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From Susan Helen Porter

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Mr. B. T. Washington: I think it would be well to speak to the teachers about the unwisdom of the following:

1st. Making themselves too familiar with students. Each year I have found that there are two or three teachers who encourage the association between student girls and young men teachers.

2nd. The association of lady teachers with that of male students from a sentimental stand point.

3rd. Gentlemen teachers lingering about the Women's buildings. It would be very much better for the gentlemen to call at White Memorial Building for ladies and have a duty girl to go at once to the ladies' building and call for the ladies whom they wish to see. Some of them may not know that there is a pleasant sitting room in White Memorial Building for teachers.

Furthermore, I think it will be well to say to the lady teachers that they will be asked to chaperone the girls and to serve with them generally and to impress upon them the importance of serving with the girls cheerfully and conscientiously.

Some teachers discuss rather freely, the school's business before the students. This I think their attention should be called to; and too, some of them keep money for the students instead of encouraging them to put it in the Savings Department.

Some of the young men teachers have a habit of visiting young women in the Dining Hall and delivering favors (candy, flowers, etc) to them otherwise than through the Dean's Office. This I think should be discontinued. Three Tuskegee graduates are in charge of the Dining Hall now and they are uniform in their desires to have nothing go on in the Dining Hall that will lower the high standard which they hope to maintain there. Sincerely,

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