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Howard Hall Has the Floor.

"Dear Father: Such an unexpected arrival of an invitation to the somewhat annual lake party which the Sophomore boys are accustomed to throw every now and then has aroused kind feelings for them by their Howard playmates. But, one important thing has been left out of the invitation: how is the affair to be conducted? Is it to be formal or informal? Will it be in the late afternoon or in the evening? or if we are not acquainted with these facts, how are we to know just what sort ensemble to rig up in? We know that it is quite a fiasco to be outfitted in a pink and baby-blue beach-robe in the afternoon, while in the evening such an idea's bringing beach-chairs or striped parasols is much beyond us. For anyone eligible to Vassar must in all etiquette's sake consider these details with the utmost diligence.

"In return for this bounteous invitation to the beach-party, we are holding a tea in the Rose Room at four-fifteen next Tuesday. We trust we may have the pleasure of seeing all the Sophomores there.

"Their Howard Playmates."

II.

"Dear Father: Your Bulletin of this morning has greatly shocked the sensitive natures of the dear boys in Howard. It pains us deeply to think that anyone would depart so far from the Notre Dame spirit as to call a fellow student any of the horrible names with which the Sophomores referred to us in their very unkind and unjust letter.

"Something was said about our knowing every girl in South Bend, You see this could not be so, for we of Howard Hall are very particular who we know as regards to the fair sex. Perhaps we differ greatly from the boys in Sophomore Hall in this respect as their accusation would lead one to suspect.

"About moving us en masse to Vassar, if it is all the same to you, Father, and the boys in Sophomore Hall, we would rather be moved to Smith. The fellows are much better acquainted there than at Vassar.

"Your outraged flock of UNITED HOWARDITES."

III.

"Dear Father: There is certainly no advice that the average resident at Howard Hall would rather listen to than yours; but most of us, I feel, more or less resent advice from the Wise Fools who are one year ahead of us--scholastically.

Your correspondent states that the sons of Howard "don't know beans when the bag is open," or words to that effect, but can tell you about any girl in town. Personally I know about fifty or more fellows in Howard who are doing really remarkably well in their studies. I am inclined to believe that there are many more who are doing as well, but I will not mistake fact for hypothesis as some contributors to the Bulletin do. As for the girls, it has been my privilege to be present in other halls during "Dane Nights", and as far as I could see, in the particular hall I was visiting there wasn't a great deal of illumination about the time the dance started.

"I am unable to see why some people persistently associate attraction for the feminine with effeminate men. As far as I know it is an accepted fact among authorities that the greater degree of difference the greater the attraction. Is it possible that Wise Fools know nothing of girls in South Bend?"