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## HEARD IN CHAPEL

### The Chaplain Speaks on Narrowness and Greatness

The Chaplain, the Rev. C. H. McKnight, in the chapel on the morning of the birthday of William McKinley, the twenty-fifth president of the United States took for his subject "Narrow, Yet Great," and cited St. Paul, whose anniversary the Church had observed a few days before, as a man who is accredited as one of the great characters in history by churchmen and historians and has been called narrow by many students. Because he was not disobedient to the heavenly vision and had one Purpose in Life, the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and continued faithful unto the end, he has been styled narrow. His enthusiasm and zeal had won for him the intensely qualifying term of mad. The account of St. Paul standing before King Agrippa is one of the most interesting, dramatic and wonderful chapters in the Bible. In part the Chaplain said:

"It is a classic and model for eloquence and argumentation. Narrow and mad as St. Paul has been declared to be by contemporaries and later day critics, yet he was so determined to execute his commission and life that he knew no danger and feared no evil; he gloried only in the Power of God as revealed in the Cross of Jesus Christ. Standing as he did on trial for his life, the sarcastic words of Festus could not annoy nor irritate him, and we may hear him say quietly, 'I am not mad, but speak the words of soberness and truth'."

"If you apply the adjective narrow to the greatness of St. Paul, so you might in considering other great men who saw visions and made the realization of them the purpose of their lives. A great English-speaking man, the English Yankee, recently closed his life's work. Viscount Bryce might be called narrow because he pursued all of his days the fulfillment of a vision. He labored incessantly for the maintenance and increase of good

feeling between his own countrymen and the people of the United States. He sought to bring about a complete understanding between the great English-speaking Governments. His intellectual and moral powers were of such force that he could influence two generations of thoughtful persons and write three monumental books with an interval of sixty years between the first and the third—"The Holy Roman Empire," "The American Commonwealth," and "Modern Democracies."

"Pope Benedict XV was not obedient to the heavenly vision. You may say he was mad as St. Paul was mad because he was possessed of a single purpose. His desire was to see the nations of the world at peace. His purpose was characterized by such burning zeal and shocked by such keen disappointment that his days were shortened."

"William McKinley, while holding the high and honorable office of President of the United States, had a great vision. He saw his beloved country going forward and taking its place as a world power and the establishment of the brotherhood of the men of the new world—a Pan-American citizenship. In his enthusiasm and zeal he was declared to be narrow—mad. Yet William McKinley was in advance of his fellowmen. He was called an 'Imperialist'; denounced as such and it cost him his life, victim of an assassin while speaking the words of soberness and truth before thousands of his fellow-citizens."

"Now, the terms narrow, mad and insane are not pleasant words to use. They have a repellant sound. Let us use another forceful word full of meaning; a word we may apply in speaking of Great Men with heavenly visions; that word is concentration."

"St. Paul, Lord Bryce, Pope Benedict XV, and William McKinley were men of concentration, of will, mind and purpose. Let us follow them."

Nettleton—What is an eggplant?  
Ginden—A chicken.

## THE SALINA GAME

The cadets met the Salina High five on the Wesleyan court Thursday night and defeated them by four points, final score 19-15. It was a hard fought and fast game, and excellent ability was displayed by both sides. The first point of the game was made by Pattison who dropped the ball through the net on a free throw. In a few minutes the score stood 3 to 3 and then the unexpected happened. Condon made two goals in quick succession, which was followed by a free throw by Pattison and a field goal by Gotte. This brought the score 10 to 3 in our favor. At the end of the first half the score was 12-7 for the cadets.

The High School came back hard in the second half, fighting hard under the stimulus of coach Bice's talk between halves. At this time the High School brought up their end of the score and obtained a lead of one point, 13-12. This temporary lead was cut down by a long spectacular shot by Pattison, which brought the black and orange again in the lead. The High School was considered to be the most formidable squad we were to meet, but over confidence and under estimation of the cadets, proved to be their Waterloo. That's the time gang—Do it Again!

