For the SENTINEL.

CAN A CHRISTIAN DANCE?

Can a Christian dance? Yes, or do anything else wrong. Can a *consistent* Christian dance? No, unless they can dance "*In His Name.*" I have known, personally known, some who have danced themselves into perdition, but the records do not show an instance where any have danced themselves into glory. In this article, I shall refer more particularly to the Waltz, Schottisch and "round" dance. It is stated that mother Eve introduced and sanctioned the *serpentine* dance, when she *waltzed* out of the garden of Eden. But as there is no tangible evidence that the great mother was ever married, her ethical sanctions are fraught with distrust. About the only good thing we know of mother Eve, is her reputation for being bad.

After a week of praise and prayer, the dance room would seem a grateful digression, where children and youth can close the catechism in a glad respite and receive the parents' approving smile. Personally, I believe that human nature shows to better advantage either at a circus, horse race or a dance than in a prayer meeting, but where will professing Christians draw the line? Nothing lofty, pure and noble of a religious nature ever grew in a dance room—in fact, its very existence there would be brief. What is the value of Christ's religion, and where is His spirit to be paramount? Do you say—only in hymns and prayers and in Sunday's routine worship, and not fully as much and *more* in every day's conduct? Where is the new life which is to spring up in your soul, and which is to separate your actions, (not you) from those of the world, and render you "a peculiar people?" Christianity is *conduct* or it is nothing. Simple professions nowanays have lost their grip, and an absolute fact commands more fates than a thousand opinions, beliefs or creeds. This is a most tremendous and solemn fact, that man is accountable to God for his ideals, and in the very nature of things, is held responsible for his efforts toward their attainment. Sin consists in following a lower, when man sees a higher way. Actions become evil, only after better actions are realized as possible, and the past and the present become bad as soon as a better future dawns. Does the past record of the dance room, as a place of amusement, rise to your ideal when it has proven a pitfall to thousands, whose wrecks have strewn its path? I reiterate,—we are accountable to God for our ideals.

You say, "I would rather my children attend the dance, than the old backwoods play party, or spend an evening in gossip." Just so. But how can *one* wrong be a justification of another? Instead of encouraging the youth in the dance mania, instruct them of the train of possible evils therein, and emulate and develop their every tendency to mental, moral and social good. The embargoes on the narrow path are continual and multitudinous, and the temptations we avoid are as meritorious as those we experience and, at the same time, resist. You say, "To the pure, all things are pure." Just so. But when the good are half bad, and the bad are half good, angelic purity is at a premium, and we must take humanity as we find it, for better or for worse.

A simple glass of liquor may neither be good nor bad, yet who can foretell the disintegration of mental and moral forces it may entail? A game of cards *per se* is as innocent as the worshipful performance of a salaried church choir, yet no ethical teacher would pace the earth to encourage recruits. It is mightily human, even in orthodox circles, to think it is always some one else's parents, and never their own, who go to hell; and most people believe in the partial or total depravity of some one else. This same humanity says, "I can trust my children to attend the dance, and desire them to go. They attain grace and ease in their bearing, and in society." But it was the other man's children whose sunny craft crashed against the rock, was stranded, and Lethean waves lashed over it forever. This identical humanity says," My boy can tarry at the wine, when it is red in the cup. He can entertain and be entertained at the gaming table, whensoever he will. It is a good meutal diversion as well as a social amusement, and never hurt me." But it was the other man's boy who tarried too late at the wine and at the game,

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Grace and ease in carriage are certainly admirable in any person, but they come too high, if they imperil a soul. Mental diversion and social entertainment are laudable and necessary, but how costly they! if the life's best blood is sapped, and all means defeat the end. Grace in movement are attainable by other means than the dance, and with equal facility. Grace and elegance of expression, a refined conception of the power and beauty of speech, and a ready command of English pure and undefiled, are attainments which command influence and fate. They rise superior to the vapid vaporings of shallow-pated foppery and fashion, and were *they* served with one-half the zeal, society would be just twice as good as it is. It is an absolute fact, that the matchless and impassionate dancer, be she as graceful as a sylph—as beautiful as an Adonis, never becomes a force in the intellectual world, never leads great movements, and never carries influence into the home. Then, in the name of Christ, why do church members dance and attend dances? and why does dancing have the divine stamp of approval of the church itself? I revere religion but not the cheap kind.

A wiser than Solomon has said: "parents take heed of your children who drink deeply of that dawning draught of ambition for dress, display and dance. How many beautiful creatures have been wrecked and cast away forever in the wild pursuit after admiration! I tell you that vanity and a love for social distinction are the rocks upon which these noble vessels freighted with the wealth of immortal souls have foundered." F. J. D.

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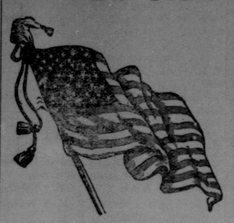
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MAIN LINE AND CONNECTIONS.
Taking effect Sunday, Feb. 21st, 1897.

TRAINS WEST.

