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### MODERN DANCING.

(Continued from last issue.)

You might be hurt if we did not give you credit for seeing clear through such an open windowed fallacy as that when applied to any other evil the question to be moral, philosophical or logical should be not what harm but what good is in dancing as in anything else.

You add the bible does not prohibit by any special command dancing as you recede from your former position.

Allow a question just here—do you do all those things the Bible does not definitely or strictly prohibit? If you use the Bible to prove your position, you ought to be as sure of that position as its evidence. You can make the Bible prove whatever you like if you use it for that purpose, a man can take the same Bible to disprove the very things he neither wants to believe or receive.

Suppose we do all the things the Bible does not definitely forbid, what would be the result? But there is a divine "Shall not" against each and every evil, if not direct we must look into the apparent strangeness of silence in the Bible against such an evil as dancing. Is it likely man has a keener sense of evil than God? or the Bible? "No!" Well then, take men in general and they declare dancing a vice. Why? Rev. Thos. Crosby told us of an Indian who when converted gave up as the last thing the dance, but felt he could not be a Christian and dance. A Tokio paper is responsible for the following: "Not long since, one of the ministers of State was in conversation in company. The subject of dancing was introduced, when his majesty the Emperor expressed the opinion that the prevalence of such a voluptuous custom was a sure indication of the decay of the Nation." Such authority was in a position to know, and judge whereof he affirmed, was unbiased and claimed right to be heard. The Bible has higher claim and by its statutes against which there is no appeal declares against dancing. "Evil communications corrupt good manners." Then as a consequence "Shun the appearance of evil." Who will say that the Bible does not recognize harm in, and warn against the dance?

### 5. MINISTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH DANCE.

Suppose they do, does that better dancing or them? If you had no stronger argument for dancing you would easily relinquish it as a pleasure or good. Would you hold the same argument with the heathen in relation to the bad habits of the English who live among them? No you dare not tell the heathen to do certain things because Christians did them. Do you think we Christians are to give such lame reasons for your conduct? Christians so called in our cities and towns rent brothels, saloons and sell liquor themselves. By a parity of reason we ought to do the same, but by action you deny your reasoning as worthy a man.

You would not as you face your conclusion abide by the results would you?

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No, they all run through the sieve of inspection.

Besides you don't like to see them at the dance and honestly condemn them.

A friend said when asked if dancing were right, why he would not like his pastor to attend the dance—"Oh it would not look well!" If not, why not if right for Christians? That is logical enough. And thank God, the minister at the dance is a great rarity!

6. "THE CHURCH ALLOWS DANCING, HENCE RIGHT."

Which church? Ah! you are stuck and somebody says "Any excuse is better than none!" Well no that is a hackneyed idea, better no excuse than a bad or poor one.

"The R. C. church?" Beg your pardon! At the R. C. Plenary Council, Baltimore, the dance was denounced as a social vice of Christians who indulge in it.

"The modern dance is inimical to the highest enlightened Christian consciousness as voiced by a consensus of opinion from the Christian church—including the Roman Catholic—and from earliest times.

Several years ago the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church put itself on record in these words: "We regard the promiscuous round dancing by members of the church as a mournful inconsistency and the giving of parties for such dancing on the part of heads of families as tending to compromise their religious profession, and the sending of children of Christian parents to the dancing school as a sad error in family discipline."

Among the "General Rules," of the Methodist Episcopal church its members are called upon to abstain from "all such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus," and this has always been interpreted as including dancing.

The vow which every Episcopalian takes at Confirmation, if conscientiously kept would keep every member of that church from the ball-room and lead them to censure the modern dance. Eminent bishops of that church have spoken on the subject in the strongest terms. Bishop Hopkins, of Vermont, said: "In the period of youthful education I have shown that dancing is chargeable with waste of time, the interruptions of useful study, the indulgence of personal vanity and display and the premature excitement of the passions. No arguments can make it consistent with baptism."

Bishop Meade, of Virginia, said: "Social dancing is not among the neutral things which within certain limits we may do a pleasure among the things lawful but not expedient, but it is in itself wrong, improper and of bad effect."

Bishop McIlvain, of Ohio, said: "The only line I would draw is entire exclusion." He declared that "it is renounced in baptism, its renunciation is ratified in confirmation and professed in every participation of the Lord's Supper."

Bishop Coxe, of Western New York, in a Lenten pastoral, said: "The enormities of theatrical exhibitions and the lasciviousness of dances are so disgraceful to the age and so irreconcilable with the gospel of Christ that I feel it my duty to the souls of my flock to warn those who run with the world 'to the same excess of riot' in these things that they presume not to come to the holy table. Classes preparing for confirmation are informed that I will not lay hands knowingly on any one who is not prepared to renounce such things with other abominations of the world, the flesh and the devil."