## What Next?

Our adjutant started something when he built a ping pong table. The craze has been caught up by officers, instructors, and cadets alike, and the table is constantly in use. Basketball and football are somewhat affected by these popular pastimes, the players being deeply engrossed in the art of cultivating an effective mode of service. First it was marbles, which gave way to the bewitching game of horsehoes, and now ping pong. Perhaps the next will be mumble peg.

Capt. Bailey (In arithmetic class)  
—How long is a fraction?  
Crooks—Two feet.

### CADETS IN PUEBLO FLOOD

Two former cadets, Earnest and Stuart Rushmore, had a thrilling but dangerous experience in the Pueblo flood of last summer. Like hundreds of others they went to the heart of the city to watch the excitement. As the flood rose and advanced to where they were, they were forced to seek safety in their mother's jewelry store. Perched on a high cabinet they thought themselves safe from all danger; but in the course of time the flood rose to their chins. The situation looked anything but hopeful. They could easily have jumped into the stream and swam about, but the question was how they could make a safe exit from the store and safely catch a floating tie or pole. Besides, the danger was all the more increased by floating debris constantly jarring against the building. At a lucky moment someone in the second story opened a trap-door, dropped a rope and drew them to safety. There they were forced to spend the night.

As soon as the flood receded Mrs. Rushmore hastened to the store. She expected to find the whole stock ruined, but the only damage she discovered was a broken plate glass window. She swept out the mud and debris, put fresh roses in her windows, and had the following lines printed on posters, which she distributed among friends and hung about her store:

#### As You Think

If you think you are beaten, you are,  
If you think you dare not, you don't,

If you'd like to win, but think you can't,

It's almost certain you won't.  
If you think you'll lose, you've lost,

For out in the world we find  
Success begins with a fellow's will—  
It's all in the state of mind.

If you think you're outclassed, you are;

You've got to think high to rise,  
You've got to be sure of yourself before

You can ever win a prize.  
Life's battles don't always go

To the stronger or faster man;  
But soon or late the man who wins  
Is the one who thinks he can.

The Skirmisher, student body and faculty wish to congratulate them on their fortunate escape, and wish them the largest measure of prosperity, which is sure to come to Pueblo as

well as to the nation at large.

Mrs. Rushmore appreciates the great good that St. John's did for her sons and never loses an occasion in praising it to interested parents..

### Masonic Temple Burns

The Masonic Temple and several adjacent buildings were ruined by fire on Monday morning, January 30th. The amount of the damage is about \$165,000, which is partially covered by insurance.

The loss to the Masonic Lodge is increased by the destruction of the pipe organ, valued at \$10,000; \$40,000 worth of uniforms and equipment belonging to the various bodies, and thirty-nine curtains for the stage, used in the ritual work of the lodge and the presentation of degrees.

Since the fire the Masonic Lodge has leased the two upper floors of the Elks' building for two years, at the end of which time a new temple will probably be completed. In the meantime the work of the various bodies will go on uninterrupted.

This is the second misfortune that the Masonic Lodge has suffered within the past year. Last summer the whole community received a shock by the new million dollar temple, which was nearing completion, suddenly collapsing without a moment's warning.

The Masonic Lodge is of more than ordinary interest to St. John's, because of the affiliation of certain members of the faculty and student body. Major Ganssle is the High Potentate of the Isis Shrine. Major Weir is captain of the drill team of the Isis Patrol. Mr. P. M. Richardson, leader of St. John's band of last year, is director of the Isis Shrine Band. Besides, more than a dozen cadets belong to the local chapter of "The Order of DeMolay," which is an organization for Masons' sons and their chums.

The Skirmisher feels confident that the aggressive spirit shown by Salina Masons in the past will come to the top again in working victory out of temporary defeat.

Edwin Badger—Where do the jelly-fish get their jelly?

Drew Hartnett—From the ocean currents.

The barbers cut your dangling hair

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—Exchange.

