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NELSON, ALICE MOORE (DUNBAR). Born at New Orleans, La., 1875. She was educated in the schools of New Orleans and has taken special courses at Cornell University, Columbia University, and the University of Pennsylvania. Author of *Violets and Other Tales*, *The Goodness of St. Rocque*, *Masterpieces of Negro Eloquence*, and *The Dunbar Speaker*. She was married to Paul Laurence Dunbar in 1898. She has been a teacher and is well known on the lecture platform and as an editor.

ROGERS, ALEX. Born at Nashville, Tenn., 1876. Educated in the public schools of that city. For many years a writer of words for popular songs. He wrote many of the songs for the musical comedies in which Williams and Walker appeared. He is the author of *The Jonah Man*, *Nobody* and other songs made popular by Mr. Bert Williams.

SHACKELFORD, THEODORE HENRY. Author of *Mammy's Cracklin' Bread and Other Poems*, and *My Country and Other Poems*.

SPENCER, ANNE. Born in Bramwell, W. Va., 1882. Educated at the Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va. She lives at Lynchburg and takes great pride and pleasure in her garden.

WATKINS, LUCIAN B., was born in Virginia. He served overseas in the great war and lost his health. He died in 1921. He was the author of a large number of uncollected poems.
