

The other proposal has never been officially made at all. A very general suggestion was offered by the Dean of the Faculty of Arts in his report of 1926-1927.

LIBRARY - Reference has already been made to this.

DORMITORIES - Reference has already been made to this. As regards the last paragraph dealing with expense, it is difficult to see how the Committee arrive at their conclusions that buildings could be erected for \$600,000. Professor Nobbs recently made a report, copy of which is attached, based on plans which have already had a good deal of consideration. His estimate for a building for 400 students is \$1,060,000. This is on a basis of 40¢ per ft, and any increase in construction, labour or material would materially add to it. If the size of the Dormitories was increased for about 500 students, as the report recommends it would, on the basis recommended by Prof. Nobbs, involve an outlay of \$1,350,000. Our experience does not lead us to think that construction is often less than estimates.

The last paragraph suggests that with proper administration (sic!) the building would be self supporting. It is not clear what the Committee means by "self supporting". If they mean that in addition to paying current expenses it would show interest on the investment, the suggestion is impossible.

Calculations have been made for students' residences to operate on a commercial basis and pay a small profit. It was found that it would be necessary to charge such high prices for rooms that the project was abandoned. If it is only meant that the undertaking would pay its operating charges, the statement cannot be contradicted although this expense will likely be found higher than at first expected. This estimate of cost is borne out by general experience with apartment houses.