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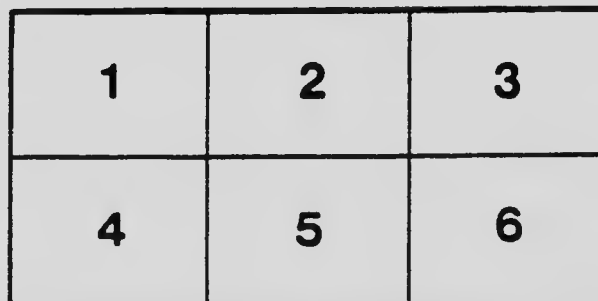
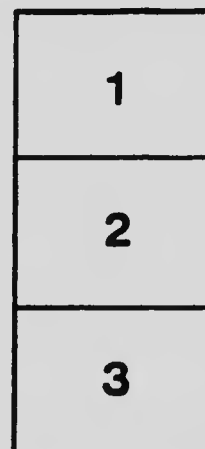
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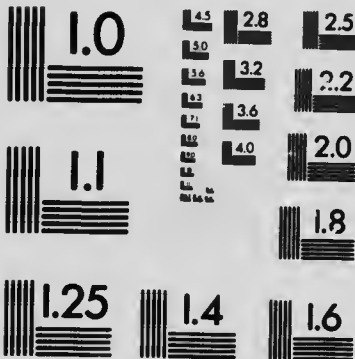
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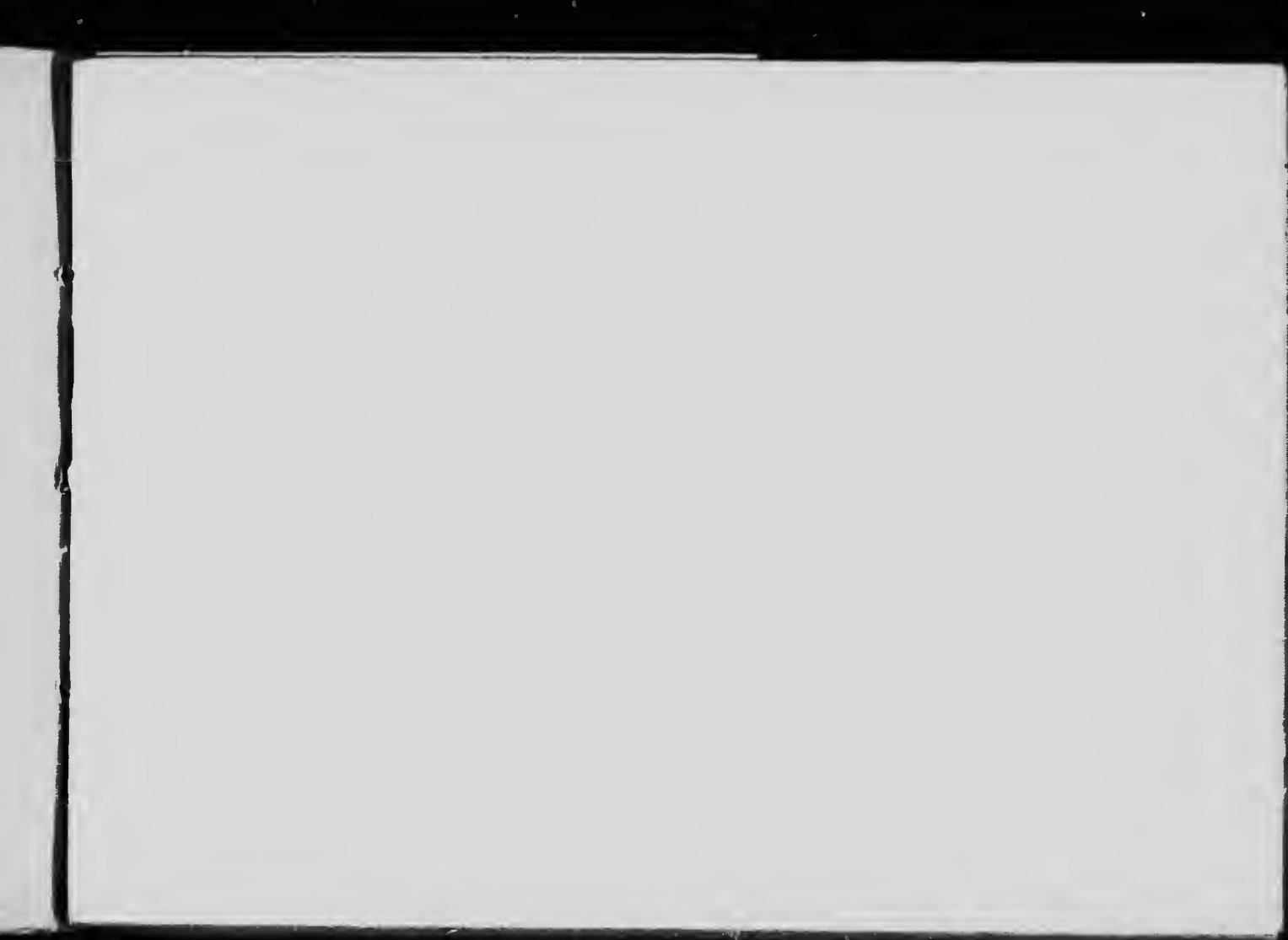
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MARIA

