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Consider Howard Hall.

After looking over the Spiritual Bouquet for Jack Spillane on yesterday's Bulletin, one reaches the conclusion that the name of Howard Hall should be changed. The name was given originally to honor one of the most loving and devoted, as well as one of the ablest lay professors the University ever had. Judge Howard was a recipient of the Laetare Medal; at one time he was Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Indiana; he stood high in his profession, not only in the state, but abroad as well.

While he lived he was a great inspiration to his students. A profound student of the classics, his nature bore the imprint of mellow culture; a devout and humble son of Mother Church, his culture was Christian in every detail. He was Newman's Gentleman, and his urbanity tamed the wild beast in many a savage breast. He loved the Blessed Sacrament, and his favorite reminiscences in his later years were the nocturnal adoration at the seminary, and the influence of Father Granger on the students, many of whom used to come back long distances to go to confession to him.

When the authorities of the University named the first unit of the new dormitory system for Judge Howard, they intended that his example would prove an inspiration to Freshmen. That hope is off to a bad start. Judge Howard's favorite virtue was probably charity. On yesterday's Bulletin you saw that while Sorin Hall's 114 Catholic students promised 172 Communions for the repose of the soul of Jack Spillane, Howard Hall's 160 could only muster 19. And this might pass if it were not typical. Howard Hall has not lined up in the matter of real Notre Dame spirit.

A remedy is offered for what it is worth. The students of Howard Hall are requested to read Newman's Neglect of Divine Calls and Warnings and another pamphlet called Perseverance. Their attention is especially directed to Point Nine of the Enemies to Perseverance.

If this fails, the name of the Hall must be changed. The choice of a new name can be made from the decorative figures that adorn the arch of the main entrance. These represent four types of students: the athlete, the owl, the weeping willow and the squirrel. Athletes they are not; owls they cannot be; tears come only from hurt feelings, and where there's no sense there's no feeling.

Consider Sorin Hall.

There is considerable satisfaction in being able to place Sorin Hall at the head of something besides a list of delinquents. The hall stood out prominently on the Spiritual Bouquet yesterday -- as it should; and there is additional consolation in the fact that of the forty-two who failed to receive Holy Communion at the Mass for Jack, twenty-five have since approached the Holy Table.

The end of their course is in sight, and perhaps there is still hope for this senior class. It is usual for seniors in their last semester to do some tall thinking on wasted opportunities. If the present streak of meditation lasts, the class of 1926 will leave some pleasant recollections after all.

Charity.

The collection last Sunday was not so good -- \$47.46; 40 quarters, 273 dimes, 191 nickels, 61 pennies, 4 street car checks -- a total of 565 pieces. Add to this \$1.22 and one street car check (it includes the split dime) from the collection at the Milk Men's Mass in Sorin Hall chapel (with the forty-five minute sermon.) At this rate it will take till the second Sunday in May to pay off the deficit of the Pamphlet Rack, if not new purchases are made.