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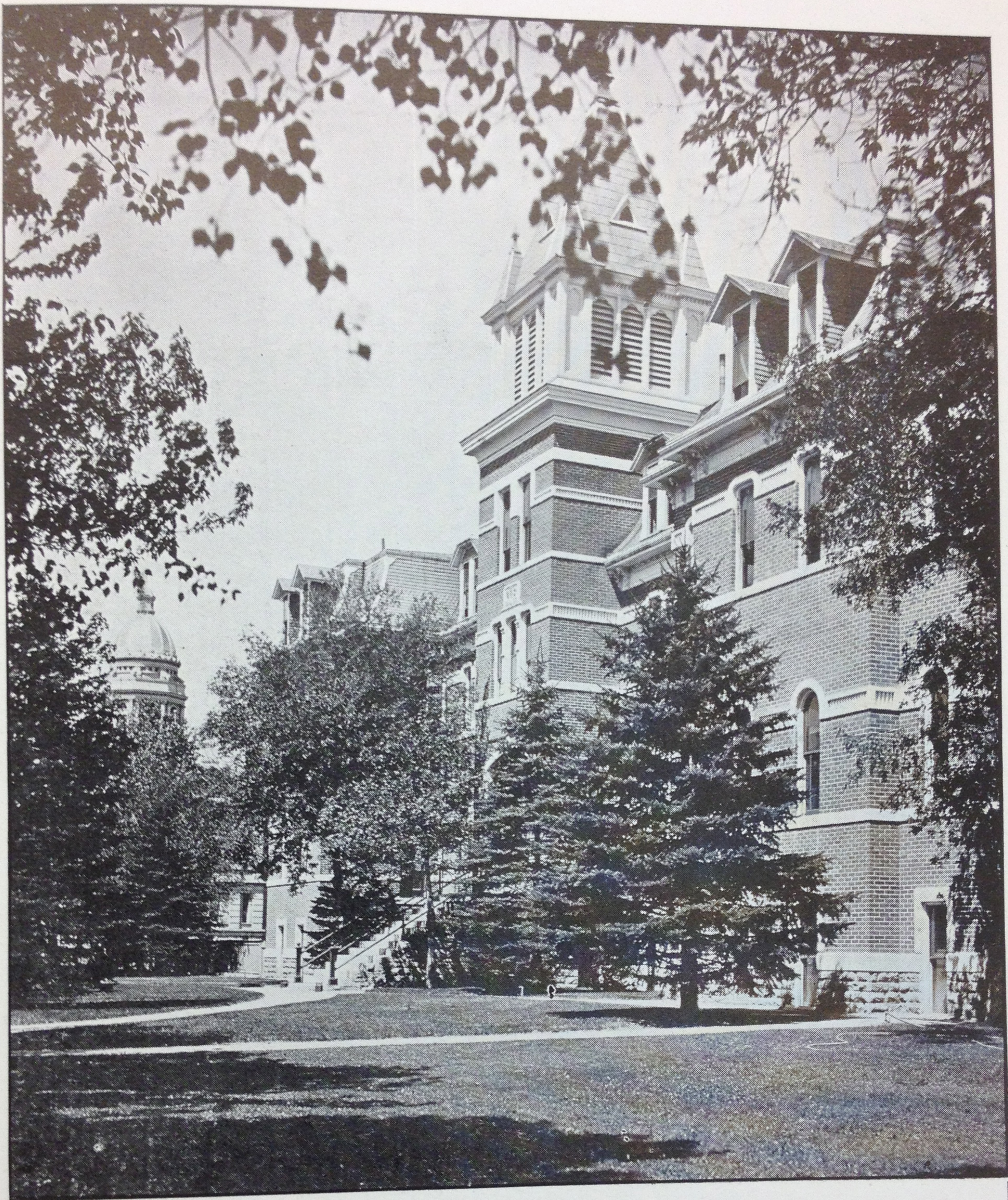
“Mother of all that is pure and glad,  
All that is bright and blest,  
As we have taken our toil to thee  
So we will take our rest.  
Take thou and bless our holiday,  
O Causa Nostrae Laetitiae.”

Vacation will soon be here! How many youthful hearts all over the country are throbbing with joy and expectation of the coming holidays! Liberty, Pleasure, Rest, Home, all are contained in that glad word—Vacation!

And now some important questions come under consideration. Where are you to spend your holidays? In the neighborhood of a priest and a Catholic Church? If so, be faithful to Holy Mass and the Sacraments, for the Commandments of God and the Church are binding at all seasons, and—children sometimes die during vacation. If there is no church near your home, then remember to read your Mass Prayers, or say an extra Rosary, so as to keep the Sunday holy as far as you are able.

“What shall we read?” Ah, what indeed! Later we shall give you a list of books, which it may be desirable for you to read, but now we shall tell you the class of books not to read. Literature that fosters the spirit of rebellion and discontent, that tends to sap the sense of personal responsibility, and to disparage the cardinal virtues and the duty of self restraint, is emphatically bad. Look for the good and beautiful in books as in everything else. Read good English and you will learn to speak correctly and intelligently. The love of beautiful language is an attraction in itself, leading to things even more beautiful—the love of truth, fitness, transparency, etc. The newspapers and magazines of the day are often apparently harmless, yet constant reading of them cannot but weaken our Catholic instincts and engender a most harmful spirit unless we take means to counteract it. And what are these means? Reading of a distinctly Catholic character. “Do you mean pious books? And in the holidays!” You might do much worse than read Lives of the Saints—even during summer holidays. If you do not like them,





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