

Mr. Loba's Lecture.

It was interesting, charmingly so, and very instructive, rather than profound—just what it purported to be. He described the national characteristics, love of country, love of home, language and traditions, and this love not like ours, but fervid and passionate. To a Frenchman there is no country like France; no home, language and customs like his own. The domestic life is equally intense. French families love each other, live, and journey together, and one of the hardest things is to be separated from each other. There they are intensely social, have no personal and family secrets, but talk with anybody in public or private of their personal, domestic and business affairs; quarrel and make up in a car or omnibus. This sociability also leads to street and cafe amusements, to the freest expression at all times and places of all their opinions.

Turning to their civil and educational life he finds them the very refinement of fineness and exactness. When he sought for a government permit to reside in Paris, he was asked to produce his passport and a certificate of his marriage, as well as certificates of the birth of each of his children, dates, names, etc. So if a couple wishes to marry they must have certificates of their own births, of their parents' marriage, etc., and so multitudes marry themselves, have no official record of marriage, and hence the immense number of children officially reported as illegitimate. Every obstacle possible is put in the way of people wishing to marry. The same exactness and minuteness of detail pertains to business matters. Leases of houses must be written on government stamped paper, and three copies made, recorded, etc., and regular fees for each step. Their schools are the best. The first and constant lessons are duty, love and obedience to God, home and country, and all instruction is naturally thorough and severe indeed. There is no co-education, but boys and girls are apart from beginning to end. For a young lady to be seen in company away from home with any young man save her own brother or her fiancée,

is a reproach. Social religious young people's meetings could not be held for the same reason.

There was a fair audience, and everyone was sorry when he stopped, as he did promptly when his time was up. He is a very pleasant speaker, and said in conclusion the twin curses of power are ecclesiasticism and militaryism.

Fine line of perfumes at Schumacher's pharmacy.

Mrs. Lieut. M. F. Davis, with her five-weeks' old daughter and her mother, Mrs. Ford Hall, returned to the Park this week for the winter.

Major Royal P. Davidson and wife left Thursday morning for a month's visit to their orange plantation in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Waterous, who sing at the People's church, Chicago, will sing at the Baptist church to-morrow (Sunday) night at 7:45 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Waterous will be assisted by a large chorus choir of home talent. All who enjoy good singing are invited to this service.

Manager G. Willis Cummings reports the theft of some 300 lbs. of copper wire one night this week from the telephone company's store house. City Marshal Leesch is after the thief and he will catch him as soon as he runs that wire out for a clothes line.

The ball of Hose Co No 2, Thursday evening was a grand success, receipts we have not learned. The attendance was excellent and the banquet at Hotel Ingleside was superior in every respect. Landlord Ingalls laid himself out and everybody was delighted. Some fifty sat down at the tables.

Mrs. George D. Boulton gave a reception last Saturday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Miss Elsie D'Arcy Boulton, who made her debut on that occasion. The attendance was large in spite of a pouring rain, some one hundred and fifty guests from this city, Chicago and other places offering their congratulations in person. A Chicago mandolin orchestra furnished very choice music. The house was beautifully decorated throughout, pink being the color. Mrs. Boulton was spe-

cially fortunate in having with her on this occasion an elder daughter, Mrs. Whiteside of Champlain, who was married about a year ago. It was a very pleasant affair for all concerned.

One Christmas Present

For the entire family. A telephone placed in your residence on Christmas eve will enable the members of your family to promptly call the grocery, the market, the baker, etc., as well as placing you in instant communication with your physician in case of sickness and the police and fire departments, should you need their protection. It should be ordered at once to secure service before Dec. 25th. Rates from 5 cents per day up. For further information address Chicago Telephone Co., G. Willis Cummings, Mgr.

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