## THE SUMMER SCHOOL.

FIFTH WEEK OF THE MEETING.

THE INTEREST UNABATED—SUMMARY OF THE COURSES OF ABLE LECTURES—LIST OF THE OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING-" THE SCHOOL IS BY THE SHORES OF LAKE CHAMPLAIN, AND THERE IT WILL REMAIN."

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees was held at 2.30 p.m., Monday, August 5th. Rev. Dr. Conaty presided, and made a full and lengthy report of the year's work. Reports were received from the secretary and treasurer, chairman of executive committee, and chairman of reading circle union.

The matter of Plattsburgh as a site was discussed and once for all it was settled by the authorization of the president, to deny all stories and announce that the work of improving the Summer School grounds would begin at once.

Rev. Dr. Conaty, despite his objections, was unanimously re-elected president, and the following is the list of officers:
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Rev. Dr. Walsh, V.G. of Plattsburgh.

Rev. Dr. Walsh, V.G., of Plattsburgh, and Hon. E. C. O'Brien, of New York, were added to the Board of Trustees. The school management, after the

meeting, authorized this dispatch: "It was unanimously voted to instruct. the president to deny any intention of change, and to announce to all the friends of the school that financial plans were made by which the building of cottages and the improvement of the school property would begin at once, and the next summer would find the session in the Summer School building. Rev. Dr. Conaty wishes to assure all friends of the school that there is no truth in the rumors of change of location, that the school is by the shores of Champlain, and there it will remain. Its success this year is solid and well grounded. and gives every assurance of still greater growth when the ideal of the Summer School, with lake and wood and bluff, shall be realized, and the scholars shall be removed from the dust and bustle of the city, and enjoy recreation and study by the cool breezes of its lake home.

The Administration Building is now occupied by scholars to its full complement, and double the number of rooms might be occupied if they were ready, showing the great popularity of the lo-

"This is Rev. Dr. Conaty's third year ire to be relieved of the responsibili-

### RECEPTION TO BISHOP BURKE.

After the lecture on music by Father Ganss on Monday evening, the president, Rev. Dr. Conaty, announced the decision of the Board of Trustees as to the locainon at Plattsburgh, and the announcement was greeted with prolonged applause. The news that the present officers of the school were re-elected also called forth rejoicing. Rev. Dr. County in expressing his feeling at the confidence reposed in him, said with great emphasis words which were easily under stood to refer to a recent sensational article in a New York paper about one of the lecturers of the school, and the words were applieded to the echo. Dr. Conaty

"The Catholic Summer School of America is a school for Catholic truth. It is not a field in which men may expect to exploit theories in the interest of seasational notoricty, and we must contruth, where the men who have acquired fame in the legitimate fields of honest research and sound scholarship come to teach and not theorize—to tell us the our people, feeling confident of their apthat with our consent this school will

Bishop Burke was then welcomed in cordial, earnest words, and the Bishop son gave a hearty acknowledgment of his appreciation of the welcome accorded to him, and expressed his delight with the school, its Catholic spirit and loyalty. He was particularly pleased with the President's announcement that the School would be on its own grounds next year. He then proceeded to show the many advantages to be derived from the School in the upbuilding of the Catholic character and the training of the mind in ways of Catholic truth. He wished the School every success and every bless-

### THE MORNING INTRODUCTION.

Charles A. Decourcey, Esq., of Lawrence, Mass., was introduced by Rev. Dr. Conaty as a distinguished Catholic lay-man from Massachusetts and a pupil of Father Doonan whom he would introduce. He said :

"I have heard musicians say that if you play the same air in two or three different keys you are liable to produce a discord, but I noticed yesterday on the grounds that although the keys were a mewhat different yet the result was decidedly harmonious, and I felt listening there to the proceedings of this organization that there ought to be another key struck, and that was in the nature

young men-the laymen not there in art, music or science, its action becomes

large numbers. It might be said in their behalf-if appreciate the work that this organizame, and standing there, realizing what ing. has led to it and the possibilities of its advance, this thought occurred to me. In Massachusetts

—and probably the same is true in other States-very many of the young Catholics are descendants of people who came here a generation ago unable to obtain the advantages of an advanced education. They gave themselves with all their energy to the task of wage earning, and they gave to their children what was denied to them-the advantages of advanced education.

