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to 1919 - the period covered by the letters quoted in yours of the 9th - plans for a gymnasium were made, and that these were submitted for tenders. It was presumed that Professor Nobbs was remunerated for his services in the development of such plans. It was also assumed that if competitive designs are sought, Professor Nobbs should be given the privilege of submitting plans for the building if he so desires.

In view of these facts, we were asked by the Committee to communicate with you again so that the matter might be given further consideration, and that you would be under no misunderstanding with regard to the views taken by the Committee.

May we assure you that this question would not be raised were we not confident that a decision to place this work in the hands of any particular architects without competition, would seriously embarrass our efforts in the enterprise, subject us to adverse criticism and, we believe, place any architect so selected in an unfortunate position in the eyes of our graduates.

May we further point out that we do not wish to do anything that would reflect in the slightest degree adversely on Professor Nobbs' credit or reputation, and that this is in no sense a personal matter. It is the principle that is under discussion. We quite understand that our interests are all mutual in this enterprise, and that you must have assurance that any building erected must comply with your ideas of your final developments.

With this understanding, it should be possible for us to make some arrangement whereby no injury could be done to any person and an opportunity afforded the graduates to carry out the plans in such a manner as to avoid all criticism.