

Social and Personal.

Mrs. Seymour Houghton gave the first in the series of Lenten lectures on "The Bible as Literature," yesterday morning in the parlors of Mrs. E. S. Moffat's spacious home.

She is one of the most valued essay critics in Vassar, and is deservedly popular not only for her wide culture, but her lovely personality.

There is a fascination that hints of the land of Zenda in the brief but impressive appearance of Le Grande Monarque in the scene at Dover, when the visit of the King to the Orleans and "Madam Carville" is so picturesquely and deftly woven into the warp of the tale.

Monsieur Guilmant returned last evening as the guest of Mr. J. A. Pennington, who gave him a reception today at 10:30 p. m.

A dispatch from Washington says Mrs. William Connell, wife of Congressman Connell, of Pennsylvania, gave a reception at the Shoreham Tuesday afternoon.

ington as a member of the administration family. Mrs. Connell was among the guests at the White House reception given by Mrs. McKinley on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wentz entertained a number of guests at an informal dance last evening in honor of their guests, Miss Keim, of Philadelphia, and Miss Jackson, of Berwick.

Much interest is being aroused in the new building of the Excelsior Social club, now rapidly nearing completion on the site near the Bicycle club on Washington avenue.

Miss Florence Bernkopf, of Wellsboro, and a Vassar graduate of the class of '97, is the guest of Miss Helen Sanderson, on Clay avenue.

The marriage of Miss Edith Eleanor, oldest daughter of Attorney and Mrs. E. H. House, to Holard D. Hayden, of Scranton, took place last Tuesday at the residence of the bride's parents, Marion, N. C.

The cotillion at the Country club Monday night was one of the most delightful yet given. Mr. Joseph M. Boies received many congratulations on his success in leading. The house was elaborately decorated.

Mrs. W. W. Scranton gave a luncheon Tuesday, when the guests were: Mrs. A. E. Hunt, Mrs. Cannon, Mrs. R. W. Archibald, Mrs. J. P. Hosie, Mrs. G. L. Dickson, Mrs. J. E. Carmalt, Mrs. C. G. Callier, Mrs. E. S. Moffat, Mrs. Rogers Israel.

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spent the past few days in Heliopolis in attendance upon the state convention of the Photographers' association. T. M. Evans, formerly of the West Side, representing the American camera company of Chicago, is circulating among his many friends in this city.

ONE WOMAN'S VIEWS.

There isn't a doubt but that if troubles arose to menace life and property in this vicinity many persons who live in distant cities, but who control large business interests here would decide that the Thirteenth regiment might be handy to have around at any time.

Somebody said to a brave and efficient officer of the Thirteenth yesterday: "But you won't need an army if you have to go to war with Spain. At least not for some time."

And now, Mr. Rev. Father in God and brother in Christ, to you has come a message from the mother and mistress of all churches and from him who occupies therein the chair of Peter.

The great difficulty in the way of lifting the colossal burden which suppresses our city is that it falls almost exclusively upon a few whose wide generosity is so thoroughly accustomed to having them assume the load.

"The Spinsters" gave one of their most enjoyable dances Monday night at the Bicycle club. Music was furnished by the Lawrence orchestra and Crowell catered.

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Religious News.

Brother Francis' address after March 1 will be 309 Halsted court, near Linden street, where he has rented a small house, this being necessary to the growth of the work and to accommodate other young men who will be here to engage in the missionary and charitable work of the order.

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The delegates of the Railroad Department, Young Men's Christian association, who attended the state convention, will give their reports at the men's meeting Sunday afternoon, Feb. 27, at 8:45 o'clock.

Religious News Notes.

Rev. E. J. McHenry is progressing most encouragingly in his work at St. David's. Morning and evening services are being held during Lent.

The first in the series of Lenten meetings at the Second Presbyterian church by something more substantial than good advice, Mrs. Wright writes to the proprietors of Paine's celery compound, hoping someone may be benefited by Paine's celery compound, as her letter shows that she has been:

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AT TAYLOR COLLEGE. Wife of President Wright Thankful to PAINE'S CELERY COMPOUND



At Taylor college, Upland, Indiana, one of the buildings, "The Maria Wright Hall," bears the name of its donor on the corner stone. Maria Wright is the wife of Rev. John R. Wright, the president of the college, as well as president of the "National Association of Local Preachers," a familiar name, especially to Methodists, all over the country.

It anyone has known the luxury of doing good the beloved wife and co-worker of the president of Taylor college has enjoyed her share. In the same helpful spirit with which she has helped many a poor struggling student by something more substantial than good advice, Mrs. Wright writes to the proprietors of Paine's celery compound, hoping someone may be benefited by Paine's celery compound, as her letter shows that she has been:

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LOTS OF WILD CATS.

One Man is Receiving Quite a Sum from the County.

There must be plenty of wild cats in Exeter and Plymouth townships, according to the returns made by Charles W. Schooley, of West Nanticoke.

During February he presented affidavits to the effect that he had killed thirteen wild cats, five in Exeter township, seven in Plymouth township and one in Hubbard township.

Squire Philip Walker, of Plymouth, states in his return to the commissioners that Mr. Schooley has presented the pelts of the animals and that the cats were cut off by him, the squire, and burned in the presence of certain witnesses.

The Supreme court finished hearing Lackawanna cases Thursday afternoon and all the attorneys except those detained by other matters are home.

In two cases the court gave intimations of what its finding would be. One was the case of Isaac Rittenbender against John M. Kemmerer, and the other, the case of Jacob Pletcher against the Scranton Traction company.

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