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## PART ONE

The firm of Jenkins and Jones was probably the best known factory of many others because of its orderly business traits, but on this particular morning the whole factory was in the highest pitch of disorder—clerks running here and there shouting to one another; the manager giving sharp orders; newspaper men pushing, shoving, and even fighting in their mad efforts to get first reports for their paper. Jenkins and Jones sat in their office, looking pale and frightened, waiting for Christfor Grayfield, the city's best known detective to arrive.

Suddenly there came a loud knocking at the door. "Come in," commanded Jones in a voice that was scarcely above a whisper. The door slowly opened and in came a tall, lean, athletic looking fellow of perhaps fifty-seven years of age. He was dressed in a neat suit of clothes, not of the expensive type but of fine looking cloth. His face was long and narrow and gave one the impression that he was well educated.

"Well, what is it?" continued Jones.

The man slowly arched his jagged eyebrows, gazed casually around the room, and then spoke in a subdued tone.

"I'm Christfor Grayfield, the detective from headquarters for whom you sent."

"Step in, sit down, have a cigar!" exclaimed Jones.

"No thank you, I don't smoke. It interferes with one's clear thinking," returned Grayfield. "Why did you send for me?"

"I hardly know," began Jones. "Last night someone robbed us of one million dollars, leaving us in almost a complete state of bankruptcy."

"How did this come about? Where was the money?" questioned the detective.

"In the strong room," sighed Jones. "The safe was blown open by experts."

"It looks like Toney's work," muttered Grayfield half to himself.

"What! you know who it is already?" cried Jones.

"No, I don't know, I was just making a fairly sure guess," mused the headquarters man. "Have you questioned your clerks yet?"

"N-N-N-No, I never thought of that."

"Well, call them in," growled the detective.

Jenkins reached for a button, and pressed it. A moment later the door opened, and the office boy appeared.

"What is it, sir?" asked the boy.

"Tell the clerks to come in," returned Jones.

The clerks filed in. After they had been questioned the detective was none the wiser, except that the night watchman had forgotten to lock the door on making his last inspection; he thought he had heard a slight noise in the office and stopped to listen, but not hearing any went on his way.

"Well, gentlemen, I think that will be all for today," said Grayfield. "See you tomorrow."

After leaving the office of Jenkins and Jones, Grayfield was not idle. Hiring a taxi he was speedily driven to the house of Toney Amerout, which was in the lower section of town. He asked to see Toney but was informed that he was not at home. He next went to the back of the house and climbed the fire escape to Toney's room. Once in Toney's room he searched everywhere for any possible evidence of guilt, but did not find any save a kit of burglar's tools, a mask and some safe soup. Putting these in his pocket, he started for the window, when something struck his head with a violent thud. Things began whirling about him, blood rushed to his eyes and mouth, his knees gave way and he crashed to the floor; but just before he lost consciousness a snickering laugh, full of triumph, reached his ears. A door slammed and then darkness overtook him.

(Continued in next issue).

As a rule a man's a fool,  
When it's hot he wants it cool;  
When it's cool he wants it hot,  
Always wanting what is not.

## Drum and Bugle Corps Organized

St. John's now has a drum and bugle corps. The corps was organized instead of a band, which has always furnished music for the battalion in the past. It is the first in the history of the school.

Capt. Shideler is in charge and has two able assistants, Drum Sergt. Kirkpatrick and Pvt. McWhinney. Capt. Shideler is teaching the buglers how to blow the calls by note instead of by ear as most of them did.

The entire bugle corps blows quick-step and reveille in the morning and sounds retreat and To the Color at night when the flag is lowered.

The corps consists of eight buglers and three drummers. The buglers are, Corporals Linville, Shaffer and Winger; Pvts. McWhinney, Putnam, Grant, Farley and Kriepke; the drummers are, Sgt. Kirkpatrick and Pvts. Crooks and Poindexter.

To the present time the corps has not appeared in public, but it will make its debut soon.

