Janesville, Wisconsin,
January 19, 1916.

My dear Miss Jackson:

I was very glad to hear from you and I congratulate you on your promotion.

In regard to the basilica question, there does not seem to have been any instance in Rome of the conversion of a public basilica into a church. There is one case of a private basilica, S. Andrea Catabarbara, (cir.470), but the building was not a true basilica of either the Roman or Christian type. I do not believe that the Roman public basilica had any direct influence on the form of the Christian basilica. I think the Christian basilica
came from the Hellenistic Orient. I do not believe this has ever been proved. It is merely hinted at by Kaufmann (Handbuch d. christ. Archäologie, 1919, p. 179), but as an hypothesis it has at least the merit of being plausible, which is more than can be said for any of the other theories.

My thesis has not been published yet. I am still working at it and hope to get it ready to print some day.

My sister is very happy. She has a beautiful home and I am sure she would be glad to see you and your mother if you could stop off some time when you are passing through.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Philip B. Whithead.