

bellying the sail will drive the boat, so certain will dancing freeze the religious sentiments out of the soul ; it will drive its devotee away from the church ; it is a wind that blows in that direction. No dancing is spoken of in the Bible that was done by Divine authority. In ancient times the sexes danced separately.

Alcohol is the "spirit" of beverages. Take it out, and the young men of the land would as soon seek a beverage in the swill-tub as in the saloon. So sex is the spirit of the dance. Take it away and let the sexes dance separately, and dancing would shortly be out of fashion. Parlor dancing is dangerous. Tippling leads to drunkenness, and parlor dancing leads to ungodly balls. Tippling and parlor dancing sow to the wind, and both reap the whirlwind. Put dancing in the crucible, apply the acids, weigh it, and the verdict of reason, morality and religion is, "Weighed in the balance and found wanting."—*Rev. S. J. Tomlinson, Indianapolis Journal.*

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### CAST A LINE FOR YOURSELF.

A young man stood listlessly watching some anglers on a bridge. He was poor and dejected. At last approaching a basket filled with wholesome-looking fish he sighed :

"If, now, I had these, I would be happy. I could sell them at a fair price, and buy me food and lodgings."

"I will give you just as many, and just as good fish," said the owner, who had chanced to overhear his words, "if you will do me a trifling favor."

"And what is that?" asked the other.

"Only to tend this line till I come back. I wish to go on a short errand."

The proposal was gladly accepted. The old man was gone so long that the young man began to be impatient. Meanwhile the hungry fish snapped greedily at the baited hook, and the young man lost all his depression in the excitement of pulling them in ; and when the owner of the line returned, he had caught a large number. Counting out from them as many as were in the basket, and presenting them to the young man, the old fisherman said :

"I fulfill my promise from the fish you have caught, to teach you, whenever you see others earning what you need, to waste no time in fruitless wishing, but cast a line for yourself."