MONTREAL

Villa Maria





"Monklands"

In 1854, the quaint old manor house known in Canadian history as "Monklands" for so many years the home of the Governors of the Dominion became the
ORIGIN property of the Congregation de Notre Dame and was transformed into a high-class Convent school for girls. Situated on Mount Royal overlooking the St. Lawrence, the natural beauty of the surroundings has but grown with time.

In recent years, the terraces have been enlarged, tennis and basket ball courts, roller
SPORTS and skating rinks and toboggan slides built, so that there is no dearth of outdoor sports at any season of the year.

A fifth wing, built in 1907, provides strictly private rooms, electric lighted, steam heated, for the senior pupils, with hot and cold water at all times in the adjoining baths.

The Domestic Science Kitchen and Gymnasium are equipped with every modern appliance and are under the direction of graduate-specialists (American School of Home Economics and the British School of Physical Culture).

DOMESTIC SCIENCE
AND GYMNASIUM

The Infirmary, under the supervision of a trained nurse, and the Dining-room have both been modified to suit new conditions. The food is plentiful, varied and nourishing, planned to create healthy appetites rather than to satisfy abnormal cravings.

INFIRMARY

The school uniform has been criticized as "trying" but our object in adopting it was to impress upon girls that personal charm is dependent less on dress than on *poise, manner and careful grooming*.

UNIFORM

The Course of Studies has been modified to conform with the college requirements of the leading Canadian and American Universities. The senior pupils are obliged to attend the cultural lectures at the Woman's Section of Laval University and are eligible to degrees from the University proper.

COURSE OF STUDIES

The French Department under the direction of native teachers gives not only a thorough technical knowledge of grammar and history, but a *genuine French atmosphere*, without which it is practically impossible to learn to speak it fluently. Many Villa Maria Alumnae now hold excellent positions as specialists in French in various Canadian and American Colleges and High Schools.

The training in Music and Art is serious and thorough. Every department is under a corps of trained teachers, each a specialist in her own section.

MUSIC AND ART The head mistresses of the Art Room and the Music Staff have for years made periodical visits to Tiffany's Studios in New York and the musical centres of America to keep in touch with the latest ideas in ceramics and modern musical development. In the Art Room, much stress is laid upon nature sketching, conventionalizing and original designing, whereas technique, sight-reading and thoroughness are the strong points in music.

The Course in sewing is so organized that by the time a girl is graduated she has made a complete outfit of lingerie as well as a kimono and a negligee. Special stress is laid on mending and darning of all kinds. Embroidery is allowed as a pastime, but expensive fancy work is banned unless by very special permission.

If Villa Maria has held its own for so many years, we venture to believe that her prestige is due to the firmness and wisdom of her discipline. While leaving nothing undone to keep pace with modern ideas in intellectual development and sanitary progress, the governing powers have clung to the

DISCIPLINE

good old-fashioned ideals of:—*respect for authority and sane conventions, gentle voices and manners*, as indicative of *refinement* and a *right attitude towards life*. The restraint exercised is that of any well-bred family, and is calculated to develop both *personality* and consideration for others. Under no conditions are immature girls allowed to take matters into their own hands. If the students obey orders graciously and keep up in their classes, everything is done to make their school lives exceptionally happy, but *under no circumstances* will impertinence, flippancy or insubordination be tolerated. The Convent Staff believes that a good school is one that turns out dignified, self-controlled, cultured women with sufficient poise to meet the inevitable trials of life with courage and equanimity.

Every applicant must send *social* and *business* references as well as a baptismal certificate before admission.

RULES No girl is allowed to leave the Convent unless properly chaperoned.