"Naturally a large number of them entered the Church, and their work speaks for itself in a manner that needs no explanation. Many, too, went into

the professions. But the time had come, it seems. when there was need of a centralizing of those efforts for more effective influence. and at that time, with a wisdom to be commended, the founders of this school prepared the means.

There had come with this means the forming of societies, and coming here together from different parts of the country there was the influence of one upon another-that most delightful social influence, that blesseth him that gives and takes. Dr. Conaty struck that note clearly, and an influence will be the result to those who are actual members and participators in the work of the school.

"If the possibilities of this work were known to the young men they would be here, and then, and then only, can this school go forward and do the work which devolves upon them outside.

### THE NATURAL MAN.

Prof. Vallette, of Brooklyn, introduced Dr. Flick, of Philadelphia, who delivered an able lecture on "The Natural Man," in the course of which he dealt with man as a normal being; his genesis; his adaptability and adaptation to environment; man as an organic being; the chemistry of the human body; life; the physical laws of life, and the maintenance of the normal. Dr. Flick displayed a thorough mastery of his subject, and was closely followed by his audience.

### THE EVOLUTION OF MUSIC.

The evening lecture was by the Rev. Henry G. Ganss on the first-formationof the four epochs in the history of music. The following headings will give a more adequate idea than we otherwise can of the comprehensive character of this learned lecture:

I. Pythian Ode to Apollo. Greek Music. Pindar (522 B. C.), Disciphered by West-phal. Harmonized by Carl Lung.

II. Jam satis terris (Horace II. Ode. Bk I) Roman Music. Sappho (650 B.C.) Greek Melody attributed to Sappho. Words composed to melody by Horace

(65 B.C.)
III. Ambrosian Melody. (Set to words of "Veni Creator" by Cochiaeus.) St. Ambrose (v.D 333.) Harmonized by H.

IV. Ft queant lagis. Hymn to St. John Baptist. Words by Paul of Aquilea (A. D. 770.) (a) Neumae Notation. Guide of Arezzo, 1050; (b) Letter Notation. Guide of Arezzo, 1050; (c) Changeable Letter. as president, and the confidence of the trustees was seen in the determination to have him continue to lead, despite his Notes Walter Odington, 1240; (g) Har- ginning, man rebelled against his maker monized Medicaval; (h) Harmonized

V. Chanson de Roland. (About 800-350) Ignotus. Attributed to Charlemagne.

VI. Crusiders Hymn. (About 1050) Ignotus. Harmonized by H. G. G.

### TUESDAY.

Father Doonan's lecture on Tuesday norning was in answer to the question, 'What is the Soul?" The definition has dready been given.

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF HAPPINESS.

Dr. Flick lectured on that complicated and important question, "The Relation of the Spiritual to the Physical Part of Man." Man, said Dr. Flick, is dependant on body and soul for his powers and resources in the pursuit of happiness, For the untrammelled exercise of the faculties of the soul it is necessary that the physical organism be preserved in a normal condition. Such normal condidemn all attempts to use it as such. It | tion can only be maintained through the is the home of conservative Catholic strong control of the body by the soul in the ever varying conditions of practical life. Man's life must, therefore, be a life of reason, and not a life of carnal intruth in its full beauty, and not along the lines of danger. Our school is one to which we can invite our modulates. to which we can invite our prelates and | rived at through the activity of the physical organism, the capacity of min for probation. We want to assure them happiness is conditional-first, by the inherent resources of his organism for never be a place for the sensational and development; secondly, by the development development, secondly, by the development of the organism, and, third, by the tholic school, in methods and in truth." for force to the calm judgments of rea-

It has been said that the education of the child should begin one hundred years before its birth, and this paradoxical statement has a good foundation in physiological truth. To be born with a normal, fully developed, competent organism, means to have ancestors nor-

mal in their make-up.