The Plenary Council of the Roman Catholic church which met in Baltimore a few years ago, sent out the following: "We consider it to be our duty to warn our people against those amusements which may easily become to them an occasion of sin, and especially against the fashionable dances, which as at present carried on, are revolting to every feeling of delicacy and propriety and are fraught with the greatest danger to morals."

It will be seen that the Episcopal church which worldly Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians sometimes join because they imagine that in its fellowship they can be as worldly as they please while they keep up the forms of religion, is really very strict in its requirements. The rector who advocates the modern dance and the Episcopalian who indulges in it violate their baptism and confirmation vows. The old historic church is true to good morals and a high standard of spirituality, however recreant some of her sons and daughters may be. The stigma should not rest upon the church, but on the faithless members who break their solemn vow.

"The Episcopal?" By no means. I have read her "Homilies" and find no dance in them. I know her Catechism somewhat and can see nothing for the dance. The 39 Articles we read and wrote in them as a student but fail to discover the dance in them. I am not unfamiliar with her prayer-book but they are all opposed to dancing certainly. Bishop Meade of New York charges untold and terrible evils on the dance.

"Presbyterian Church allows dancing." Indeed! Not in long or "Shorter Catechism" or Westminster confession of faith! The Pulpit? Not at all!

"The Baptist church" comes on the stand. Ah! But it is strong and emphatic against the dance always.

"The Methodist church now allows dancing." No! No!!! Discipline Rules, traditions, experience point blank opposed to dancing. There is no question that on this very ground many have been prevented from joining the Methodist church, some have conscientiously withdrawn for the same reason. But the Methodist church can afford to lose them and let them go, better than retain them.

I verily believe this is the reason God has blessed her with such growth and that if she does not maintain the war against all social evils, and everything in "Vanity Fair" she will receive a paralytic or death stroke. She winks not at sin in aristocrat or plebian, in fine linen or fustian, palliates nor tolerates it in autocrat or democrat. You must say good-bye to the dance or to your membership of this church. We hear there are a few Methodist members in America and Canada who are falling in with the social dance, euchre and whist parties! Deeply do we regret that for the state of soul it indicates. It proves they have neither enough of the world or Christ to satisfy them; that they dance and indulge in cards not because they are happy in doing so, but unhappy.

You cannot make the discrimination between balls and social dance saying you cannot tolerate the former, but like the latter as they are innocent, pure and therefore harmless.

I pity the innocence of any who really believe that and chide your hypocrisy if you do not. God keep all who so think by lack of experience in such a state of innocency by keeping them from the dance.

The wicked will laugh at you as a sorcerer; the devil will woo you by his agents, by such fallacies as are common.

Strange the dancer feels he must find some excuse, which at once becomes his accusation, why any excuse if dancing is right?

The unmixed good you say it holds. There must be a question in your mind as to rightness and wrongness of dancing or you would not furnish argument and evidence in its favor.

A very strong evidence to my mind against the dancer's position is furnished by himself when he says the best men, even ministers dance, therefore there is no harm in the dance.

Do you expect ministers and good men who don't and won't dance to allow such sickly logic, lame argument and weak evidence? Turn it for a moment to real account against yourselves. Ministers may occasionally get drunk, swear or steal, would you say as they did such things there can be no harm in them?

The better a man is who sins, the worse his sin. The holier a man is the fouler his impurity when he sins. However exalted in character or position a man may be who falls, his fall is the greater. So we may ask, have you any right to do wrong no matter how many good men do wrong?

If you really dance under cover of good men, why don't you do bad things when one good man weakly does them.

If you have no stronger reason for your action, you may as well give it up at once.

I can only add in conclusion what would make a discourse to prove and illustrate

The modern dance is a violation of the sacred crown jewels of heaven, modesty and delicacy; the adornments of the human head, face and character. It violates all the laws of physical development and health in the violation of the laws of nature which would be so friendly to man but which the dance makes his enemy.

