

A Letter from the Glee Club.

Sad events of the past two weeks turned the Bulletin away from a discussion that bore some fruit at Homecoming. The following letter was received at that time:

"Dear Father: The members of the Glee Club do not cater to the kind of free publicity given us on the Religious Bulletin of last Monday, especially when, so far as we know, we are not deserving of such undesirable notoriety. It is the aim of our organization to have within its membership REAL GENTLEMEN. If perchance we are not blessed with them (which God forbid!) to the one hundred per cent mark, we want to know it, as we will not tolerate the low-brow, the high-brow, or the cake-eater. We are absolutely against any jack who cannot get a kick out of the Glee Club without making an ass of himself with a little mule as his companion. Every Glee Club man will tell you that we do not permit any ungentlemanly conduct in connection with our activities. Our rules regarding misbehaviour call for disciplinary action by the University, because we cannot endure the presence of a rough-neck. We have one hundred eighty men of the highest calibre seeking forty positions, and we intend to take a firm stand against anyone who villifies our reputation.

"Our last year's dinner-dance was given under the authorization of the University. If anything occurred there that was unauthorized, we give you our word of honor that it was NOT sponsored by the Glee Club. We know of some guests, both male and otherwise -- not Glee Clubbers -- who made asses of themselves. It seems that the same ones manage to wreck every party; it appears to be their business. If some St. Mary's girl was so unfortunate as to be the partner of one of these jackasses, we are at least thankful for our mother's sake that she was not our sister. We assure her that if she had been with a Glee Club man she would not have suffered embarrassment. The Glee Club men have great respect for the St. Mary's girls. We can truthfully say that one of the most delightful parties we had last year was one given for us at St. Mary's.

"We do not want to have another dinner dance if we have to take the blame for the actions of some dirty cuss who spends his Satanish life making hell for everybody. It is for reasons like this that last week we asked the Dance Committee to cancel the Thanksgiving Dance which they had scheduled for us. We cannot afford to have our names linked up with some brute or brutus whose mission in life is to ruin anything that flies the banner of Notre Dame.

"We sincerely hope that you will help the Glee Club in retaining the respect of every man at the University. We hope that we are not the type that must have our steins filled to the brim every time we sing the "Drink Song", any more than we intend to have a rose in our hands when we sing "The Last Rose of Summer." The members of the Glee Club trust that it will no longer be necessary for you to refer to our organization in such an unpleasant manner.

"The Glee Club."

Perhaps this letter offers a practical suggestion. It is several years since the Bulletin suggested that Organizations sponsoring dances exercise some control over the personnel of guests. If it is known beforehand that certain persons seek "to wreck every party", would it not be possible to withhold invitations from them?

Prayers.

Donald Birmingham, old student, asks prayers for his father, who died a few days ago. Three other students ask prayers for deceased relatives.