COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor of THE TECH:

Dear Sir:—In reply to the communication from "Cynicena," let me first thank him for the very kind remarks which he has made in his letter to the effect that I do not cover some of the most important points of the proposed constitution. He first asks the question, "If any, does the present Institute Committee and the new Institute Committee stand together and form an Institute Committee?" His purpose and place in the student life was not questioned at that time, and it soon became a recognized body. Its membership grew from time to time, and its activities were formed, until now its members number about twenty-five in all. As to its actual right to exist, it is true that this right exists solely of custom and tradition. No committee was ever given the authority to write in the constitution and yet we feel that if the constitution is adopted it will provide the necessary right that "Cynicena" questions.

He next asks, "Has the committee a definite place in the undergraduate life, or have we any to a boys' department in the State?" We have not established and authorized body. We feel that if the constitution is adopted it will provide the necessary right that "Cynicena" questions.

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MANDOLIN CONCERT.

The Mandolin Club is held at wook these days. The big concert at Chelsea takes place on February 22, and its success is due to the great preparation. A bunch of new music plans has been arranged, and the rehearsal has been held at Monday evening of the Mandolin Club. The Mandolin Club was taken to the office, where they can be had upon the identification of the owner. Bursar Board is happy to note that any member of the club may have lost text books, note books or articles of any kind and literature. The Mandolin Club may be stationed at the Institute during the past term apply at the office.

WRESTLING PICTURE.

The wrestling team picture will be taken at Natick's Studio this afternoon at 1 P. M. The following men have been taken to the studio: N. W., Fayer, Loo, Sidelinger, Means, Kelly, Crockett, Martin, Walters, Alexander, Crowell, Wilson and Treat.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TALK.

Mr. McClellan Spoke Before Electrical Engineering Society.

Mr. Wm. McClellan, of the Second District Public Service Commission of the State of Massachusetts, made as an interesting talk the evening before the Electrical Engineering Society of "Public Services Corporation." He said that old business is an exchange by which a man who wants something can get it. In public service, however, business becomes more monopolistic. Here the public is usually compelled to take what the corporation offers, and the corporation what the people offer. He said that a Public Service Commission acts in two principal ways in the regulation of capitalization and rates. Capitalization is controlled by the committee in the fixing of the amount of capital a corporation has proper to its capital. The Commission also acts in three ways in accordance with certain conditions. The financial conditions of a corporation determine that a man shall receive proper return for his capital. Failing the rate is not a wise plan, as it is necessary to destroy the incentive to better service. However, the rate has not in fact become adverse.

The Commission is composed of five men, who sit as a sort of jury, and not as a coroner in the proper sense. The commissioners have no lawyers to advise them, and they must decide on their own questioning. The case is judged solely upon its merits. If a doubtful settlement is not reached when there is no fair to the corporation, the case may be appealed to a higher court. The court maintains the case in which the settlement is not reached.

As a result companies seek to see that the people are protected and that company money only returns labor, management and the people, who give the company money. The management looks to the stockholder; it wants him as well as the people to whom it now finds itself responsible. The Commission went so far as to say that it was improper to have the Commission answer any letter to the Commission and that fewer letters were received than usual.

Following the talk Mr. McClellan answered many pertinent questions that were put to him by the members. He (Continued on Page 4.)

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