COMMUNICATION.

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To the Editor of THE TECH:

Through your columns please per- mit me to give what I hope will be the closing remarks of the recent discussion on the conduct of Union. Many very regrettable incidents have marked this discussion, none more so than the doubt that seemed to be cast on the motion of Burr and Land. No one regrets this phase of the matter more than the present writer. The communications of A. K. Low have been poorly expressed, and were evidently the result of an overhasty judgment in many instances. While the writer had in mind certain opinions on certain points, it seems to have been two main lines of attack on against the management of the Dining Room and the Union Committee and the following points seem to have been brought out.

The dining room is having the most prosperous year in its history. The profits, whatever they may amount to, are being set aside for a sinking fund, a necessary adjunct to any well conducted business venture. The students pay less for their meals in the Union than in the restaurants adjacent to the Institute. The question is raised as to whether the quality of the food can not be brought, or the cost still further decreased without appreciably affecting the accumulation of the necessary sinking fund. This is a matter for the Dining Room Committee to de- termine.

The second line of attack was directed more against the conduct of the meetings of the Union Committee than against its inactivity, although both came in for criticism. It seems to be apparent that the members are not doing their best work, and the committee does not meet for what it did two years ago. It is a fact that when the management of the Union was entirely in the hands of the students it was a bad failure financially. With a capable man like Bursar Rand in charge of the funds, and with the benefit of his knowledge of business management coupled with the proper expression of student sentiment through the Union Committee, that experience should not be repeated. The new Victrola seems to have been a storm centre since it arrived. It is unfortunate that such a gift from one of our generous alumni should be the cause of many disturbances. The House Committee has arranged to have it played every Tuesday and Friday noon, two concerts a week being considered frequent enough. Bursar Rand told the writer when the Victrola came that if at any time any society or responsible parties wanted to have it for any entertainment he would be glad to give them permission, and if wanted it generally an understood. Whether he has changed his mind or not, I can say, if the House Commit- tee could arrange to have it played occasionally in the early evenings of the evening, I believe it would be more appreciated.

The students patronizing the Union often request their kith and kin to come to concerts, and the writer has been informed that a request has been made by a large, but very few of these have ever become known to the committee on the occasion. The latter should always welcome such requests critically. Some faults might be remedied if brought to the attention of the proper com- mittee.

Very truly yours,
Oliver D. Powell.

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