

early days of the session. The only thing known to *The Globe* from him is a long speech which he read with the manner of a rustic schoolmaster. Benjamin Stirling Turner, of Alabama, is a large, broad-shouldered man, with a very large, flat nose, curly hair, and in physique at least, intensely suggestive of plantation days. He was born in Halifax County, North Carolina, in 1826; was raised a slave, and received no early education; he is entitled to great credit for clandestinely acquiring what he was expressly forbidden by his State laws to do — obtain an education. He is very quiet, is seldom seen conversing, is always present, never speaks, always votes, and among his Republican colleagues has considerable reputation for good sense and political sagacity.

“Officially these men receive recognition here in proportion to their ability to command it. At first there was a perceptible feeling among members, expressed by a shrug of the shoulders, while the old virus of proslavery displayed itself in many ways; for instance: I heard a radical member say the day after they were sworn in, ‘I never know there was so much of that old Adam in me, as I involuntarily felt come to the surface when, casting my eye over my shoulder, I found one settled in my immediate vicinity, the words came almost rushing up to my lips, ‘what is that nigger there for?’” All this has been greatly changed, while a settled conviction has taken hold of both sides of the House that there is an eminent propriety or poetic justice in this thing, and it felt that men of this race have come to stay.”

HOW THE COLORED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS LOOK.

MR. HUNTON, the Washington correspondent of *The Globe*, and formerly of this journal, thus portrays the looks of Congregational specimens of the coming aristocracy of the South:—

“One of the first things our ‘country cousins’ visiting the Capitol ask on entering the House gallery; is, ‘Where is their member’s seat?’ next, ‘where Ben Butler sits?’ and lastly, as to the colored members’ places. R. B. Elliott, who ably represents Calhoun’s district, has just returned from his winter’s efforts at smoothing out the tangled web of his tangled State politics. Looking at their dusky faces from the gallery, I have tried to read therein some of the results of the larger duties and loftier purposes this wider arena has afforded them. Occasionally, as in the keen outburst from Mr. Rainey replying to “Sunset” Cox, they show their metal, and justify their representative character. They are not sent here from Congressional districts from a race. They differ from each other in personal appearance as much as from their white conferees.

“Joseph A. Rainey is quite a handsome fellow, with dark olive complexion, straight, black hair, and regular features. He is dignified and modest in manner. A native of Georgetown, S. C., his parents were slaves, and himself a barber until 1862. By stealth he obtained a common school education, and has succeeded in compelling respect in his present position. Robert B. Elliott, of South Carolina, is very black, with strongly marked African features, close, curly hair, and receding forehead. He was born in Massachusetts, educated in England, is a college graduate, a lawyer by profession. Elliott is a ready speaker, and the accent peculiar to his race is not in the least perceptible. He has made a fortune within the past few years, lives in considerable style, drives a fine span of horses, and spends his money freely. Robert C. De Largo was born in Alken, S. C., in 1842; has a moderate education, and is a farmer by profession. He is of short stature, of dark olive complexion, with not particularly marked features, and the least attractive personality of the five. His seat is contested by C. C. Bowen, who seems to believe in many offices as well as many wives. Bowen will probably win. Josiah T. Walls, who represents the State of Florida, was born at Winchester, Va., in 1842; received a common school education, and claims to be a planter. He is slight in stature, of rather light complexion, close curly hair, dresses well, and wears gay neckties. He has rather the airs and manners of a legislator, and he has not been in his seat since the