THE FACTS ON THE AMUSEMENT QUESTION

By REV. T. J. SARD,
Of Chestertown M. E. Church

The ban on amusements has not been wiped out. Approval has not been given to dancing, treatre going, etc., but a positive condemnation instead. Read the facts.

Because of wide spread misrepresentation of the action of our last General Conference held at Springfield, Mass., May 1924, on the amusement question. I desire to give the following facts, and let each one judge for themselves. The New Discipline will read as follows:

Paragraph 69, Sec. 1. "Improper amusements and excessive indulgence in innocent amusements are serious barriers to the beginning of religious life and faithful causes of spiritual decline. Some amusements in common use are positively demoralizing and furnish the first easy steps to the total loss of character. We therefore look with deep concern on the great increase of amusements and on the general prevalence of harmful amusements, and lift up a solemn note of warning and entreaty, particularly against attendance upon immoral, questionable and misleading theatrical or motion picture performances; against dancing; and against such games of chance as are frequently associated with gambling; all of which have been found to be antagonistic to vital piety, promotive of worldliness, and especially pernicious to youth. We affectionately admonish all our people to make their amusements the subject of careful thought and frequent prayer, to study the subject of amusements in the light of their tendencies, and to be scrupulously careful in this matter to set not injurious example. We adjure them to remember that often the question for a Christian must be, not whether a certain course of action is positively immoral, but whether it will dull the spiritual life and be an unwise example.

Section 2. We instruct our Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, or its successor, to lead the church in a campaign of education which shall reveal to our people, both young and old, the dangers lurking in the amusements against which we warn. We instruct the above named Board, or its successor, produce and disseminate from time to time such scientifically prepared literature as shall awaken our people to the individual and social consequences of improper and excessive amusements. We direct all our Bishops, District Superintendents, and Pastors to call attention to this subject with solemn urgency in our annual and quarterly conferences and in all our pulpits; and our editors, Sunday school officers, Epworth League officers and class leaders, to aid in abating the evils we deplore. We deem it our bounden duty to summon the whole church to apply a thoughtful and instructed conscience to the choice of amusements, and not to leave them to accident, or taste, or passion; and we affectionately advise and beseech every member of the church absolutely to avoid "the taking of such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus."

Paragraph 280. In case of neglect of duties of any kind; imprudent conduct; indulging in sinful tempers or words; "taking such diversions as can not be used in the name of the Lord Jesus;" or disobedience to the order and discipline of the church; on first offence, let private reproof be given by the pastor or class leader, and if there be an acknowledgment of the fault and proper humiliation, the person may be borne with. On further offence the pastor or class leader may take with him one or two discreet members of the pastor or class leader may take with him one or two discreet members of the church. On continued offence let him be brought to trial, and if found guilty and there be no sign of real humiliation, he shall be expelled."

I desire to call attention to some of the misrepresentations that have been circulated. First, "The ban was wiped out by a 5 to 1 vote." This is not true. The only count vote that was taken, was on the motion to lay the minority report on the table, was on the motion to lay the minority report on the table, which was done by a vote of 460 to 292 which to be sure represents the votes for and against the change.

Second, "Dancing, games and theatre attendance approved by the conference." This is not true. I call attention to Paragraph 69, Sections 1 and 2 that I have already quoted, as they will appear in the new dicipline.

Third, all the talk about the, "Clumsiness of structure and unnecessary specification of particular amusements, and an impossibility of carrying out the penal clause without thworting the very spirit and purpose of the church in relation to the young life." The above quotation is certainly not a fair interpretation of the old paragraph in question, for if we should proceed with this method of interpretation many of the paragraphs would have to go. In fact we would practically eliminate the whole of Chapter VI in our book of discipline, the following paragraphs would have to go 281-29.. All though I have been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for more than thirty-four years I have not known of one person who has been tried according to any one of the aforegoing paragraphs. I have known of many who were guilty of breaking them.

I am satisfied that a great mistake has been made, not so much on account of the change in our book of discipline, but because of the misrepresentation we will receive.

To be sure there were conditions back in 1872 when this paragraph was put in, that in the mind of the wise and good of those days justified them in their action. Surely the dance has not improved in the passing of these years in any way that can justify modification in our attitude toward it. In fact we need to make our opposition stronger. We are informed by some who lived back in 1872 that the old square dance of those days, was very modest and refined as compared with the dance of today.

The New Telephone Rates

¶The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Baltimore City has presented to the Public Service Commission a new schedule of rates for telephone service throughout the State of Maryland effective November 1, 1924. Only moderate increases in charges are involved.

¶Telephone rates are subject to regulation by the Public Service Commission, and by November 1st the Commission will have ample time in which to inquire into the situation in the interests of the public. The Company will cooperate in every way that will assist the Commission in considering whether the increases in charges are reasonable and fair.

The Proposed Changes

¶The following is a summary of the principal rates proposed:

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Class of Service	New Rates Per Month
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Individual Line	$4.25
Two Party	3.50
Rural Station	3.00
Service Station	1.00
Extension Station, Flat	1.00
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Individual Line	$2.75
Two Party	
Four Party	2.00
Rural Station	2.00
Service Station	.66⅔
Extension Station, Flat	.75

There are also certain changes in rates for Private Branch Exchange service, Toll service, etc. Information concerning these changes will be furnished upon request.

¶We realize that the success of our undertaking depends on public understanding and good will, and we assure our patrons that in proposing these new rates, we are asking for no more than a fair return on the property used in furnishing the telephone service of the State.

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Since you journeyed on to join with Ma,
Who long had waited you on the way.
Great was the faith that led you Pa,
To where our mother was waiting for you,
And we cherish the hope that you and Ma,
Will be waiting there to greet us too.

By Their Children.
(Kent, Cecil and Caroline county Md., papers please copy.)

Stevenson A. Williams, Attorney.
RATIFICATION NISI

Stevenson A. Williams, Attorney
versus
Thomas J. Oliver et al

In the Circuit Court for Kent County
In Equity, No. 2266.

Ordered, this 3rd day of June, 1924, by the Circuit Court for Kent county in Equity, that the Auditors Account and Report, stated and reported by S. Scott Beck, Auditor, in the above entitled cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown within three weeks from the date of the first publication of said notice, viz: June 28, 1924; provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of two successive weeks before the 23rd day of June, next.

ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk
True Copy—Test:
j8-2t ROBERT R. AYRES, Clerk

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County letters of Administration on the personal estate of

GEORGIA MOFFETT,
late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of November 1924, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

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GEORGE H. MOFFETT,
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Sundays, leave Baltimore for Betterton, Havre de Grace and Port Deposit at 9.00 a. m., returning leave Port Deposit for Baltimore at 4.30 p. m., Havre de Grace at 5.00 p. m., Betterton at 6.30 p. m., arrive in Baltimore about 9.45 p. m.

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ORDER NISI

Hulbert P. Townsend, et al
versus
Clifton C. Townsend et al.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County.
In Equity No. 2183.

Ordered, this 22nd day of May, 1924, by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the sale of the Real Estate mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by Herbert E. Perkins, Trustee, under and by virtue of a decree of the Circuit court for Kent County dated March 17th, 1923, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 26th day of July next; provided, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 23rd day of June next.

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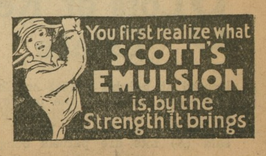

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