Every afternoon during drill, the corps is assembled and either practices or looks up and studies the origin of the bugle and other military band instruments.

Two Hebrew merchants met in the street. "What is this I hear?" said the one. "You had a big fire at your place?"

"Oh no," said the other. "It isn't going to happen until next week." But how about you? You're insured too, aren't you?"

"Yes, I carry both fire and hail insurance."

"I can understand being insured against fire, but I didn't know anybody could make it hail."—Le Rire.

"Aren't you taking your wife with you to the seaside?"

"I'd like to, but you know yourself that the railroads refuse to take overweight baggage."—Le Regiment.

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## ALUMNI NOTES

Beecher Hungerford, 1918, graduates this year from the University of Michigan. He resides at Glencoe, Ill.

Greeley Timothy, who was enrolled during the year 1919-20, has been starring in football and basketball at Lake Forest University. His coach, Mr. Glaze is a warm personal friend of Major Wier, and it was through their influence that Greeley enrolled at Lake Forest.

Howard Hayden, 1920, will return to Center College next fall after an absence of a year. During the interim he has been engaged in the laundry business with his father at Greeley, Colorado. He plans to be present at the 1922 commencement of St. John's. He says that he is going to do his best to make the football team, which has achieved such a remarkable record during the past two years. According to Bo McMillan, the premier player of the team, a prayer is said in the dressing-room before each game, for the purpose of inspiring each player to do his part. Sufficient to say that Hayden, who attended daily chapel at St. John's, will not find it hard to adapt himself to the unique custom of the Center team.

Cyrus Waite, who attended St. John's during the years 1915-18, is now ranching with his uncle in Texas.

Robert Bell, 1920-21, played last fall on the football team of the Loveland, Colo., High School team. He has gained considerably in weight, now tipping the scales at 180. The Skirmisher is glad to hear of his success.

Waldron Sanders (Ole) received his sheepskin last week and departed for his home, Courtland, Kansas. 'Ole' leaves with an enviable record at St. John's. For three years he played on the football team, for which honor he received a large elegant black blanket trimmed in orange. During his junior year he was president of the

Athletic Board of Control, First Lieutenant of Company A, played on the basketball squad, and stood second in scholarship in his class. He was a member of Kappa Delta Phi and the Army Club. For the first half of this year he acted as Captain of Company A. As to the future he is undecided, but he hopes to secure an appointment to West Point. The best wishes of the Skirmisher and the student body go with Ole.

Sanford Small, a member of the faculty during the years 1918-20 and an assistant in the summer school of 1921, is now attending Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. For making the highest scholastic record in the Beta Theta Pi chapter last semester, he won the jewel scholastic pin. He is preparing himself to be a chemical engineer.

William McKay, a member of the 1917 varsity, has written to Major Ganssle to purchase a new sweater, the old one having been destroyed. He is now connected with a large corporation in Chicago.

Bruce Johnson, 1920, is pursuing special work at Kansas Wesleyan University. For two years he was enrolled at the State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas. While at St. John's he played on the football team of 1917, 1918, 1919, and on the basketball team of 1917 and 1919, and was senior captain in 1919-20. He was a member of Phi Delta Sigma. He plans to finish in 1923 at the State Agricultural College of Oregon.

A. G. Oliver, '19, is attending the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Oliver was substitute quarterback on the varsity team this year and expects to make his letter next year.

D. W. Buchanan, '19, is now employed by the Bird-Thayer Dry Goods Company in Kansas City, where he has been since his graduation from St. John's. Buchanan was captain of the Company Band, and liked by all the cadets.

Stanley Skilling is attending Bethany College at Lindsborg, where he has kept up his old record in athletics. While in St. John's, Skilling starred in football and basketball.

Ralph Dodge, '19, is playing his way to success. While a cadet at St.

John's he was talented on the piano and cornet. Now Dodge is leader of his own orchestra which tours the western and southern part of Kansas.

F. W. Wiedey, '19, is attending the Oklahoma A and M College at Stillwater. All his activities were musically inclined, and last year he was band chief of the college.