LEAVE	1. AM *	11. AM. †	15. AM. †	23. PM. †	29. PM †	33. AM. ‡	55 ‡
New York							
Philadelphia							
Washington							
Baltimore	4.30	8.11	10.17	4.08	8.1	9.5	2.35
Arlington		8.36	10.39	4.30	6.25	9.27	2.9
Mt. Hope		8.39	10.42	4.33	6.28	9.30	3.02
Pikesville		8.45	10.49	4.39	6.35	9.44	3.9
Owings Mills		8.57	11.02	4.53	6.58	10.15	3.21
Glyndon	5.11	9.10	11.14	5.07	7.09	10.29	3.34
Emory Grove		9.11	11.15		7.10	10.29	3.35
Finksburg		9.20	11.25	5.16	7.24	10.41	3.47
Carrollton		9.26	11.30	5.23	7.29	10.46	3.52
Westminster	5.40	9.42	11.53	5.42	7.58	11.12	4.16
Avondale		9.50	12.00	5.49	8.06	11.20	4.23
New Windsor	5.53	10.10	12.19	6.01	8.18	11.33	4.36
Linwood		10.15	12.16	6.06	8.23	11.40	4.41
Union Bridge	6.00	10.20	12.26	6.12	8.30	11.45	4.50
Middleburg		10.27	P M.	6.18	P M	AM.	P M.
Bruceville	6.07	10.29		6.20			
D. P. Creek		10.33		6.24			
Rocky Ridge		10.40		6.34			
Thurmont	6.25	10.53		6.46			
Edgemont	7.05	11.45		7.24			
Waynesboro	7.30	12.09		7.51			
Chambersb'g	8 1	12.16		8 27			
Shippensburg	†						
Hagerstown	7.30	12 15		8.00			
Williamsport							
	AM	P M.		P M			

Passengers for and from Cherry Run, Williamsport, P. V. and intermediate points, from and for stations east of Hagerstown change at Hagerstown.

EMMITSBURG R. R. Trains East will leave Emmittsburg daily, except Sundays at 7 5 and 10.09 A. M. and 2.55 and 4.70 P. M., arriving Rocky Ridge at 8.20 and 10.30 A. M. and 3.25 and 5.30 P. M. Trains west will leave Rocky Ridge, daily, except Sundays, at 8.36 and 10.40 A. M. and 3.31 and 6.34 P. M., arriving at Emmitsburg 8.56 and 11.10 A. M. and 4 01 and 7.04 P. M.

FREDERICK DIVISION PENNSYLVANIA R. R. (Daily except Sunday.)—Trains for Frederick leave Bruceville at 8 58 A. M. and 9.50 and 10 40 A. M. and 5.24 and 6.25 P. M. Trains for Taneytown, Littlestown and leave Bruceville 8.50 A. M., and for Wrightsville and intermediate points at 3.45 P. M.

Through Trains for Hanover and Gettysburg and points on Baltimore and Harrisburg Division leave Baltimore daily, except Sunday, at 7.32 A. M. and 3.32 P. M. Through cars for Gettysburg and intermediate points leave Baltimore also daily, except Sunday at 10.17 A. M.

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TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22. PM *	4. AM. †	8. AM. †	12. PM. †	18. PM. †	52. AM ‡	54. PM. ‡
Williamsport							
Hagerstown	4 15		7.02		2.07		
Shippensburg			6.00		1.25		
Chambersburg			6.31		1.70		
Waynesboro			7.05		2.19		
Edgemont	4.40		7.36		2.41		
Thurmont	5.16		8.16		3.21		
Rocky Ridge			8.26		3.31		
D. P. Creek			8.33		3.38		
Bruceville	5.28		8.37		3.44	6.45	
Middleburg			8.39		3.46	6.47	
Union Bridge	5.45	6.05	8.45	12.00	3.55	6.56	4.15
Linwood		6.11	8.49	12.04	4.00	7.00	4.19
New Windsor	5.52	6.20	8.54	12.59	4.05	7.09	4.25
Avondale		6.28		1.09	4 17	7.22	4. 6
Westminster	6.06	6.47	9.11	1.16	4 9	7.34	4.53
Carrollton		7.15	9.29	1.2	4 9	7.34	4.59
Finksburg		7. 0	9.5	1 1	4 [illegible]	7.44	5.13
Emory Grove		7.5		1 [illegible]	4 [illegible]	7.5	5.75
Glyndon	6.27	7.4	48	1 [illegible]	5 [illegible]	7.59	5.1
Owings Mills	6.44	7.20	9.22	2 1	5 1	8.23	5.19
Pikesville		7.30	9.32	2 11	5 26	8	5.4
M t Hope		8.1	10.0	2 8	5 3	2	5 8
Arlington		8.4	10.3	2 11	5 6	2	5 1
Baltimore	7.17	40	10.45	2.4	5 50	2.0	6.15
Washington							
Philadelphia							
New York							
	P M.	A M.	A M	P M.	P M	A M	P M.

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