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Chancellor E. H. Lindley,
University of Kansas.

Dear Chancellor Lindley:

I have your very kind favor of the 3rd instant concerning the Women's Building. My letter, of course, was written to Dean Stockton along early in July.

After the meeting of the Board of Regents here in Lawrence Mr. Raymond Nichols called me up and asked for plans that we had in regard to the gymnasium, saying that the Board of Regents at their session had asked that this building be included in their present list. I think Mr. Nichols put it in as "gymnasium", but all of our specifications and drawings are for the "Women's Building". I feared there might be a misunderstanding.

I am convinced that this new women's gymnasium, which we call "Women's Building", will do a complete job for us, so far as physical education indoors is concerned. It will give the women a set-up that they have long needed, not only from a physical education and recreational standpoint, but also from a dramatic and social point of view.

Doubtless you have been too busy to study the plans as they were outlined, but the Women's Building would have a dance studio where a stage and lighting effects would be set up for dance programs and exhibitions. A regulation swimming pool, bowling alleys, archery and rifle ranges would also be features of the building. The unusual type of construction of this building, which is in conformity with most modern womens' gymnasias, provides for courts for badminton, darts, deck tennis, shuffleboard and tennis on the decks of the two wings. In other words, every foot of space both inside and outside of this very modern building would be used.

There are many women of Kansas - prominent women, in fact, who desire to make sizeable contributions as memorials. Some have discussed a memorial swimming pool; others a memorial this and that. In fact, this has gone much past the stage of discussion. We have two very prominent women in the state who want to do something and neither one of them are local benefactors.