COMMUNICATION

To the Editor of THE TECH:

I would like to make a few comments on the views expressed by the communication in yesterday’s issue. The two features of the proposed Fund, as mentioned by the writer of yesterday, are truly enough, the distinguished parts of the opinion. However, what I take exception to is the relative importance which he gives to the two features.

The Class Fund idea was first started as a result of two desires: First, to give the Institute material and social aid; as a class; second, to furnish the class, as a part of the Alumni Association, some object on which to concentrate its attention for the next twenty-five years.

Class funds have been established in other colleges for a great number of years, Harvard being the best example in these respects. Last year, at the big five-year reunion of the Class of 1886, Harvard turned over to the University the sum of $100,000.00. The hopes for our Fund do not reach as high as that, its possbilities cannot help be greater, however, every man in the class being the most desirable way of aiding the Institute in the future. This is the feature that outdists all others in considering the establishment of the Fund, but it is to be noted that the Institute will not be the only party benefited by the Fund.

The classes, after graduating, do not have any definite aim with which to hold the class together when they become alumni. Reports seem to indicate that the classes following will hold the classes following the same and the friendly competition which is supposed to exist between classes having the same object in view, should hold a class together, much better than it has ever been held together before. Tech spirit is increasing and this fund could help it still more on the upward road.

The part of the proposed Fund which writer of yesterday took exception to is the clause permitting the Board of Directors to apply some percentage of the money toward making possible a larger attendance of 1912 men at the big five-year reunion. First of all, the clause permits the Board of Directors to do this—it does not require them to do it. If the Board of Directors deem it advisable that some part of the Fund be expended to increase the attendance at a reunion, the clause makes it legitimate for them to do so.

Boldest idea that the next five-year reunion of the Alumni Association will be held in 1914, is it not possible that a regard for expenses by a man who has been cut out of the Institute will cause quite a few men to remain away from the reunion and thus save the money of the traveling and reunion expenses? Thereby by the next reunion, in 1914, there will be no occasion for such assistance, except possibly in making the class outing a more elaborate affair. Again, in rendering assistance in that manner, no discrimination would be shown. It was mean, for example, a ticket costing $2.00 would be sold to all contributing to the Fund for $2.00, and the balance made up from the Fund. Would not more men be tempted to attend? The Fund is to be created by the class, primarily to give assistance to the Institute in a financial way, and secondarily, to further interest in the class itself.

David F. Pena bow, 1912.

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