Dan Shaffner, '22, finished his work at St. John's at the end of the first term this year. He is now at his home in Emporia, working and studying surveying.

### Captain Hicklin

Captain Maurice Hicklin, former commandant and language teacher of St. John's, is now teaching in the School of Journalism at the University of Washington. He was faculty representative of the Skirmisher during 1917-18-19, and is now at the head of the Washington University paper.

Captain Hicklin had several ambitions for occupying his mind during his spare time. One was applying his musical skill in playing on various wind and string instruments; the other was to plan a trip to the Hawaiian Islands. His ambitions are about to be realized for he has taken up a French horn, and is planning to sail to the Hawaiian Islands.

### Capturing the Enemy

Most of the afternoon had been spent by a platoon of the battalion in search of the enemy without much success. Every one was feeling tired and impatient, especially the top sergeant. Finally in a moment of exasperation he exclaimed,

"I'll beat the devil out of any one that makes any noise."

After marching for another half hour the platoon was captured by the enemy. Half in apology and half in defense a rookie meekly said,

"Why, I saw them a long time ago."

"Then, why in the thunder didn't you say so?" asked the sergeant.

"Because you said you would beat the devil out of me, if I made a noise."

Ruth rode in my new cycle car  
In the seat in back of me;  
I took a bump at fifty-five—  
And drove on Ruthlessly.

—Exchange.

### On Duty at Coal Mines

One day, late in July, several small planes of the De Haviland type were flying around doing duty over a portion of West Virginia. They were aerial photographers from the Photo. Squadron at Langley Field. Their duty was to reconnoitre the land around the coal mines and all of the immediate vicinity.

A "striker" saw the planes and evidently thought they were battle planes. Some one of the strikers fired upon the planes. The planes, not having any armament, left the vicinity and reported the offense at Headquarters. Immediately orders were issued to arm all planes with machine guns.

We equipped fifteen planes and taxied them to the place where the guns were to be synchronized and tested. Each plane carried four Lewis machine guns. Two were operated by the pilot and two by the observer in the rear cock-pit.

The next day orders were received for five planes to reconnoitre the scene before over any large number of planes would be sent. These five planes took off in "battle formation" and soon arrived at the scene of activities. They flew around but when they observed that the "gravel agitators" were there, they immediately knew they would not be needed.

They then returned to the airdome, where they reported what they had seen. No more orders were received, but we were still in readiness should any come in.

### It Is Not Always Easy

- To apologize,
- To begin over,
- To admit error,
- To be unselfish,
- To take advice,
- To be charitable,
- To be considerate,
- To keep on trying,
- To think and then act,
- To profit by mistakes,
- To forgive and forget,
- To shoulder a deserved blame,
- BUT IT ALWAYS PAYS.

—Exchange.

### Knew His Brother

"My brother has been in Africa for the last year and has just come home. He has been hunting tigers."

"How exciting. Did he have any luck?"

"Rather! He never met any."

—The Epworth Herald.

## PERSONAL NOTES

Cadet John Harris has been compelled to return to his home in Kansas City because of illness. He hopes to return next fall.

Cadet Billy Shirk spent last week end at his home in McPherson.

Cadet Carl Johnson of Salina has become a resident student. Johnson while living at home has been compelled to get up at 5:30 to feed a lot of cattle, milk a number of cows, and do a great many chores. He says that reveille at 6:30 will be a luxury for him.

Harris K., McDonald, and Armantrout enjoyed the dance which was recently given by the DeMolay boys in honor of their chapter "dad", Mr. Jerry Parks. Mr. Parks is leaving Salina for Kansas City, where he will engage in the grain business. Our boys have grown to like him very much and wish him all kinds of success.

The Skirmisher, as it goes to press, wishes to express its appreciation of the visit made today by the cadet corps of the State Industrial School of Topeka. It regrets very much that the day was a holiday and for that reason most of our cadets were not on the grounds to make the visiting corps welcome. The corps came under the direction of Supt. McLean. He says he has a football team that will prove a hard proposition for either our first or second team. Perhaps a game can be arranged for one of our teams, if we go to Topeka to play Topeka High.

