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the "high-stepping" little fairies as they formed their fairy ring to go through "the mystic mazes of the dance." The little peasants in their picturesque costumes carried great wreaths of Christmas green that were used in the different figures of their dances. The gipsies added much color and warmth to the scene in their brilliant costumes of black, red and orange.

The play ended with the singing of a carol during which the kneeling fairies surrounded the figure of the Holy Child while all the other actors were arranged in picturesque groups. One fairy, little Mildred Billart, kept her hand upon the form of the sleeping Child as though to ward off danger.

The audience was large and seemed thoroughly to appreciate our efforts to please.

At last our Xmas holidays arrived, and we really came to the conclusion that we were much wiser than at the beginning of the year, although we were still far from the top of the "hill of knowledge", and that meant



READY FOR BASKET BALL

a return later to the deserted books. Since the Chronicle pertains exclusively to school days, I will not mention any of our holiday sports, but our two weeks of emancipation were enjoyed to the fullest extent.

When we returned to school on January 9th we all settled down and made up our minds to "cram" in all the little crumbs of knowledge that had hitherto been neglected.

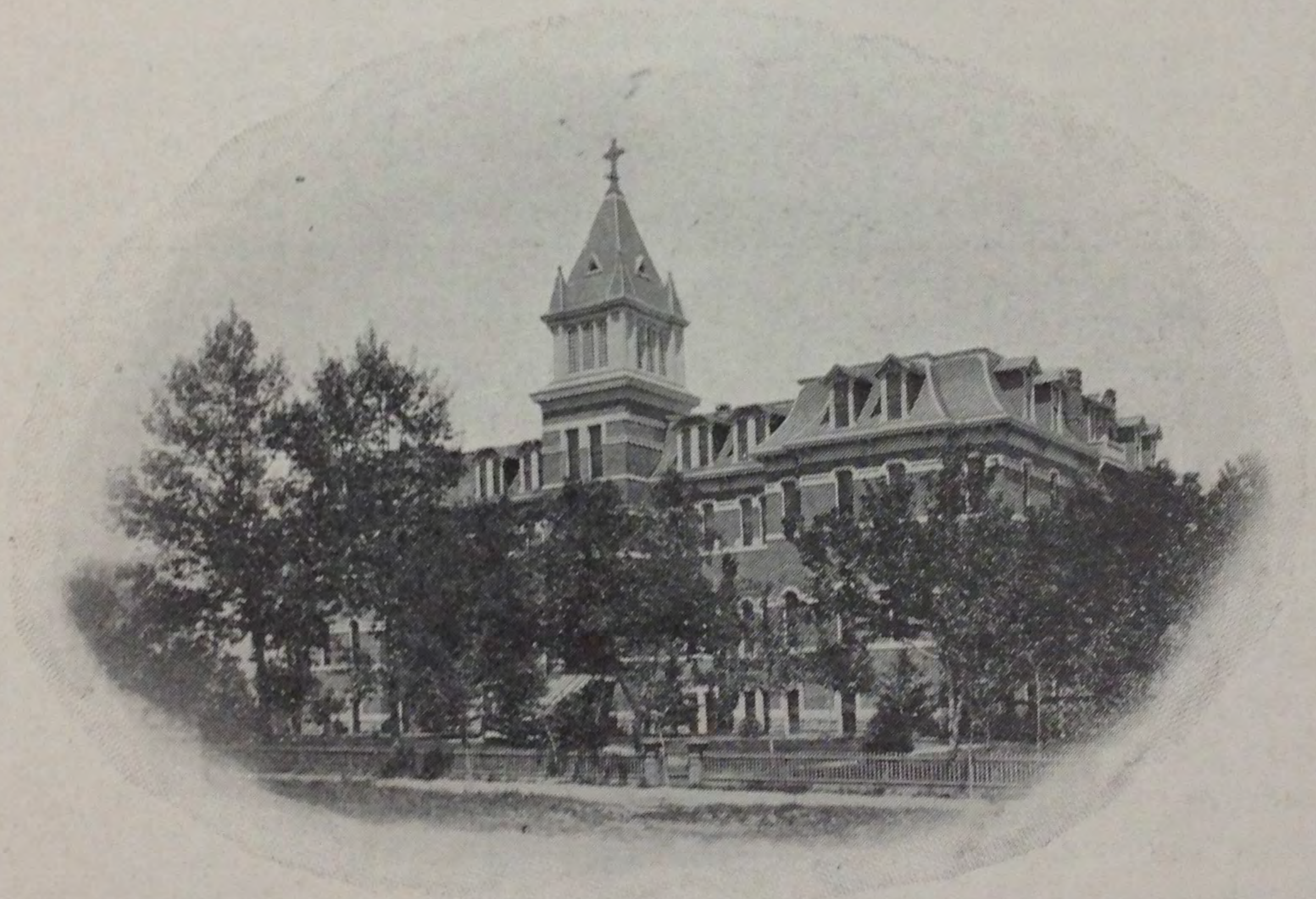
The Legislature was in session and politics were talked of in every corner. Twice during the "forty days" all the High School pupils went over to the Capitol with pencil and paper to note the happenings and to watch the process of law-making, because we all hope to be voters some fine day.

Once in a while a political argument arose between the "embryo" Democrats and Republicans, but there have been no such exciting "debates" as those which were of almost daily occurrence last year between E. C. and N. K. on questions political and governmental.

When the Legislature was over political questions sank into oblivion, and we devoted more time to our books because we desired to put aside our old ones for the "rare novelty" of having new ones. However, our

strenuous mental efforts were rewarded by much-needed relaxation on Washington's Birthday and on St. Patrick's Day. If "music hath charms to soothe the savage breast" it certainly must have charmed the Hottentots on the 17th of March, for the impromptu band that played serenades in all odd corners, was greeted everywhere by flying figures striving to escape the vibrations that were either too few or too many to produce harmony, and so created only the most excruciating discord, as all the instruments were out of tune and the players were greatly in need of practice. The day ended with a typical "Irish supper" by candle-light.

One of the latest events in the society line is the organization of the Newman Literary Club of S. H. C. J., by the Seniors and Juniors. It is up-to-date in every way, especially in the knowledge of Parliamentary Law. The Club decided to display its theatrical powers, so some of the members performed in the two fascinating farces—"The Deaf Man" and "Sun Bonnets", which were given in the Academy Hall May 22nd. There



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is a lasting impression of "Sunbonnets" in a photo taken by flashlight to be handed down to posterity as "rare beauties of 1911."

On Ascension Thursday a farewell party was given for the graduates. A representation of a district school formed part of the programme. It gave a glimpse into the future of the graduates, for they have given but meagre signs of being good as well as kind school "marms." However, they are too young to be harshly criticized, and there is no telling what kind qualities may yet develop!

Spring fever has broken out among some of the Juniors; at least that is the name some people give the disease, but others call it unadulterated laziness, for strange to say, it disappears as soon as there is a murmur of

pleasure or excitement in the air;—as was proven conclusively on May 31st, when we all smilingly left our downy couches at 4:30 a. m.!

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