The conditions of the dance at their highest level will do its devotees harm. What of the worst conditions—footed air, scanty costume, unnatural and too laborious exercise and heart action, late hours, diet, all do physical harm. Thousands contract consumption by the dance. What shall we say about the violation of the laws of mental, moral and spiritual health? Dissipation of thought, empties the mind, divests of moral purpose and spiritual aims and leaves emptiness, aim-

lessness and selfishness behind. As one says "The cultivation of the heel has displaced to a large extent the cultivation of the head. If you ever entertained a young lady at a ball for five minutes after the music had ceased I am sure you felt that the head had been swallowed by the feet, and the only response she was capable of making was a physical response to music." So strong is the assault on the intellect of the dance, that many are leaving it severely alone who desire to be considered at all intellectual. All desire as well as opportunity for mental improvement and advancement are thrust out by the overpowering claims made upon its devotees before and after the dance.

The author already quoted says, "If the sue of members increase their size, and if things continue as they are in some quarters there is coming a generation with very small heads and very big feet." Every worker for souls knows very well that the dance and its attendant influences from the highest and mightiest barrier between Christ and the young. Thousands would accept Christ, espouse His cause, and honor His Church but for the dance. Aye and how many are drawn away from spiritual life and service by the dance and more by its devotees? The greatest rival of Jesus Christ in the heart of the 19th century youth to our mind is the dance.

The Roman Catholic and Episcopalian churches seem to recognize this fact by fast and Lenten restrictions. No Christian can be an efficient worker, successful soul winner, or strong character who divides his time between Christ and Belial, God and the devil, the Church and the world, and Communion room and the ball room.

"Ye cannot serve two masters." When you allow Christ to fill your life, your life to fill his service, you will agree with my arguments against the modern dance, however much you condemn them to-day. We trust both lives may this moment blend. Amen.

"The modern dance in its nature, in its tendencies and in its results is dangerous to social purity." In other words, for we cannot evade the issue, it is, as at present indulged in, fundamentally and necessarily immoral. We dislike to tell the truth about the dance under this head, but for the sake of the young men and women whose danger is that they think no evil, it ought to be told.

Dr. Horace Bushnell was led to say of the modern form of the dance. "They are the contrived possibilities of license which belong to high life when it runs low."

Gail Hamilton wrote, "The very pose of the parties suggests impurity." The central source of the attraction of the modern dance is sex, and an amusement that depends on sex for popularity is dangerous." Says Dr. Wilkinson, "It mingles the sexes in such closeness of personal approach and contact as outside of the dance is nowhere tolerable in reputable society." The track of the ball-room is strewn with wrecks of character and lives. Said Dr. Howard Crosby: "The foundation of a large amount of domestic misery and domestic crime, which startles us after its public out-cropping, was laid when parents allowed the sacredness of their daughters' persons and the purity of their maidenly instincts to be rudely shocked in the waltz." Mr. T. A. Faulner at one time proprietor of the Los Angeles Dancing Academy and ex-president of the Dancing Masters' Association of the Pacific coast, has given it as his deliberate conviction that "two-thirds of the girls who are ruined fall through the dance and its influence." Archbishop Spaulding, New York, is reported to have said that nineteen out of twenty of the fallen women who come to the confessional have ascribed their fall from virtue to the influence of the dance.

The matron of a home for the fallen women in Los Angeles declares that "seven-tenths of the women who go there have fallen through the dance and its influence."

With all these facts before us can a Christian minister remain silent while this juggernaut of evil destroys the lives and wrecks the virtue of so many? Let every

one take Christ into his heart and life, and He will be guide and protector. Do what pleases Him and you will always be on the safe side. In His strength take for a motto and live up to it: "Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

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### SMITH'S CORNER.

JUNE 1st, 1900.—Having heard no news from this place, I thought I would write some.

People are very busy farming just now. Mr. William Synes has arrived home from a trip to N. S.

Mrs. James Starrak is visiting her parents.

Miss Mira Cail was home last week.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Robert Lawson is sick.

Mr. John Bond has taken his departure. We hope he will have a pleasant journey.

Mrs. Daniel Murray is slowly recovering from a severe illness.

Mr. James Murray has recovered from his illness, but is still looking very bad.

Fords Mills has lost one of her young ladies. Rumor says Smith's Corner is the winner.

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CHATHAM, N. B., May 31.—Paul Longley, teller in the Bank of Montreal, left mysteriously on Friday night, saying he was going north. He is reported to have stopped at Newcastle, registered as F. W. Jones, left there next morning for St. John and been seen at Moncton on Monday. His cash was correct, he owed no bills, and friends fear his mind is affected. He is a son of Attorney General Longley, of Nova Scotia.

Attorney General Longley was in St. John yesterday on the way home from Fredericton. He says two years ago a stigmatism of the eyes caused his son to temporarily lose his reason. He had been operated upon by Dr. Buller but the trouble had recently developed again. He had no doubt the young man had left while temporarily insane and would be found to-day.

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