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## SCHOOL OPENS WITH A BANG!

### MANY NEW BOYS ENROLLED

#### Thirty-five Men Out For Football---Linger Heads Military.

Many of the old boys returned to school this year with a new boy or two so with the boys whose applications have been sent in we have a large enrollment for the year of '25 and '26.

The boys on the whole are settling down and working in real earnest.

On the drill field the new boys are learning the movements and under our capable battalion commander, Capt. Linger, the battalion should be in fine condition in a short time. There is also some good football material among the new boys so St. John's should have a winning team this year.

The outlook for the coming year is very prosperous.

Following are the new boys enrolled at school.

#### UPPER SCHOOL

Ganssle—St. Thomas, North Dakota.

Hemstreet—Neb.

Gibbs—Denver, Colorado.

Jones, M.—Denver, Colorado.

Stotts—Emporia, Kansas.

Shaffer—Casper, Wyoming.

Nance—Midwest, Wyoming.

Armstrong—Salina, Kansas.

Eichenberger—Cheyenne Wells, Colo.

Jeannin—Trinidad, Colo.

Frey—Canon City, Colo.

Caldwell—Formosa, Kansas.

Morrow—Leavenworth, Kansas.

Kinkel—Fort Morgan, Colo.

Wallace—Salina, Kansas.

Holland—Minneapolis, Kansas.

Greenwood—Denver, Colo.

Hake—Lafayette, Colo.

Barber—Manhattan, Kansas.

Aldrich—Topeka, Kansas.

#### LOWER SCHOOL

Shor—Dodge City, Kansas.

Carpenter—Salina, Kansas.

Brach, I—Hastings, Neb.

Weaver—Partridge, Kansas.

Woolridge—Wichita, Kansas.

Bereshford—Wichita, Kansas.

Campbell—Denver, Colo.

Wilcox—Lawrence, Kansas.

Keller—Kansas City, Kansas.

Brach II—Hastings, Nebraska.

#### FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Sept. 25—Ellsworth. Here.

Oct. 2—Abilene. There.

Oct. 9—Concordia. There.

Oct. 16—Open.

Oct. 23—Open.

Oct. 30—Sacred Heart.

Nov. 7—Junction City. There.

Nov. 14—Salina. Here.

Nov. 21—Open.

Nov. 26—Open.

#### WHO IS THE HANDSOMEST CADET?

### OPENING DANCE A'LA CAMP

#### Dinner Served In Mess Kits

We're having a dinner

In a'la camp style,

With mess kits and tin cups:

Then we'll dance for awhile.

Please put on your apron

Or old gingham gown,

Party frocks are not welcome

They will cause us to frown.

We will dine at six-thirty

And promptly, I've heard,

Next Saturday night

October the third.

Come right to St. John's,

A cadet awaits you

Who will help you at "mess"

And escort you home, too.

R. S. V. P.

The first dance of the year was held Saturday Evening, October the third.

The distinct novelties being the style in which dinner was served and the dress of the Cadets and their partners.

The boys wore the regular service uniform of khaki trousers and puttees while the girls wore gingham gowns.

Mess Call was sounded whereupon the boys obtained mess-kits for the girls and themselves.

The St. John's orchestra furnished part of the evening's entertainment.

A pleasant feature of the dance was its utter lack of formality. Capt. R. R. Shideler furnished music for the Virginia Reel which was something new both to the cadets and their ladies. Then at eight o'clock the Real Orchestra put in its appearance and the latest interpretation of the "Charleston" held sway. All in all the dance was a "WOW."

## NEW FOOTBALL COACH

Captain Sanford Small comes to St. John's from St. Alban's School near Chicago, where he was headmaster and coach for two years.

This is not St. John's first acquaintance with Coach Small as he acted as commandant during the years of 1919 and 1920.

Captain Small holds two degrees, Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts from Kenyon College at Gambier, Ohio.

While an undergraduate at Kenyon, he won letters at football, basketball, and tennis. Besides actual participation in athletics in school he coached a successful team at St. Alban's.

