

Rabbi M. J. Gries of the Willson Avenue temple sent a communication to the Plain Dealer yesterday regarding the troubles in the Young Men's Hebrew association and his alleged connection with it. It is as follows:

Editor Plain Dealer—Sir: Good friends have advised me to ignore altogether the report published in the Plain Dealer. Did I think that your report would reach none who did not know me personally I, too, would believe silence to be the part of wisdom. With those who know me and whose judgment is unbiased I need no defense. I am willing to let my record of work for my own people and for the community at large speak for itself. Concerning the Y. M. H. association none can with justice hold me responsible for its failure or success. Before I came to Cleveland four years ago the work of the association was not a success. I claim no credit for its glory, and I will not be made to bear the burden of its failures during the past four years. As regards the charge that I have sought by any means direct or indirect to influence the resignation of members and thus to injure and possibly destroy the association, I declare this charge to be an absolute untruth.

I seek no newspaper controversy, but write this much in order that the public may know the truth. The work of the association, if it appeals for public support, might bear testimony for itself. Let the full report be published of the money annually collected, how it was expended, the work done and the number of persons regularly reached and benefited, and then let the public praise or censure as it pleases.

Moses J. Gries.