The development of the organization is the work of education. Education, in the popular mind, means gathering a certain amount of ready information upon many subjects, which will prove of use to the individual during life. In its true sense, education is the drawing out of the faculties for the development of character and ability. By faculties are meant those powers which man possesses by virtue of the soul. The powers of the body are called functions. When the functions are turned to secondary uses through the instrumentality of the soul they become faculties. The locomotive system of the human organism, for example, performs the functions of locomo-

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of an apologetic one on behalf of the ment of food, but when it is devoted to a faculty.

The proper development of the funcnot in justification, at least in extenua- tions and faculties of children, the care tion of their absence—that they are to be taken of their physical, mental and ignorant of and consequently do not moral being; the emotions—love, hatred, anger, jealousy-all these were interesttion is doing. For one, and speaking ingly referred to in connection with the for many of them, it was a revelation to effect on the happiness of the human be-

THE LECTURES ON MUSIC.

The lectures on "Music," by Father Ganss, not only proved intensely interesting, but drew some of the largest and most delighted audiences. His first lecture on the "Formative Period of Music" was especially enjoyable and instructive. In a brief space of an hour, by a lucid exposition and an accompanying illustration on the piano, he showed the evolvtion of music from the time of Homer, whose "Odyssey" and "Hiad" were accompanied on a four-stringed lyre, called a Phorminx, to the time when Pythagoras added to the last tone, which gave us eight notes of the scale. He contended that owing to the absence of all harmony and melody, that the Greeks had but rhythm to fall back upon, and summed up Greek music with the declaration "that the music of the Greeks consisted in their language.'

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### A CLEAR STATEMENT.

Infallibility, Its Province and Power.

[BY JULIA M'COLIFF.]

What must be the face-to-face antagonist by which to withstand and baffle the energy of passion and the corroding scepticism of the intellect in religious inquiries?

The tendencies of reason are towards simple unbelief in matters of religion. hence in the pagan world when our Lord came, the last traces of religious knowledge had all but disappeared from those portions of the earth in which the intel-lect had been active, and had had a

In these latter days, outside of the Church, things are tending with greater rapidity than in the old time to atheism in one shape or another.

Experience proves that the Bible does not answer a purpose for which it was never intended; a book, after all, cannot make a stand against the wild living intellect of man, and the Bible testifies to its own power as an universal solvent acting upon religions.

God himself, saw fit to interfere, and make provisions for retaining in the world a knowledge of himself so definite and distinct, as to be proof against human scepticism, by introducing a power invested with the prerogative of Infallibility in religious matters, as an effective means of withstanding the difficulty.

This is the claim of the Catholic Church; adapted by the mercy of the Creator to restrain too great freedom of thought and rescue it from suicidal ex-

Unaided reason, when rightly exercised, leads to belief in God, in the immortality of the soul, and in future retribution; but no truth, however sacred. can stand against faulty reason in the long run. There is nothing surprising that God should think fit to introduce such tower into the world. In the beand became possessed of evil; the human race is terribly out of joint with the purposes of its Creator and has brought about the divine interposition which placed a suitable antagonist to resist it, not simply by teaching and preaching, out by an inward spiritual power or grace, of which the Church is the channel.

She has it in charge to rescue human nature from its misery by lifting it to a higher level than its own, and she teaches that each individual man must be in his own person one whole and per-fect temple of God while he is also one of the living stones which build up the visible Church.

For doing this great work, the Church has been granted the power of Infalli-This power viewed in its fullness is as

remendous as the giant evil which has

The Catholic Church claims to know for certain, the very meaning of every portion of the Divine Message which was committed by our Lord to His Apostles. It claims to know its own limits, and to decide what it can determine absolutely, and what it can not, and to have a hold on statements not directly religious.

In the course of ages, Catholic inquiry has taken certain definite shapes, and has grown into the form of a science with a method of its own, under the intellectual handling of great minds, as St. Augustine, St. Thomas and other Fathers. In the matter of new dogmatic definitions which from time to time have been made, they are but the clothing of the Catholic doctrine as already defined and we accept them unquestioned.

