

SCHWEGLER ON "ADOLESCENCE."

Adolescence is the crowning part of the development," said Prof Raymond A. Schwegler, in commencing his address to the academy students this morning. It is a sort of vestibule to life. It comes as the climax of a composite process of life development, which involves at least three distinct steps in the life of the average child. First the touch and muscle functions predominating in the child's activity. In the period from five to ten or twelve, there is a gradual ascendancy of the eye and ear. The third period of development or adolescence is characterized by the final unfoldment of the physical and mental functions just as the caterpillar, having buried itself in its cocoon undergoes there remarkable transformation and issues finally as a perfect butterfly with iridescence of wing and limitless energy, so the boy and girl passing through the adolescent period of unfoldment, finds that the functions and organism of earlier stages are assimilated and

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completeness of which earlier periods
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S IS THIS ever recurring miracle of
creative energies at work in our day