Villa Maria will be responsible for no debts contracted outside the Convent.

All correspondence is subject to inspection and each girl should be furnished with a list of approved correspondents signed by her father, mother or guardian.

The Convent Library has subscriptions to all desirable magazines, hence the request that none be sent to the students individually.

Every girl should have a plentiful supply of under linen as frequent changing is insisted upon.

In case of withdrawal or absence money is never refunded, the only exception being in case of expulsion or prolonged illness. A girl may, however, return later to finish her term.

The Papal medal is given by His Grace of Montreal to the student who obtains the highest average at the final examination in Apologetics.

APOLOGETICS

His Royal Highness, like his predecessors for years past, gives a medal annually for "General Excellence" to be competed for by undergraduate students.

EXCELLENCE

The Lieutenant-Governor gives one yearly for Scholarship. The "French Conversation" medal was founded by the Countess de Beaujeu and goes annually to the girl, not of French lineage, who speaks French the most fluently and correctly.

SCHOLARSHIP AND FRENCH CONVERSATION

The "O'Brien Fund" for Honours in English established in memory of the late Senator O'Brien by his daughters and the "Murphy Domestic Science Medal" founded by the late Senator Murphy are among the yearly trophies competed for by senior students.

ENGLISH

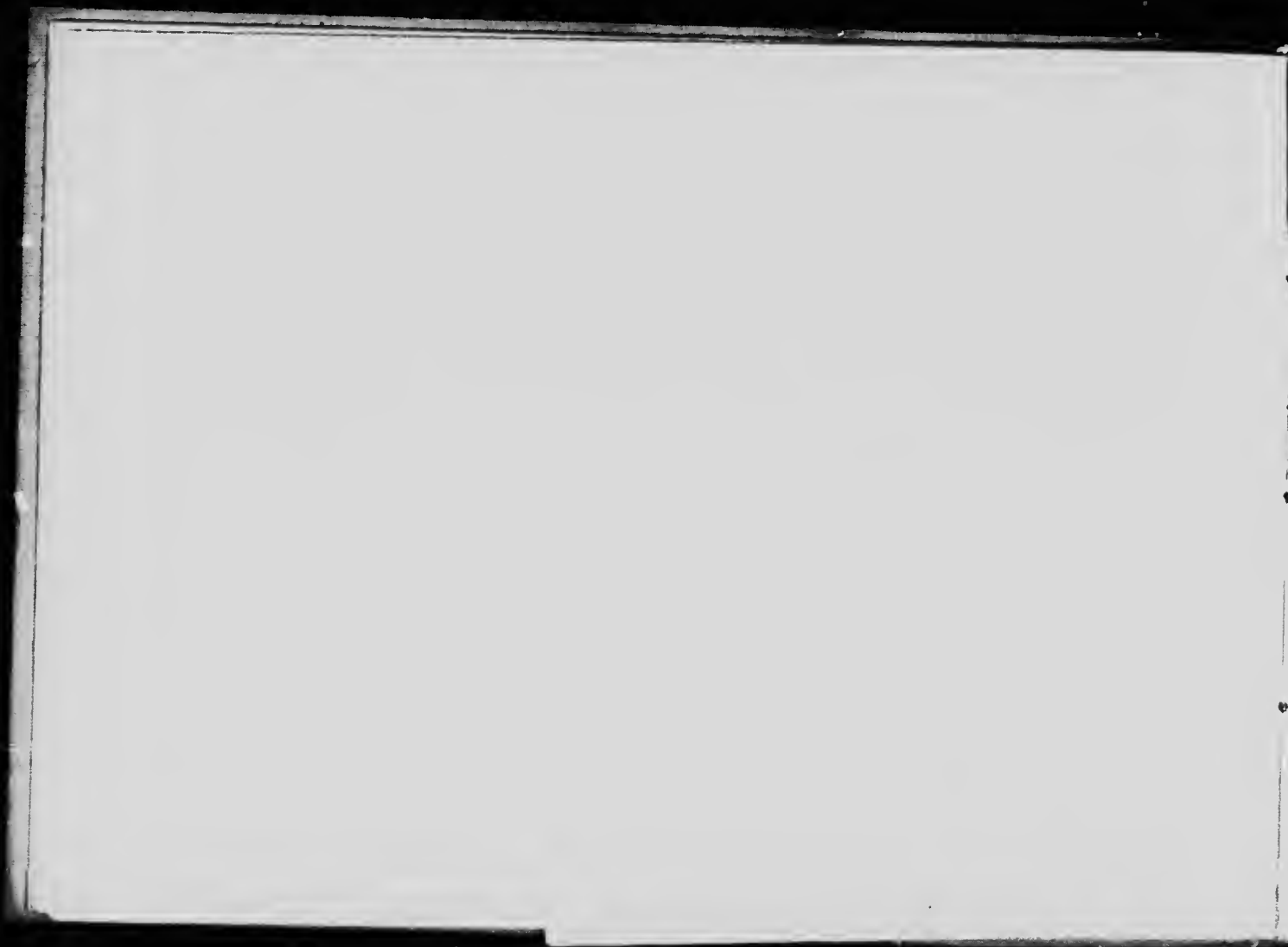
The "Anaclet Scholarship" was founded by Edith Turner Benoist in 1914, and is awarded yearly at the discretion of the Mother Superior.