Even this early in the season the affect of his training is evident. His intense interest in the game has imbued the team with a spirit to win.

Everyone behind Coach Small and the team for a successful season!

## A VISIT TO THE THIRD FLOOR

Capt. John nears the third floor via the stairs, hesitates a moment, then a Crash! Bang! He rushes madly into the nearest room slamming the door after him.

After the tinkling noise of breaking glass dies out he looks around the room and discovers two Cadets calmly sitting at a table reading books.

"Didn't you hear that awful noise? What was it? What was it?" gasped Capt. John.

"Oh, that was just Missimer throwing another shoe through a window. It's a nightly occurrence up here for Elkins and Missimer to have a battle across the hallway. We get accustomed to it and think nothing of it," was the calm reply of one of the boys.

Capt. John paced the floor impatiently, "I really should go back to my room," he said, at last. "Do you think it's safe?"

"Oh! Yes," It's perfectly safe, they only break one glass a night and now that one is broken, you have nothing to fear," explained the cadet.

"All right then, I'll try it," said Capt. John and he opened the door and cautiously descended the stairs to his own little nook on the first floor.

## ORIGIN OF THE SKIRL

The invention of the harp was due to an accident, we read.

On the other hand, the inventor of the bag-pipes was a highland cottager who got the idea through stepping on a cat.

—College Humor.

## HINTS FOR THE BOYS

On reaching school go directly to the Colonel and introduce yourself, be cordial and friendly, make some jocular remark like, "Well here I am Old Bean." "How's Things?" He may seem embarrassed but do not notice this, clap him on the shoulder and let him know you are his friend.

Strive constantly to improve on the army manual, endeavor to relieve the monotony of drills by breaking ranks and pulling some rare trick such as turning a hand spring. This will be a distinct novelty for the battalion commander and no doubt he will commend you very highly.

When you are on guard take your time about signing the cadets off for town, especially the old boys. If by chance one of them should seem the least bit hard boiled, just say, calmly, "I'm on guard here and you mind your own business." Show them you are not to be trifled with.

These bright remarks will make the officers love you and respect you.

—With Apologies.

## TENNIS NOTES

Just lately some of the old tennis fans have been playing and getting the courts into the pink of condition. Among the old and new tennis fans are: King and Smith of the Junior building, who are a breezy pair, and can lead a good set of doubles or equally as fast a game of singles. The boys of the senior building are: Gibbs, Barber, Hover, and Eichenberger, who have much promise in tennis. With such material as this, "St. John's" can expect a fine tennis team which will be more than slightly difficult to beat.

## WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF—

Houghton came to formations dressed.

Fuhrman had his lesson in algebra.

"Sleepy" Edgerton woke up.

Blunt got to football practice on time.

Roth got out of study hall.

Aldrich would comb his hair.

Linger would bring soap to the shower.

Paddock would shave off his mustache.

Jackson didn't have a date.

Coach Small didn't have his cane.

Utterback didn't go see Mary every Saturday night.

## WHO IS THE HANDSOMEST CADET?

## SACRED HEART SCRIMMAGE

A couple of days before the Ellsworth game Coach Small arranged for a practice game with Sacred Heart.

The ball was given to St. John's and simply thrown out on the field. Both teams had their coaches who stopped the game at different intervals and ironed out the rough places. In this way both teams found out their weak spots. This was a great benefit to them.

There was no rivalry between the two teams and all players realized the benefits which they would receive from such practice.

St. John's enjoyed these games and thinks they should be encouraged.

