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EDITORIAL

FIRST DANCE OF THE YEAR HELD AT MOUNT ALLISON—*Moncton Transcript.*

I am not using the above heading to advertise the dance, because for one reason, it is too late, for this dance was held several weeks ago, and is now a matter of history. And two or three more have been held since that time at the same place.

I am using this heading, taken from a Moncton paper, that our readers may know some of the forms of amusement that are indulged in by this church school. Of course this is not a unique case at all, for I am informed that many so called religious institutions of learning indulge in the same kind of amusement. You say, well what is wrong with the dance? Everybody is doing it. Yes, I will admit that the craze for dancing has become very common indeed, so much so that it is the chief form of amusement at most social functions now-a-days. And there is such a demand for places to dance, that fellows who want to make some money easy, have built dance-halls all over the country, in places far enough away from towns, so they can carry on questionable practices without being disturbed by the officials of the towns, and yet all very easy to reach by cars during the summer evenings, where hundreds of young people go and many of them without the knowledge of their parents; and there they dance, smoke cigarettes and drink and lie about in the grass and bushes and act in a most disgraceful manner. And not only have the younger folk gone mad after this demoralizing form of amusement but the older ones are continually encouraging them in it. We cannot honor the great war dead on Armistice Day now, without having a big blow-out in the form of a dance in the evening, which I consider a most barbarous way of honoring the memory of our brave boys who fell on Flander's fields, fighting for their homes and country. When I read of the Armistice dances I am reminded of what I had heard missionaries tell about the heathen gathering around their dead and dancing, and beating their drums, and blowing their horns, to drive away evil spirits. I always feel that we could honor our dead in a much more solemn and respectable way than by having a big spree on Armistice Day.

But, the question is often asked, Why do people dance? Well, some say just for amusement, others say it makes young folk graceful to move about the floor to the rhythm of music. Well, I don't know about that, but I do know

that it makes many young folk act most disgracefully.

Now I will tell you what is the chief reason for people dancing, and I will prove that I am correct before I am through with this epistle.

The modern dance is a unique form of amusement, unique in the sense that it can only be enjoyed under one condition, and that condition is the very intimate association of the sexes. And for that reason sex craving is the most potent factor in the promotion of the dance. And this is what makes it a very dangerous form of amusement, because to foster that craving is to encourage immorality. And that craving is certainly fostered when women with half nude bodies come in such close contact with unsaved men as they do on the modern dance floor. Now many dancers would resent the above statement, but let us ask a few questions which may help you to see that what I have said is right. First, if it is not sex craving that makes most folk like to dance, why do not a company of men go away by themselves and dance, or a company of women do likewise? Or, again, why do not brothers and sisters or fathers and daughters or mothers and their sons or all members of the same family spend an evening dancing together? Members of the same family often spend hours in other forms of amusement such as playing games, of checkers or dominos or cards and seem to enjoy themselves. And men have their card games exclusive of the opposite sex. And so are the ladies able to get on very well without the men at games of bridge, so I am told. But when it comes time to dance, no hen parties, or stag parties then! The boys and girls must all be there. Then, why do they dance?

Another very evil feature of the dance is, it seems to give a woman license to lay aside her womanly modesty and self-respect. No self-respecting woman would allow a man who is not her husband, the privilege at any other time that she allows him on the dance floor. And I am told that dancing is one of the chief forms of amusement in all houses of ill-repute. And I have read that social welfare workers say, that seventy-five percent of fallen women say their career downward began at the dance. In view of these facts, it seems to me that respectable people ought to find some better way for amusement, and especially church members.

MY THANKSGIVING SONG

And now as Christmas time is drawing near, and we are all wondering what we can do to make folks happy, I will tell you how to make the editor happy and I am sure you all want to do that. Please send in your arrears and renewals for the Highway and I am sure that you will make me glad. We are truly thankful to all those who are responding, but we need yours also.—Editor.

OBITUARY

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Revelation 13:14.

Harold Rushton

The death of Harold Rushton the nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Rushton occurred at the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, Nov. 9th. The service was conducted at the house by the writer, assisted by Rev. Mabel Manning, evangelist, of Nahant, Mass. "Safe in The Arms of Jesus" was rendered as a solo by Sister Manning, Rev. Mr. Miester of the United Baptist church, assisted at the grave.

To the sorrowing parents we extend our heartfelt sympathy in their great loss.

REV. L. J. SEARS

MARRIED

"What therefore God hath joined together let not man put asunder. Mark 10:9.

Lester—Leland

The home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Lester at Woodstock, N. B., was the scene of a pretty wedding Saturday evening, Nov. 11th, when their daughter, Muriel Ernestine, of Somerville, Mass., and Harold Atwood Leland of Wibur, Mass., were united in marriage.

The bride who looked charming in a brown ensemble was attended by her sister, Constance. The groom by his brother, Arthur.

The double ring ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev. E. W. Lester in the presence of immediate relatives and friends.

At 7.30 Saturday evening, Nov. 11th, Mr. Benjamin Ayers and Mrs. Frances Morris were united in marriage in the presence of about ten guests. The single ring service was used.

Mr. and Mrs. Ayres are members of the Reformed Baptist Church, Fort Fairfield. Their pastor, Rev. G. A. Rogers performed the ceremony.

We wish them happiness.

G. A. R.

On Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 15th, at 3 o'clock, the Reformed Baptist parsonage became the scene of a quiet little wedding when Miss Madeline R. Grass became the bride of Mr. Oscar J. Brown. They were attended by Mr. Frederick Brown and Mrs. Merle Butler, brother and sister of the groom. The single ring service was used. Rev. G. A. Rogers performed the ceremony.

We join their many friends in wishing the young couple a long and happy life.

G. A. R.

FROM WILLIAM CARVOSSO

Just at that moment a heavenly influence filled the room; and no sooner had I uttered or spoken the words from my heart, "I shall have the blessing now," than refining fire went "through my heart, illuminating my soul, scattered its life through every part, and sanctified the whole." I then received the full witness of the Spirit that the blood of Jesus had cleansed me from all sin. I cried out, "This is what I wanted. I have now got a new heart." I was emptied of self and sin, and filled with God.—Memoir, p. 36.—Free Methodist.

THE DEPRESSION AND THE CHURCH

The Federal Council of Churches has made some investigations concerning the effect of the depression upon contributions to the churches. It has been found that the total sum for 1929 was \$581,000,000, while the sum for 1932 was \$378,000,000, making a decrease of forty per cent. During that same period the national income decreased fifty-four per cent, which indicates that the average person has kept up his contributions to the church better than his own income has been sustained.

It is also interesting to note that the nation's amusement bill, which swelled to such enormous proportions in the years just previous to 1929, has decreased sixty-five per cent since that year.

That the amusements have suffered beyond the severity of the depression and the churches have suffered less is a testimony of loyalty to the churches which is gratifying.

That the churches which have suffered materially by the depression have been blessed spiritually by it is almost universally admitted.—Free Methodist.