A Drawing-room



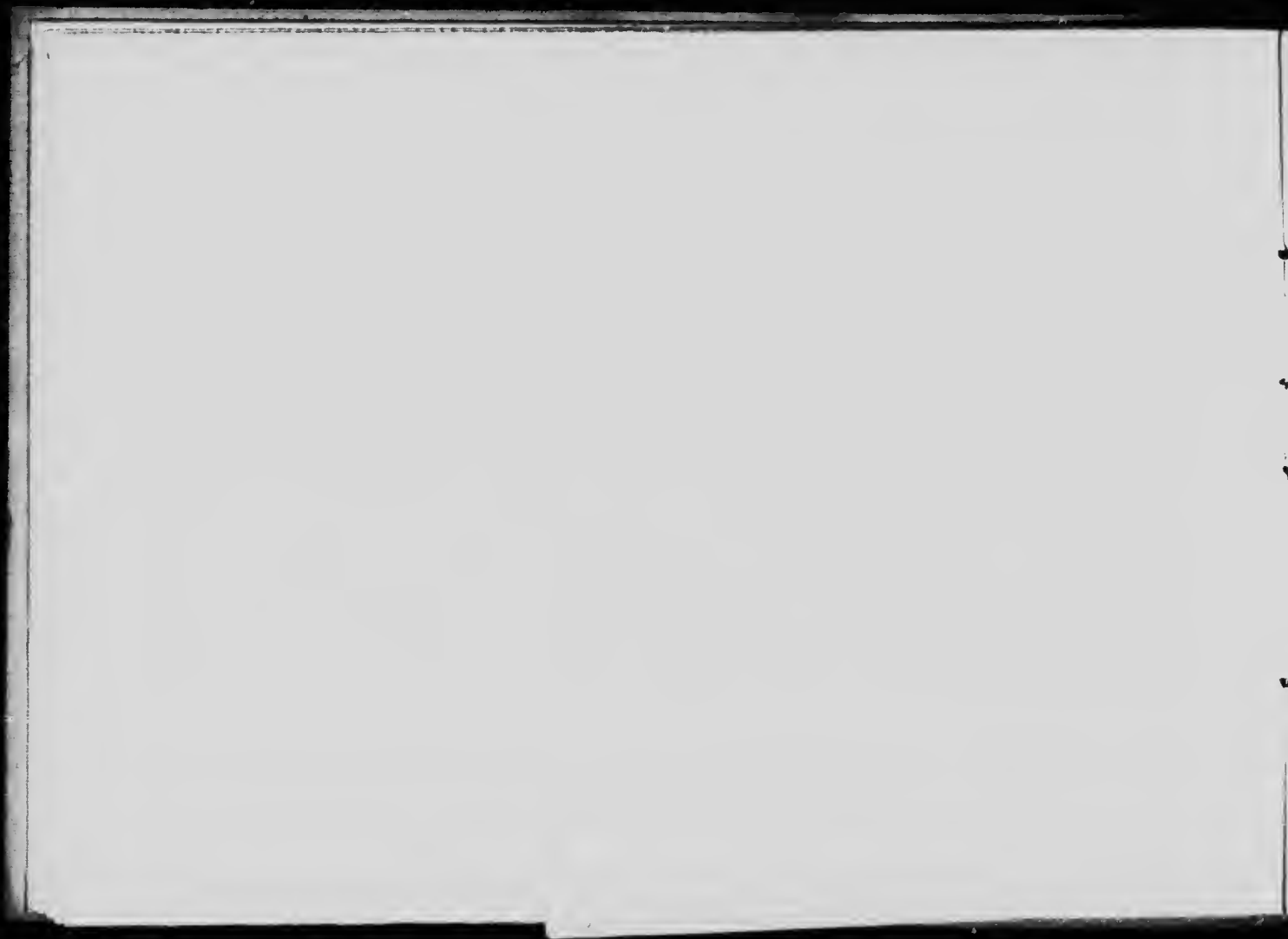
The Chapel



A Drawing-room



The Gymnasium



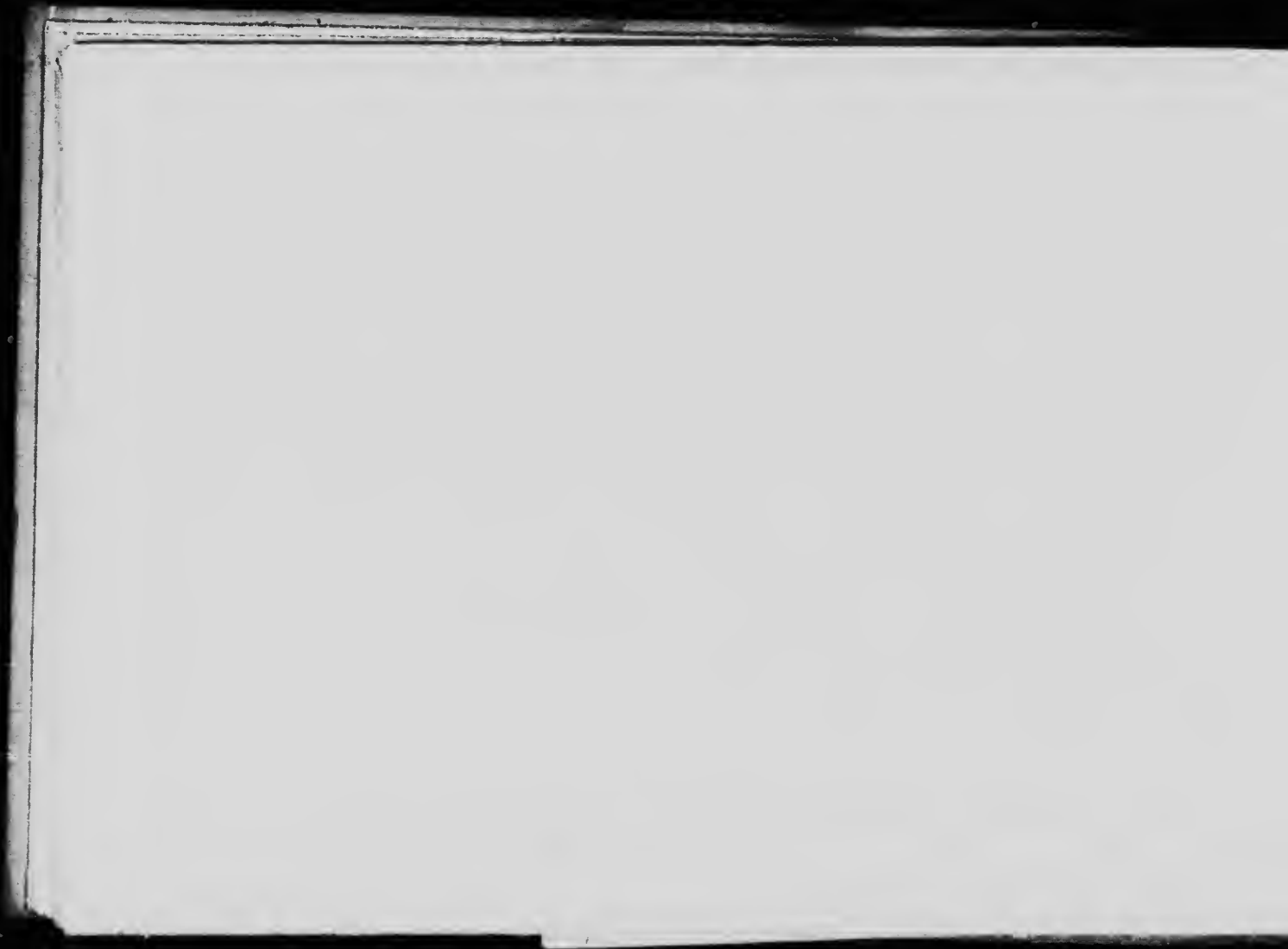
The Ceramics Art Room





The Art Room

A Seniors' Class-room



The Museum



The Odeon



Student's Bedroom



Lake Margarita



Basket Ball and Tennis Courts



Bird's-eye view of Terraces