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## THE BOXERS

Capt. Atkinson has just recently organized a class in boxing. About six turned out the first day and by the next another caught the fever and three whose principles were slightly against violent exercise, had lost their enthusiasm, which leaves four who may show some promise. The four are introduced as follows: "Sleepy" Edgerton, has a neat defense and a convincing smack at the end of his arm. Hake, a new boy from Lafayette, Colorado, has a defense that would bear a bit of improvement, but is made up by a left jab that would convince our dear friend, Jack Dempsey, himself, that a smack like that is real punishment. Then we have Biggs, a heavy-built man with a long reach, which, when developed will make a fine defense and an advantage in the offensive side of the question. Last of all is little Bill Armstrong who is a hanger on and who may, if he gets over his habits of blinking his eyes and flirting with his opponent and ducking his head on a left jab, perhaps be in some kind of a condition to do honor to the ring as the "Scrapping Runt."

## FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Football started in the usual way with about thirty-five boys the first afternoon. There is always a decrease the second or third days practice, but this year the decrease was much smaller than it has been before. And even yet the players are being very faithful in coming out for practice.

There seems to be a better Spirit this year than ever before, everyone is full of pep and enthusiasm and things look very favorable for a successful season.

## "THE CALL OF THE WEST"

There seems to be danger of losing our instructor of Science. Although, outwardly, his appearance is robust, he complains of his lungs and heart, and longs for the cool bracing breath of the pines of Colorado. If his malady increases he will probably take up the drug and book business which will occupy a part of his time.

Although it is hard to part from our fair instructor, if the Specials continue to come, our advice is to "Go West, Young Man, Go West."

**WATCH FOR  
SKIRMISHER BEAUTY  
CONTEST**

## MUSIC

Professors Jessen and Shreeve  
Arrange Hours

There are many prospects in the cadet corps this year for good musicians. Several of the new boys are taking lessons on different instruments.

The boy's practice periods are during their vacant class periods. This plan makes it possible for each boy to get regular practice. The following schedule has been arranged:

**PIANO:** Professor Jessen of Kansas Wesleyan University. Those taking: Markley, Reese, Stotts, Shaffer, Kreipke, and Utterback.

**VIOLIN:** Professor Bernhardt of Kansas Wesleyan University. Those taking: Cadet Broch I.

**SAXOPHONE:** Professor Shreeve of Kansas Wesleyan University. Those taking: Cadets Gibbs, Jordan, Ganssle, Nance, and Whitehead.

**TROMBONE:** Professor Shreeve. Those taking: Cadet Sergt. Shortt.

**CORNET:** Capt. Shideler of St. John's Military School. Those taking: Cadets Utterback, Kintz, Moe, Roth, Eichenberger, and Needham.

The boys under Professor Jessen take their lessons on Wednesday and those under Professor Shreeve take theirs on Friday.

FOOTBALL TEAM GOES TO  
SACRED HEART GAME

Coach Small accompanied by the football squad attended Sacred Heart High's first football game.

This game was a great benefit to the squad as they watched the game from the side lines and criticized the faults, so they might not make the same errors when they get into a game.

The football squad likes the idea of going to these games and hopes that this plan will be continued.

WHO IS THE  
HANDSOMEST CADET?

## ELLSWORTH GAME

St. John's first game of the season was played Friday afternoon, September 25th. Before noon the weather looked fine and everyone thought we were going to have a good day for the game.

A little before two-thirty p. m. the Ellsworth players were on the field with their new maroon jerseys, while the St. John's boys were running around in their new trousers and shiny orange and black jerseys. The wind started to blow and a fine mist began to fall before the first quarter was up. The field became muddy and the players on both sides looked alike, mud from head to foot.

The beginning of the game Ellsworth kicked off to St. John's who returned the ball to the thirty-yard line, failed to make first down and kicked. First quarter ended with Ellsworth on the twenty-yard line.

Second quarter Ellsworth makes touch down and kicked goal. St. John's kicked off. Ellsworth failed to make first down and kicked to ten-yard line. St. John's in return punted to the fifty-yard line. Ellsworth penalized for backfield in motion but the half was immediately called.

Third quarter St. John's kicked off, on line plunges, Ellsworth returns ball to thirty-yard line, where they failed to make downs. St. John's returned ball to fifty-yard line and punted. Quarter ends with Ellsworth in possession of ball.