The following new cadets have entered for the second term: Dennis Phillips and Lewis Oehlman of Denver, Maurice Russell of Salina, Ebert Corpenny of Kansas City, Forrest Lichty of El Dorado, and Evan Bowen of Dodge City. These boys are rapidly getting acquainted and picking up the St. John's stride.

"You admit, then," said the Alabama judge, "That you stole the hog?"

"Ah sure has to, Jedge," said the colored prisoner.

"Well, nigger, there's been a lot of hog stealing going on around here lately, and I'm just going to make an example of you or none of us will be safe."—The Marion Line.

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**Cadets Defeated at Solomon**

After so brilliant a game as the one with Salina High, it hardly seemed possible that our team could be defeated; and yet, after the game with Solomon, at Solomon, we are convinced that we can be beat.

The game was no walk away, but a hard fought battle, and the Solomon team deserved the points they made. It cannot be denied that the Solomon quintette is fast and speedy.

The cadets were greatly handicapped by bars suspended from the ceiling, parallel with the floor. These made shots from the floor impossible; only shots made directly under the basket were successful. These bars were hit time and again by the St. John's warriors, when their shots would certainly have scored. The smallness of the court was also a source of trouble to our men, who have been used to playing on large courts.

The score at the end of the first half was 12 to 5 in favor of Solomon. The final score was 22 to 11 with St. John's on the smallest end.

Only three field goals were made, one by Gotte, one by Pattison, and the other by Condon. The rest of the points were made by free throws, Pattison making eight out of ten trials.

**Major Weir at State Conference**

Late in January Major J. L. Weir commandant and athletic coach of St. John's, made a trip to Topeka on behalf of the Athletic Board of the school. This year a league was formed with all the accredited high schools of the state as members. The object of this league was to form a closer bond between the various schools and fix it so that it would be impossible for any team outside of the league to play any member of the league. The reason for this was that some teams in the state have no standard of playing.

By making the trip to Topeka, Maj. Weir has made it possible for St. John's to enter the league. Some of this year's football squad were worried somewhat, because they thought we weren't going to be able to schedule any games with our old rivals next year.

This league is to have a meeting each year at this time, so that it can bring up things for the betterment of the athletic conditions of the accredited schools.



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A number of darkies were unloading a boat with a cargo of anvils for which they received two cents for each anvil carried ashore.

Jose: Capt'n, if I carry two anvils at a time how much do I get?

Capt.: Two cents each, boy.

Jose started down the plank when it broke and he fell into the river with the two heavy anvils. When he came to the surface he cried: Captain! if you-all don't throw me a rope I's gwin' t'drop these here anvils and lose mah fo' cents!"—Judge.

**Favorite Fiction**  
"Let Bygones Be," by Gones.  
"Yes," by George.  
"No," by Gosh.  
"Rock A," by Baby.  
"The Fly," by Night.  
"Man Cannot Live," by Bread A. Lone.  
"Not," by Adam Site.  
"Missed," by A. Mile.  
"How to Beat Wall Street," by Hooker Crook.

"Margot Asquith's Auto," by Ography.  
"Johnny's Favorite," by Word.  
"Taking Out the Dogs," by Cuspid.  
"The Guiding Star," by Week Lee.  
"Use of Soda," by Carb. O. Nate.  
"Violating," by Laws.

**Taking His Measure**  
"Do you ever drink," asked the girl's father.  
"I never touch liquor of any kind, sir."

"How about tobacco?"  
"I do not smoke. A cigar, pipe or cigaret has never been in my mouth."  
"Ever gamble?"  
"Never. I do not know one card from another."

"I suppose you swear occasionally."  
"No sir. An oath never passes my lips."  
"Um. All right. Come out and have a stick of candy on me."