The Church can impose silence on all matters which it has pronounced dangerous, and Catholics receive this first with submission and loyalty.

Such restrictions may seem at sight to weigh down the intellect, but this impression is not borne out in the history of the conflict between Infallibility and reason; the energy of the human intellect thrives under the terrible blows of the divinely fashioned weapon.

Every exercise of Intallibility is brought into action by an operation of reason, both by its ally and by its opponent, and Catholic Christendom presents a continuous picture of conflict between Authority and private judgment, alternately advancing and retreating as the club and flow of the tide.

In the process of inquiry and delibera-tion which ends in Infallible enunciation, individual reason has been paramount, and some of the great Councils have been guided in their decisions by the commanding genius of individuals, sometimes young and of inferior rank. This shows that the Church does not destroy the energy of Catholic intellect, nor the independence of the mind, as her whole

history proves. Take the Middle Ages, when the Church was the repository of all learning and arts, the intellect of the educated

classes was never more active; controversies might proceed for years and Rome remain silent; after a long while they may come before the Supreme Power; the questions have been viewed on every side and Authority is called upon to pronounce a decision; some-times the whole must be gone through again; this tends to give liberty and courage to individuals. Of course, there are cases of an urgent nature where an appeal to the highest Authority must be made at once, but ordinarily, by reason of their great power, Popes are slow in the use of it.

The Church is a vast assemblage of human beings with wilful intellects, brought together by the majesty of a su perhuman Power.

Infallibility is a supply for a need. Its object and its effect, is not to enfeeble the freedom or vigor of human thought in religious speculation, but to resist and control its extravagance.

Its great work has been to put down Arianism. Lutheranism and all schisms and heresies which have risen up from time to time.

The great truths of the moral law, of natural religion and of Apostolic faith are its boundary and foundation : it must be guided by scripture and tradition nothing can be presented to me in time to come as a part of the faith, but what I ought to have already received; nothing can be imposed upon me contrary to what I already hold.

For instance, the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception, over which the Protestants stumble, Catholics have no intellectual difficulty on this subject; there is no burden in holding that the Blessed Virgin was conceived without original sin: it has been defined as a dogma because Catholics did believe it These who defended it in past ages had not attained precision in their view of it; it cannot be called new, as it has taken about eight centuries to promulgate it.

The great trial to reason is the august prerogative of the Catholic Church to an indirect jurisdiction on subject-matter which lies beyond its own proper limits. It could not act in its own province unless it had a right to act out of it; to judge in secular matters of philosophy science, literature and history, and to demand our submission to her claims.

The Catholic Church claims to censure books, silence authors and forbid discussions. This is done as a measure of discipline; it must be obeyed without a word, and perhaps in time it will recede from its own injunctions. In these cases it is never a question of faith; whatever is a matter of faith is true at all imes and can never be unsaid.

Though we may sometimes feel the severities of Authority, we should always submit and be silent, for it is right. Hi we study the past, we will see how the initial error of what afterwards proved a heresy, was the urging forward of some truth against prohibition, at an unseasonable time. The one who presents it may seem a martyr to free opinion, and though the case may not fall within the subject-matter in which Authority is Infullible, the Church has a right to act, though it may be regarded as interfering with private judgment and exalting pinion to dogma.

Every day the circle of secular knowldge is being enlarged; new discoveries, pertain and probable, have an indirect searing upon religious opinions, and the adjustment of the claims of Revelation and natural science; things suspected, not ascertained, are presented by the schools as facts, and souls are in danger of being led away by too liberal thought about the unseen and future. It is called the education of the lay world, but it is really opening the door to evils which are not comprehended, and a plausible scepticism is called the development of human reason.

But, "The Lord shall fight for you and ye shall hold your peace." We have cause to be thankful for the blessing of Infallibility; for having so clear a direction in a matter so difficult .- In the Catholic Leading Circle Feriew.

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