Fourth quarter St. John's fumbles and Ellsworth recovered ball and plows through for touch down but failed to kick goal. St. John's kicked off and Ellsworth returned ball to fifty-yard line. Attempted to pass but pass was intercepted by St. John's. St. John's made first down and game ended with St. John's in possession of, on the forty-yard line. The final score was: Ellsworth 13—St. John's 0.

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## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Rev. W. L. Botlins is now our new chaplain. He comes to us from Colorado, where he has had ten years experience in the ministry.

He has attended McKendree College, Lebanon, Illinois; Nebraska Wesleyan, Colorado Agricultural College and the Iliff Seminary at Denver.

Capt. Poggeman is instructor at the Junior School, where he has classes with the younger boys. He is from the Teachers College at Emporia, Kansas. He has had six years experience in teaching.

The past two years he has been principal of the Junior High School at Olathe, Kansas.

## NEW EQUIPMENT.

A few days before our first game, new football equipment was issued to the first team.

This equipment included shoes, socks, pants, kidney pads, and helmets.

The pants are of the new type, being light and built for speed and not comfort.

With these new togs the equipment is complete and the cadets are looking forward to a successful season.

## THE ATHLETIC ROOM

At the request of Capt. Small, an athletic room has been set aside for all of the football equipment. This is a great help in issuing all athletic supplies.

There is a very close account kept of all equipment taken in and issued. This account is kept by the Coach, assisted by Manager Crooks.

## WATCH FOR SKIRMISHER BEAUTY CONTEST

## CAPT. HEATON RETURNS

Hal Heaton, of Larned, Kansas, Cadet Capt. at St. John's and active business manager for the "Skirmisher" last year paid us a short visit last week.

"Hal" was here bright and early for our first football game.

We're sorry we couldn't show him the large end of the score for he worked as hard as the players themselves, pacing the sidelines in his "yaller Slicker."

## PEAR PICKING

Following a very poor custom, Capt. John selected a number of the cadets to go to his father's pear orchard and pick pears. The reason I say a poor custom is that if the pears were picked by some one other than the St. John's cadets the yield of the orchard would be two or three times as great. However the yield this year was twenty bushels not counting the nineteen and one-half bushels the boys consumed themselves.

The following boys were the ones who went.

Hake.  
Jones, M.  
Snodgrass.  
Barber.  
Ganssle.  
Nance.  
Shaffer.  
Eichenberger.

## "TINY TIM" RETURNS TO SCHOOL

The undersized boy athlete, better known as "Tiny," has returned to us once more. His return was met with a cheer, for didn't he only weigh 275 pounds and take the place of two men on our football line, as Ellsworth soon found out. "Tiny" brought back with him his weight and smile and pep, which was all our team needed at that time. He went right into the game without training and showed that he still had lots of fight over from last year, and hadn't forgotten how to play football. We're looking forward to having a successful career in football this year, with "Tiny" Shortt holding the left side of the line.

Hap: My brother is an atheist.  
Sap: Honest? I didn't know they had a chapter here.

—Brown Bull.

Agent in Idaho shot a bear with a bow and arrow, much to the surprise of both.

—College Humor.

