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ADVANCE OF DEATH

A Minister Handed in the Following For Publication. He Decides Strongly Against Dancing

The proposition I frequently lay down is this: "Do music and motion make that thing right which is otherwise wrong?" The answer can be only in the negative. Yet anticipating the possible trap being laid, the advocate of the dance occasionally replies affirmatively. To which I respond, "Then, if this be true, the same act ought to be right with only one." That is, if it is right for a man to place his arm about a woman, because music and motion attend the act, then it ought to be right when the music is subtracted. Suppose you subtract motion. Would any gentleman have any moral right to stand or sit in the same position as on the dancing floor with the same music played? Or, subtract music. What right would he have to keep the same position and change the motion from a circular to a promenade step?

I meet the dance with this one denunciation, that no man has any moral or social liberties granted to him with women on or off the dancing floor. And no woman has any right to grant any man not a blood relative, or her betrothed, any liberties with her person such as the dance demands. I say "demands." I quote now from the president of the American Society of Dancing Professors of New York: "There is only one proper method and one proper position for proper dancing. When a gentleman escorts a lady to the dancing floor and the music starts, the gentleman should place his right arm gently and carefully about the lady's waist, while he takes the lady's right hand in his left." Any woman who so acts is in constant and imminent danger, to say the least, of shocking the modest and exquisite delicacy of her womanhood, which is her real charm and her glory. Here is the place to meet the dance. And if this fundamental moral principle were carefully and thoughtfully considered, I believe nothing further would need to be said to convince an honest earnest mind.

To proceed. Perfect dancing, as all dancers will admit, demands perfect movement—two bodies must move as one. To this end the bodies are locked together by one arm of the man placed about the woman's waist as they are facing each other, one of her's resting upon his shoulder, while their other two hands are clasped. This can be effected by the bodies being kept somewhat apart, but almost irresistibly the bodies must come more or less in contact. Now consider for a moment what this means a crowded room, bewildering music, heavy perfume of flowers, hot and poisoned air, the bodies of the dancers in contact in close contact, the heat of each necessarily passing to the other, the hot breath of the man blown upon the exposed neck, chest and arms of the woman! The picture is almost too horrible to paint, let alone to know that it happens wherever the round dance is indulged in.

We charge it not that all who dance, nor any proportion, dance with impure motive or evil thoughts. Far be it from me to hint such a charge. The sweetest and purest of women and the noblest of men are among its devotees. But I do maintain that such amusement cannot be indulged in without tremendous charges being taken by the participants. When the reader considers that from 12 to 20 years is the period of adolescence, of "storm and stress" of youth, which is simply another way of saying that their sexual powers are being developed, it isn't difficult to see in what frightful jeopardy the child is placed by the parent who encourages dancing lessons, parlor dances and exclusive social soirees.

As to the married women, I state, without fear of contradiction, that no man who lives his wife as he should can see her thus in the arms of another man without feeling a pang of jealousy, unless he himself indulges in similar practice, for true love unconsciously resents any intrusion upon its sacred rights. Such indulgence upon the part of married people means an ultimate racking of the very foundations of their homes. Dance and divorce, as well as theatre and divorce, are not difficult to trace in their connection.

Whether the ancient bohemian feasts originated the round dance, or the Paris brothers, one cannot study the question long without being convinced that passion is more or less the basis of it. I say passion, not necessarily lust. The first proof lies in the fact that it is the only amusement that demands the participation of both sexes. Carols can be enjoyed and plays performed with the sexes apart, which is impossible in the dance. "Stag" dances are unheard of, and women's "gym" dancing is an unsatisfactory makeshift. Whoever heard of men, after working all day in office or store, making careful, immaculate toilet, and then, at nine or ten o'clock, going to a hall and dancing with each other until three or four in the morning? Yet men indulge themselves thus with cards. Or, whoever heard of a woman doing the same, having for a dancing partner an "improved man"—a girl friend with a handkerchief tied about her arm? Yet, women could enjoy the theatre through a long evening and never miss the men.

The tragedy of a beautiful young lives flung headlong to the depths of infamy and irretrievable shame are so heart-breaking that reformers and Christian workers are almost desperate. How a girl's ears would tingle

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The climate is healthful, the air is dry and invigorating, and the percentage of sunshine days is high. Outdoor work can be done almost every day in the year. Rainfall is amply sufficient to raise the crops. Regular mail service has been established, the roads are good, rural telephone lines traverse the country, and automobiles are in common use. The deeded land in this district sells for from \$10 to \$18 per acre. There are many instances this year where the crop equaled in value the cost of the land.

In Butte County, South Dakota, there is considerable government land open for homestead entry. Government land offices are maintained at Lemmon, Hettinger and Bowman, where filings and final proofs may be made. All of these towns are on the new line of the

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