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On being asked the position of the Y. M. C. A. in regard to the recent misunderstanding between them and Professor Howe, E. M. Brown, the local secretary, has consented to write the following communication:

To the Editor:—In view of the evident uncertain ideas afloat concerning the attitude of the Young Men's Christian Association of the University in regard to the religious controversy of last fall, which has unfortunately and it seems unnecessarily been revived, a definite statement from the standpoint of the Association might help to relieve the prevailing misunderstandings.

Last fall the Association took an entirely neutral stand concerning the controversy, holding that the affair was more of a personal nature than one demanding the active organizations in support of either side. At that time, it seems that one of the members of the Y. M. C. A. in speaking to Professor Howe following one of his addresses, unintentionally allowed the impression to be given that the association desired him to give a similar address before the Y. M. C. A. Whether this was the fault of the Y. M. C. A. man or not is a question; but, in consequence, a decided misunderstanding arose, and when the professor offered the address which he supposed he was expected to give, it came as somewhat of a surprise to the Y. M. C. A.

Because of the undesirable notoriety which would have been aroused by it, and the misunderstanding of the attitude of both the association and the professor which would have been gained throughout the state, it was thought wiser not to have this address and Professor Howe was so informed. There was no thought of antagonism on the part of the Y. M. C. A. toward Professor Howe. In fact, the association has been glad to count him as one of its friends. He has always contributed liberally to the support of the organization and has expressed his sympathy with the practical efforts which it puts forth.

The unfortunate misrepresentation of this whole matter has placed both parties in a wrong light and has created a seeming antagonism which in reality has not existed. All that can be said is that this is an unfortunate circumstance, one for which no one is intentionally to blame.

E. M. BROWN.

WASHINGTON BALKS ON TWO-THIRDS VOTE IDEA

The special meeting of the Northwest Conference in Portland accomplished little more than to wrangle and increase enmities.

A proposal to adopt a constitution by which a two-thirds vote should rule in all matters was defeated by Washington. At present, any action requires unanimous consent.

Several other unimportant matters were also taken up and most of them passed. The compensation to be allowed officials at games was fixed, a conference track meet was favored at Portland provided financial arrangements can be made, and the two mile and javelin throw events be added to the regular events.

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