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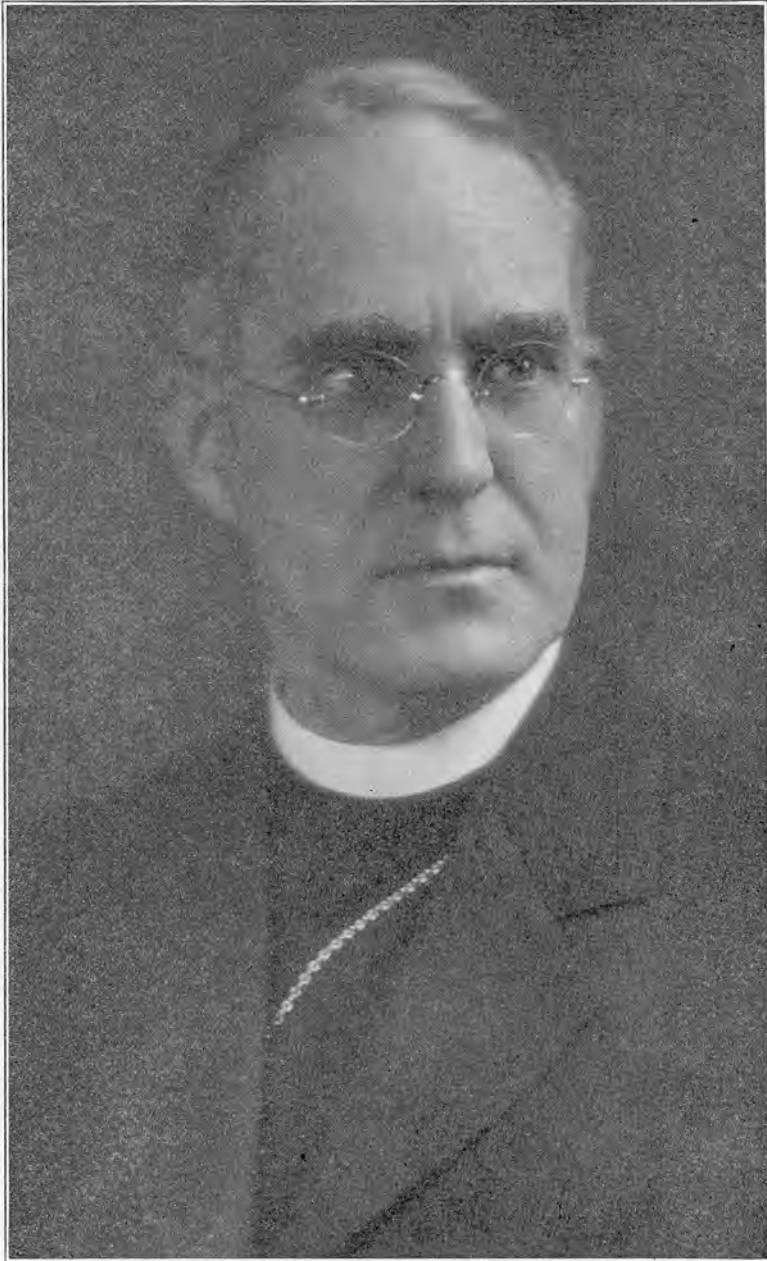
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#### THE NEW WAY OF GOING TO CHURCH

The Colonel surprised every one last Sunday by dividing the companies into squads and sending them down to church in charge of their corporals. This new idea seemed to meet with the approval of all the cadets, for in bad weather it is much better walking out of ranks. All the squads were to meet at a certain time

down in front of the Cathedral and go into church in the usual way.

Each Sunday, so many passes will be given Cadets wishing to attend their own churches. This will be governed according to their respective grades set opposite their names in the office. If this new idea is not mistreated it will more than likely be carried out all during the year. It rests with the Cadets of St. John's Military School to make it a success.

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**PROMOTIONS**

The following promotions took effect the first day of school.

Attention to Orders:  
Headquarters Cadet Corps,  
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**Special Order No. 1.**

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and integrity of the following named cadets, they are appointed to the rank appearing opposite their names, from this date, and they are to rank as listed.

Second Lieut. L. Linger, to be First Lieut. Battalion Commander.

Color Sergt. G. Jamison, to be Second Lieut. Company A.

Sergt. Major R. Paddock, to be Second Lieut. Commander Company B.

First Sergt. W. Jackson, to be Second Lieut. Company B.

First Sergt. S. Cronin, to be Second Lieut. Company A.

Sergt. P. Jeannin, to be Second Lieut. Company B.

Sergt. R. Crooks, to be Second Lieut. and Adjutant.

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**Special Order No. 2.**

Reposing special trust and confidence in the ability and integrity of the following named cadets they are promoted and assigned to such rank and duties as appear opposite their names.

