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My dear Mr. Jaquays,

This morning Mr. John Ross and I discussed with Professor Nobbs the matter of throwing open to competition plans for a Gymnasium.

Personally, I cannot see what can be done. After the War, the Governors sought to arrive at some definite understanding with Professor Nobbs as to their obligation to him in the matter of buildings, etc. In a letter written by Mr. Walter Vaughan, for years Bursar of the University, to Mr. A.P.S. Glasco, Bursar, on June 16, 1919, I find the following:

"It was distinctly understood that Professor Nobbs should be employed as the architect for the gymnasium and a committee was about to act in conference with him and the university authorities when the war broke out and the plans for the gymnasium had to be held in abeyance until the termination of the war....."

"In respect to the gymnasium and the lay-out of the Park, therefore, there is nothing further due to Professor Nobbs or his firm, but the University is under contract to Professor Nobbs to employ him as architect for the gymnasium, and if it should care to give him further remuneration for the work which he had done on that building, it can be deducted from his professional fees, when the construction of the building is proceeded with."