the States where they reside, to be dealt with as they may be by the laws of those States.

Arrival of the Steamship Manassas—The steamship Manassas, Capt. W. Lathrop, from New York, 16th inst., arrived at her wharf yesterday morning. Her partner, Mr. Starbuck, has kindly furnished us with the following report:

Left December, at 10 A. M., in Lat. 28.50, Long. 79.45, passed the steamship Gosling for New York.

List of the passengers:

CABIN—Mrs M Bennett, F F Mellen; C H Worthington, Mrs T Abott, Captain Reed, R C E Wilson, H Van Vechten, Mrs Reed, J C Brown, J Wilson, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Brown, J Gilmore