Corp. Fuhrman, to be Sergt. Acting first Sergt. of Company B.

Corp. Utterback, to be Sergt. Acting first Sergt. of Company A.

Corp. Holmes, to be Sergt. Acting Right guide of Company B.

Corp. Newman, to be Sergt. Acting Left guide of Company A.

Corp. Abbott, to be Sergt. Acting Right guide of Company A.

Corp. Shortt, to be Sergt. Acting Left guide of Company B.

Corp. Roth, to be Sergt. Acting charge of Field Music.

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**Special Order No. 3.**

The following named cadets are detailed temporarily in charge of squads

in the Company designated opposite their names.

Cadet Blunt, First squad of Company A.

Cadet Mourning, Second squad of Company A.

Cadet Farnsworth, Third squad of Company A.

Cadet Meyer, Fourth squad of Company A.

Cadet Jordan, First squad of Company B.

Cadet Reese, Second squad of Company B.

Cadet Hickory, Third squad of Company B.

Cadet Bivens, Fourth squad of Company B.

Cadet Moe, Field Music.

**WHO IS THE HANDSOMEST CADET?**

A short time after taps the other night a slight rumpus flew around among the high and mighty, among the elect, namely the old boys who are considered to be of any consequence on the third floor. The boys had a swell fight in which someone had a feather pillow ripped. Immediately the one receiving the pillow emptied it upon the populace on the lower floors who had been looking above to see what was going on. Consequently some ducked under the cover and others pulled down their windows. We guess that the white cloud of feathers made it cold. Some claim that they saw snow coming down. The next morning brought realization that feathers are bad things to sweep out of rooms, in time for inspection.

**ST. JOHN'S REPRESENTED IN THE UNIVERSITIES**

St. John's takes pride in the number of its alumni who are now taking up work in different colleges.

Word has been received from Clyde Shaffer of the class of '23 that he is now taking eighteen hours work, eight of which are mathematics, in University of Colorado.

Roy Doran writes that he is taking up work in Boulder also.

John Putnam of the class of '25, is enrolled at K. S. A. C., Manhattan, Kansas.

Willis Hoskinson of the class of '23, is now a sophomore in Kansas University.

David Bland is now going to Oklahoma University at Norman, Okla.

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The college man starts work at 22 and has a salary of \$6000 per annum and stays there steadily but often it rises higher and at the age of sixty the college man's total earnings are \$150,000 and often much more.

Thus we can say that when we subtract the total earnings of an untrained worker from the total wages of the high school graduate, we find that a high school education is worth \$33,000, and subtracting the high school trained man's total from the college man's total, we find that the college education is worth \$72,000 and totaling these two we find that the high school and college education may be valued at \$105,000 which means that the average man who goes to work at the age of fourteen when he has the opportunity of getting a high school education and college education, cheats himself out of \$105,000 by his indifference to learning.

ARMSTRONG.

## SPIRIT

Without doubt we all know that St. John's has the spirit that a school of its kind should have, but every cadet should have one thing in his mind that would improve this spirit—the desire to do what is right. If every boy had this desire, there would be no rules, everyone would have a better time, and there would be a spirit in the school that we could hardly imagine. There is no one here who does not know the difference between right

and wrong. If every one would use this knowledge and try to make the spirit better, one cadet would feel that he would fight for any one of the fellows, and he would know that the other fellows would fight for him. If this were the case could you imagine what kind of a football team St. John's would have. It would be a team against which none of our opponents could stand. Let us make our motto "do what is right," and then the spirit and success in football will take care of themselves.

ALDERSON.

## FOUR THINGS

Four things a man must learn to do.

If he would make his record true,  
To think without confusion clearly;  
To love his fellowmen sincerely;  
To act from honest motives purely,  
To trust in God and Heaven securely.

—Henry Van Dyke.

Last of the Mammoths—Tiny Shortt.

The living question mark—Cadet Aldrich.

