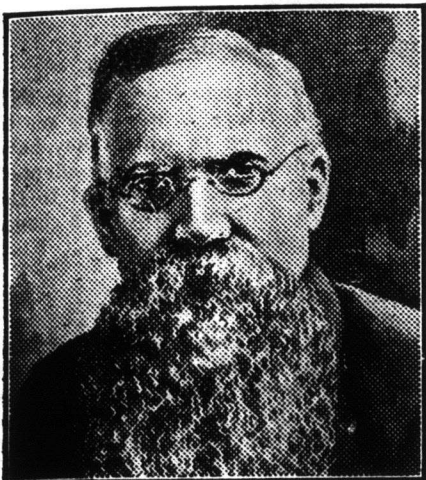


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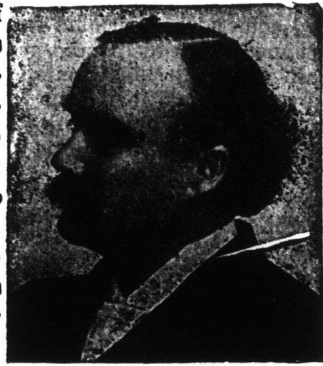
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ing the Corpus Christi Octave, a ballet is still danced every evening before the high altar, and a religious dance also survives at Alaco, in the Balearic Isles.

I admit that the company usually frequenting our modern dancing halls is not such as the majority (all I hope) care to associate with, but the innocent pastime of dancing should not be made the culprit. For there is nothing in itself or of itself that is harmful—"Man creates the evil he endures."

As a matter of fact, a most delightful evening may be spent in dancing at one's home or that of a friend's, which is also beneficial; inasmuch that it is an exercise.

In answer to "Puzzled," may I say that I do not comprehend why we may not admit Christ into our pleasures as well as our work and devotion; for even in His teachings, are we not commanded "to be moderate in 'all' things?"

I am sure "Bookworm" has found delightful mental recreation between the cover of a good book, and may I kindly suggest that she take the lead in a discussion on literature? A subject, I trust in which many of the members are interested.

MANFIELD.

Midst Nature's Charms

Dear Editor.—Hoping you will recognize a line in your correspondence page from one of your subscribers, I write for the first time. I very heartily endorse the composition of your clean and instructive paper, The Western Home Monthly, and it appeals to me it should be in every home throughout your great West and the Dominion. I am a farmer and stockman living in the free and genial climate of British Columbia. Am fond of Nature's music, and as I stand beside a rippling brook and listen to its happy laughter as it bounds dancing, skipping, splashing and dashing in its happy race onward to its final goal and resting place, the sea, the great ocean of waters, it reminds me of youth, full of buoyance and life, fashioned in the image of Christ and giving praises, merriment and joy to Him through those intellectual and emotional capacities as is spoken of in Psalms 30, 11, and also Luke 15, 25. Personally, I am fond of clean literature, cleanly people in body and mind, music, vocal and instrumental, of a quality that is ennobling and elevating to the mind and soul of man, and to my mind the performing of time, punctuation and rhythmic modifications cannot more completely or beautifully be carried out than in the various motions of the body, feet, limbs and general anatomy of the graceful person in the form of dancing. In this way I believe that any conscientious Christian would neither be ashamed or afraid to meet his God. There is a right and a wrong way for everything, and the devil often wanders in sheep's clothing within the confines of the church and among church people. Remember, dear readers, that goodly merriment is said to be as wine to the soul, and a man, to be a man, must act the gentleman in spirit and in truth wherever he is. Thanking you for space in your correspondence page, and with best wishes to all readers, I am,

SUNSHINE.

Community Dances

Dear Editor and Readers:—I have been a silent reader of your most splendid magazine. My father took it years before I could read it. I think the correspondence page is just great. This is my first letter to your page and I am so afraid it will not pass the W.P.B., as I see only the best letters are printed.

I agree with Frenchy in thinking that music and musicians would be a very interesting subject to be discussed. I see in the last issue a great many of the members are against dancing. We have a few community dances with no outsiders, and enjoy ourselves very much. Do any of the members like skating? I like it very much and have very enjoyable times on the river and rink. I live on a farm and love all outdoor sports, although I haven't had to turn a farmerette yet. "Normalite," I, too, have often

wondered where the old time bachelors have gone that we very seldom hear of them now.

If any of the members care to write I will answer all letters. I will close now with best wishes to all.—Smiles.

A Lover of Good Fun

Dear Editor:—This is my first letter to your club. My brother has taken the paper for sometime and I always wanted to write but never got started till now.

I like to read The Western Home Monthly, as there is a lot of interesting stories in it.

I see by some of the letters that quite a few are against dancing. I don't see any harm in it at all. There has been quite a few dances around here this winter, and I have gone to most of them. I see "Cheerio" sides in with "Tom, Dick or Harry" about dancing. They said that a better amusement could be afforded. Maybe they are right in one way. But how are you going to spend the long winter evenings when there are no skating rinks near. I am very fond of skating and dancing myself. Although I never got much chance to do any skating this winter.

Well as news is scarce I will close, hoping the Editor prints this.—A Lover of Fun:—

Happy-Go-Lucky Wants Letters

Dear Editor and Readers:—I have been a silent reader of The Western Home Monthly for a few months, and find it one of the best home papers in Canada. I enjoy the stories very much and also the correspondence page, as there are many very interesting letters.

I am a farmer and like the farm life very much as a person is free, but it is hard work at times. I am working a half section. The last two years we did not have much of a crop on account of the drought. Last year I got my seed.

I, like many others, enjoy skating and other outdoor sports, and I am a bookworm. I think St. Elmo, Zena River, The Trail of the Lonesome Pine, A Girl of the Limberlost, Riders of the Purple Sage, are fine books. I have read many others but these are just a few. I hope to see this in print. If any of the fair sex care to write to a farmer 24, I will try and answer all letters. My address is with the Editor.—Happy-Go-Lucky.

A Lonely Bach

Dear Editor:—The letter from "Chatter-box" has aroused me at last. The remark re the poor young homesteaders I also would like to give my opinion on. I am a young fair homesteader myself, and agree with her on the point that fair people like dark ones and vice versa, so any young dark girl, well I don't like to say it, but I'd like her address, or mine is with the editor, and gee it would help as I have no friends with the gentler sex. Now for the marriage problem. "Chatter-box" says we don't want pity as we do not want to get married before we are rich. I agree it is perfectly so, and is it not a sensible policy in more ways than one. As you know some girls are mercenary and would it not breed discord and kill love between them if he were poor? Of course many would help him wonderfully and I'd like to get one like that. As for riding, well, I've got a dandy saddle-horse and there is the whole river banks to ride on, as I live one mile from the Saskatchewan River.

Will somebody have pity on a lonely bach?—Blonde.

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