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COMMUNICATION.

I regret that my communication to your Saturday's issue occurred when the Bursar was absent from the Institute, but it was not known by him that he was away until after it was written.

If my purpose had been to promote a discussion of the present condition of affairs it certainly has succeeded. The sentiment, so far as I have heard, has expressed, has generally been favorably inclined. As I wrote the communication, the general opinion seems to be that the Union is not destined as well as it might by those who patronize it.

I am glad to have the Dean's assurance that the Bursar does not wish to make money out of the students. I agree that Mr. Scharff worked hard to make a success of the Union last year. It was due to his efforts then that the attendance increased so much over that of the previous year. The menu that he brought about last winter is the menu we have now, with perhaps a few additions. I believe that the attendance this year is simply the continued growth which began last year, and will continue as more and more fellows become acquainted with the many advantages of the Dining Room over surrounding restaurants; and that it is not due to any particular betterment in conditions.

It would certainly be bad business policy if a sinking fund for the Union were not established. If this is the reason why the Bursar has accumulated approximately eight hundred dollars I see no reason for unloading him. Without doubt it is possible to make the receipts and expenditures balance at the end of the year. The profits could easily be turned into a new piano (of our own), new curtains and window curtains for the lounging room, or furnishing for the dining room. I believe, however, that a larger attendance would follow a bettering of the food and an increase in the quantity. Those who eat in the Union in the evening know how much better they are served for a quarter than at noon.

As regards the student committees, the Dean gets a new light on the matter when he states that they "have not been active enough in asserting themselves." I can quite believe that, especially in view of the manner in which the business meetings of many of the activities are conducted. There seems to be a prevalent fear in the fellows to get up and express an opinion. Perhaps this is the trouble with the Union Committees. If so, I would strongly advise that body to wake up and do something more than mere figureheads. In closing, I believe that few of the students realize what a large part the fellows had in providing our dining room (Continued on Page 4.)

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powerful, this melodrama seems to have left him.

All during his life he displayed great passion which was almost uncontrollable, although there are several instances under very serious circumstances when he became angered that he controlled himself admirably. He was a very generous man, as is shown in his great affection for his friends and relatives in giving them powerful positions when he had reached his height. In fact it is said that he has been a powerful and harmonious friend, and has been more successful in his various enterprises.

Mr. Rose made clear his statements with many stories, which added much to the pleasure of the lecture and made it have a certain human interest, which is so necessary in an evening like this.