WATCH FOR  
SKIRMISHER BEAUTY  
CONTEST

There are periods of rest and periods of mirth and pathos at St. John's but the hour after taps is the one in which the most things happen. The sound of the Marmon floats back as the Colonel leaves for town, and steps are heard in the halls. Conversation is to be heard from all sides, but no one is to be seen.

The puzzled instructor wanders through the halls in search of disturbance, at last in desperation he enters the quarters of the senior officer only to find Lieutenant Lyman surrounded by the officers and non-coms to whom he is telling for the twentieth time, just how he got his gold tooth broken off.

Farnsworth, the envy of all in baby pink pajamas is just finishing the last of the eats. All is silent for a moment, the captain is about to finish with stern advice. Suddenly the walls shiver, there is a tremendous rumble and quaking. The sound comes from above. Tiny Shortt has just retired for the night.



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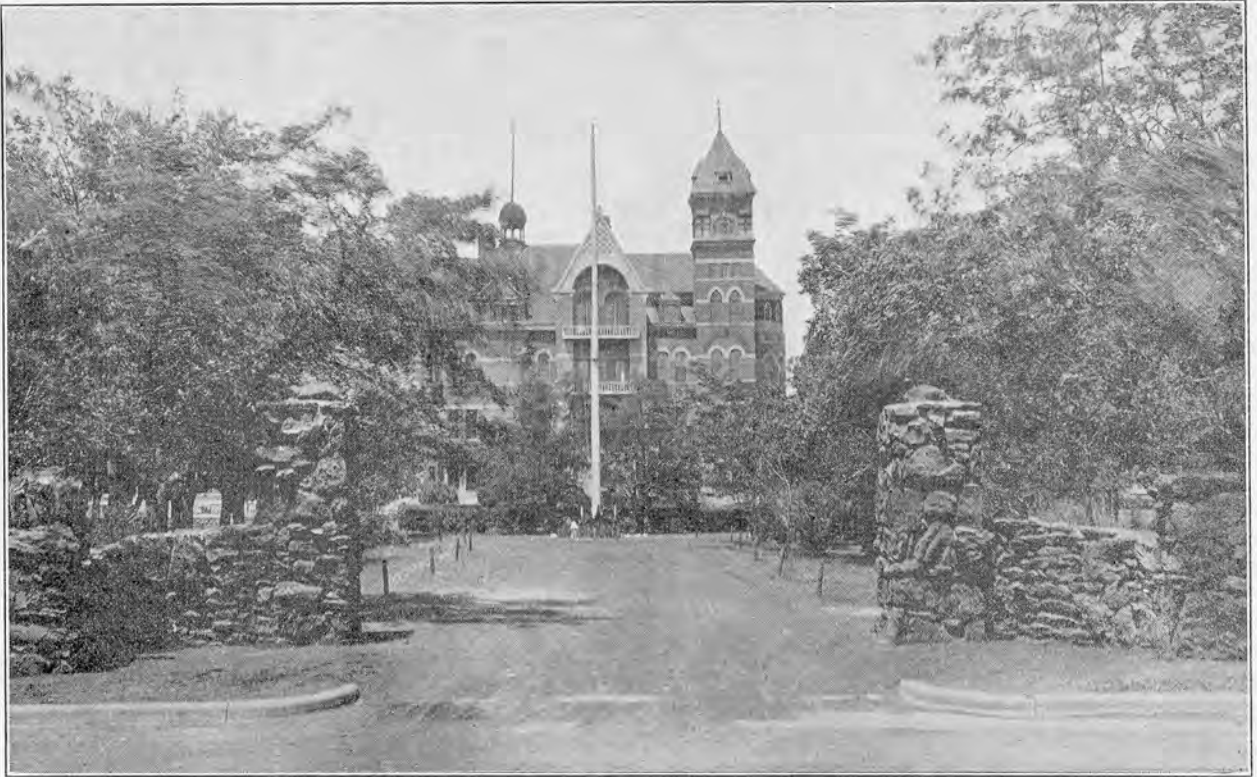
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