She: "Are they engaged?"  
He: "Not yet,—he still hires a taxi when they go to the show." N. Y. Sun.

Yankee from the country: Are you a Jew?

Jew: Certainly, what can I do for you?

Yankee: Well, I am proud to say that there ain't any Jews in my village.

Jew: That's why it's a village.

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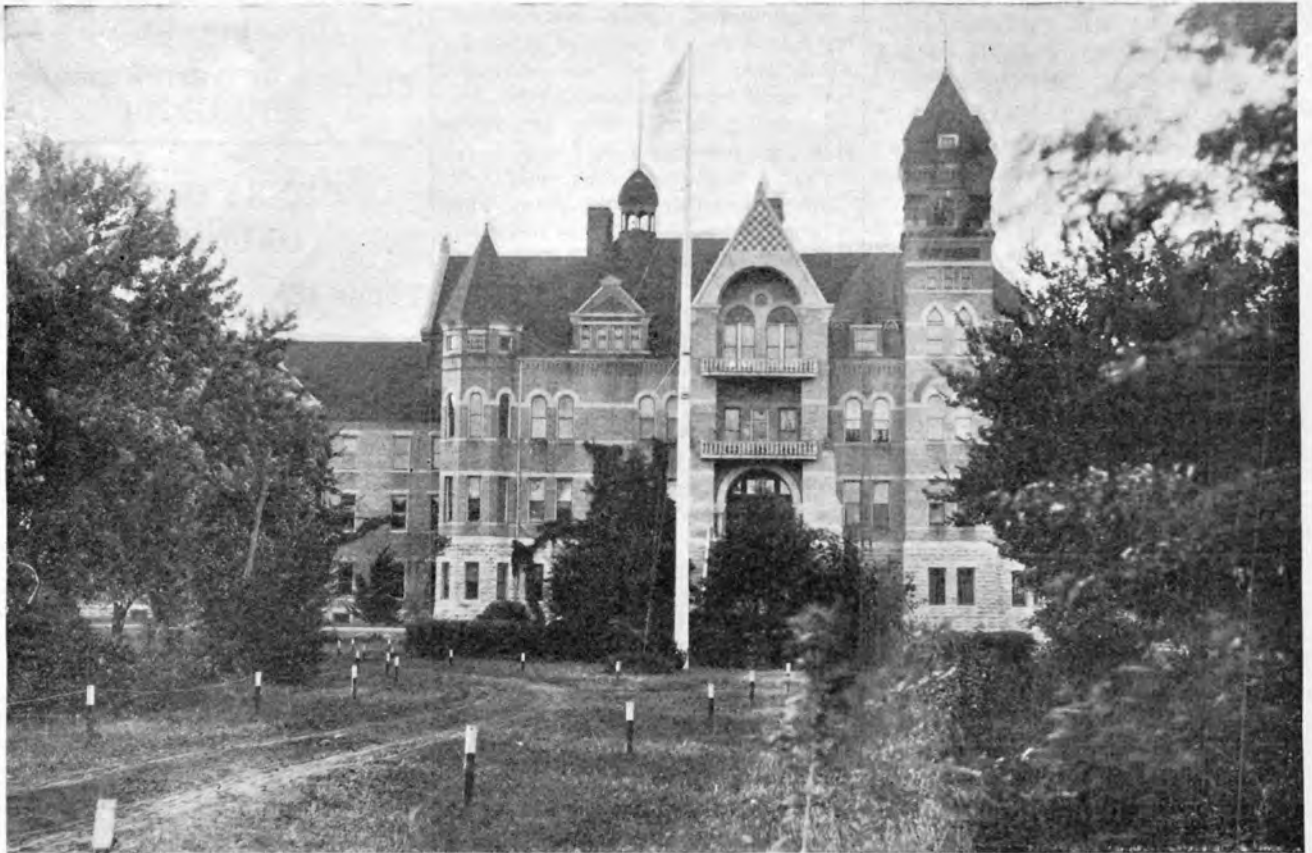
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