

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and their household returned to New York to-day, after having spent three delightful months in Washington. The Vanderbilts occupied the Lowery mansion at K Street and Vermont Avenue, and their coming caused quite a flutter in fashionable circles. It was quickly made known, however, that Mr. Vanderbilt was an invalid and that he would participate in no social gayeties.

By common consent, the wishes of the family were respected, and their retirement was in no wise intruded upon. The result of this was that Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt returned to New York with a feeling of deep obligation to the people of Washington, for the respect shown their wishes for privacy. Mr. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Vanderbilt have constantly commented upon this, and before their departure spoke of their temporary residence here as having been most enjoyable.

It was particularly gratifying to them, however, on account of the improvement of Mr. Vanderbilt's health. He has spent most of his time out of doors driving, and has gained strength steadily. The Vanderbilts, as stated, lived very quietly, but they had visitors from New York from time to time, including ex-Secretary and Mrs. Whitney, Dr. H. Seward Webb, and Chauncey M. Depew. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt expressed a desire to spend another season in Washington, and the probabilities are that they will return next year.

AN OLD MERCHANT RETIRES.

E. O. Thompson Disposes of His Business to His Two Sons.

E. O. Thompson of 245 Broadway, who has conducted business as a tailor and clothier in this city and Philadelphia for forty years, has retired, and is succeeded by his two sons, Benjamin and E. O. Thompson, Jr. Mr. Thompson established his Broadway store in 1881, though he began business here in a smaller way in 1856. He has not only accumulated a comfortable fortune, but enjoys an excellent reputation.

Mr. Thompson's Philadelphia business has also become a large one. In 1869 he opened a tailoring establishment there, and in 1886 added a ready-made clothing house. He retires at the age of sixty-six years. His sons will continue the business in both cities.

GILLIG HAS PAID ALL CLAIMS.

He Says He Never Regretted Transactions with Mr. Grau.

Henry F. Gillig of the defunct American Exchange, who was taken suddenly ill recently, recovered sufficiently to come to this city from his home on Staten Island yesterday. When seen by a reporter for THE NEW YORK TIMES, he denied the report that a crisis in his affairs had been precipitated by the financial difficulties of the dissolved Abbey, Schoeffel & Grau Company, and that he had asked anyone for accommodations on the company's notes.

"Mr. Grau," he said, "has always dealt honorably with me, and always paid his obligations promptly at maturity. I have handled hundreds of thousands of dollars of his paper, and never had occasion to regret any transactions with him."

He said he was never connected with the Reynolds Card Manufacturing Company beyond lending it some money. A manager, whom he had discharged, signed some paper for the Excelsior Fur and Glove Sewing Machine Company, and he (Gillig) was made responsible for it. The company being a foreign one, had sworn out a writ of attachment against him, and the Sheriff took possession of his office at 173 Elm Street. He said further that he had paid the Sheriff's claim and was now clear of all incumbrances.

Farewell to Father Lueddeke.

The pastoral residence of the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, North Sixth Street, near Bedford Avenue, Williamsburg, was thronged yesterday by members of the congregation who had come to bid farewell to the Rev. Francis Lueddeke, the assistant pastor of the church, who is to leave to-day to assume charge of a new pastorate at North Hempstead, L. I. Father Lueddeke was born in St. Vincent de Paul's Parish. He became famous by publicly denouncing the Unique Theatre, a low resort on Grand Street, from the altar. He also prohibited the wearing of motto buttons by children of the parochial school, and the Principals of a number of the public schools followed his example.