

AT CLIF. HAVEN.

Second Week of the Catholic Summer School.

Rev. Father Pardow Preaches an Able Sermon - The Lecturers During the Week - Some Features of the Social Festivities - Theatricals and Receptions.

The second week of the Summer School opened with Pontifical High Mass celebrated by Right Rev. Bishop Burke, of Albany, N.Y. His assistant priest was the Very Rev. Dr. Walsh, of Plattsburgh, and the Deacons of Honor were the Revs. Thos. McMillan, of New York, and the Rev. Dr. William J. Kerby, of the Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

St. Paul gives as the characteristics of the age, to which he refers as: first the refusal to hear sound doctrine; 2nd, the search, though most inconsistently, for new teachers and the heaping of them upon; 3rd, the insisting that they teach pleasant things. Anyone who has followed the world of religious thought today, must be struck by the ready application of these words of St. Paul to the closing years of the 19th century.

Sunday afternoon was devoted to resting and quiet chats in the various beautiful nooks and corners of the beautiful Summer School grounds.

Sunday evening the Rev. Dr. Talbot Smith arranged a very delightful and entertaining impromptu entertainment. The following artists lent their talent upon a moment's notice: Miss Winifred Kehoe, of New York, piano selection of the 'Maiden's Prayer'; Mr. Lawlor, of Boston, read his own composition, and written upon the scene, where nearly three thousand years ago Catalino made his last stand against the Roman power, entitled 'Fioolo'; Mrs. Roche, of New York, sang 'Kathleen Mavourneen,' and Miss I. N. Dunphy accompanied her.

Monday morning opened up the general work of the School with usual enthusiasm and order. An innovation was

introduced in the curriculum of the School in the form of a pedagogic course for the benefit of the teachers of the public schools who are attending the Summer School. Mr. William H. Maxwell, Superintendent of Public Instruction of the city of New York, paid a visit to the School on Monday night and addressed a large audience, among whom were over 150 school teachers.

The lecturers of the week were very entertaining and their subjects of deep and wide interest. The Rev. Dr. Kerby, Ph. D., of the Catholic University, Washington, D. C., gave a series of lectures upon Sociology; the Rev. J. F. X. O'Connor, of New York, gave a series of lectures, illustrated by stereopticon views upon the ancient Grecian and Roman art; the Hon. J. H. McGuire, Mayor of Syracuse, N.Y., lectured upon municipal problems, and Rev. Walter Elliot, related tales of his missionary travels, and answered all questions put to him concerning the various articles and dogmas of the Catholic Church.

The weekly hops given at the Champlain Club are the source of much enjoyment to all the School. They are both formal and informal, and begin at nine o'clock, and continue to twelve when a light luncheon is served and all repair to their respective cottages. The outing features of the School, such as swimming, rowing, fishing, cycling, tennis and ball playing, are proving themselves highly popular among the visitors of the School.

ST. ANN'S YOUNG MEN

Organize an Excursion to the Catholic Summer School - Date Fixed for August 13 - Low Rates Offered.

St. Ann's Young Men's Society, with its old-time spirit of enterprise, has decided to hold an excursion to the Catholic Summer School. The date has been fixed for Saturday, August 13, and the rate for the round trip is \$1.25 for adults and half price for children.

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Years ago I had heard of the wild and picturesque country opened up by the Lake St. John Railway, running between Quebec and Chicoutimi; the last named place being at the head of navigation on the far-famed Saguenay river. I formed the resolution that I should see the romantic districts and become more familiar with their rugged grandeur and matchless scenery.

To get time to realize the features of the district I stopped over at the handsome village of St. Raymond, a quiet but thriving little town watered by a fine river and enclosed by high mountains. It has benefited by the construction of the Lake St. John Railway, which brings it into close touch with Quebec, thus giving it a market for the products of the locality.

All along this region the traveller meets with one surprise after another, for, especially in the course of the Batisseau, it is a succession of wild, leaping cascades and foaming rapids and falls. As you look at special spots where you think nature has done her best you feel inclined to fix your attention and bestow your highest praises.

Lake Kiskisink, or Cedar Lake, is holiday headquarters of the Matabecchouan Fishing and Game Club, which counts several New England millionaires in its membership.

That these keen-witted Americans cross their own borders to seek sport in this wild northern land is a certificate of its merits that should not be overlooked by Canadians themselves. After reaching Lake Bouchette the barren wilderness of the district moderates, and signs of settlement are more frequent, clearances are being made and new homes are going up.

tion that upon the foundations already laid towns will be built and prosperous communities developed in future years.

After emerging from the wild mountain and river scenery a pleasing contrast is experienced the moment Lake St. John is reached. The sight of its clear, broad waters is grateful to the eye and heart, and it makes one breathe easier to taste of the refreshing breezes that blow over the wide expanse of country around it.

At Chambord Junction comes the prying of the ways, the main line continuing straight on to Chicoutimi, while the branch heads for Roberval. The latter town is prettily situated on the shore of Lake St. John and by reason of its great fishing facilities and splendid hotel accommodation, it is regarded as the headquarters of anglers and pleasure-seeking tourists generally.

But for people of slender purses and economical habits and retiring dispositions there are other places here which offer all the pleasures of a home at very modest charges. I preferred the house of Mr. Alphonse Maréchal, and found it so nice and cozy that I was sorry to leave it at the end of my visit.

The village of Roberval lies in its fine retreats and economical situations. It is a fine fishing and game spot, and has its own Catholic educational establishments, being the seat of the Maréchal Brothers, and the staff consisting of French and English well-taught in all their branches, as well as all sorts of artificial timber work, and added to this there is the industrial school in which cooking, weaving, spinning, knitting and sewing and the cutting and making of garments, dairy and butter making are taught.

The above-named convent, of which Rev. Father Maréchal is the respected chaplain, is a sad and thrilling history, as being the scene of the fatal fire of January 20, 1877, which completely destroyed the building and involved the loss of seven precious lives.

Taken altogether, Roberval is a very desirable place to live in and its future growth is assured by its picturesque situation and favored agricultural prospects. Of course, its old time isolation has been relieved by the opening of the Lake St. John Railway.

On the afternoon of the 23rd July I witnessed, here, a curious freak of atmospheric disturbance; the forenoon was warm and genial, but clouds instantly lowered and poured down hailstones as big as marbles, or rather irregular shaped lumps of ice, which actually covered the ground and remained in shape for some time.

From a respected resident I learn that settlers are fast coming in to Roberval township and Lake St. John district generally. It seems that each member of a family gets a tree lot, and the Government offers recompense for clearing it. Under such conditions the available land will soon be taken up.

These rich garden lands must not be coupled with the wild barren sections farther up the line, for some of them are utterly beyond man's power to subdue, and must ever remain as the domains of sportsmen and anglers.

In a single article I could not hope to discuss the features of this interesting country, so full of varieties and future possibilities. With the managing Director's leave I should like to speak of the Saguenay and the thriving municipality of Chicoutimi in another paper.

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