

"THE DANCE" As Viewed by Messrs. Hunter and Crossley

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you dance to the glory of God. Let us suppose your child had been wayward and he is converted. You are so rejoiced over it that you say, now there is no meeting Saturday night and we will get up a modern dance for our boy, and invite his associates to it. What would be the result? He would be led back into the ways of sin. Do not distort and misinterpret scripture like the toper who, in justification of his conduct asked, "Does not the bible say that we are to try the spirits?"

1st. Avoid the amusement which will lead you into bad company. I have no respect for a man or woman in the church that will be found in a ball-room. All men who attend public balls are not impure, but there are many young men who attend such places that are impure, and do you want to see them with their arms around your wife or daughter?

2nd. Avoid that amusement that will weaken your spiritual life. Any Christian that will go to a dance will find that it injures his devotion. 3rd. Avoid that amusement which will bring reproach on the cause of

gentleman with his affianced. No matter how pure people are the liberty should not extend further. I have not said or thought of impurity on the part of the dancers. The question is propriety or impropriety, and not purity or impurity. Remember this. The only excuse that any can assign for the liberty in the dances is that it is customary. This is no reason. What right has any person or persons to prescribe a custom in the dance that outrages our sense of propriety out of the dance? Whether you are a Christian or not your sense of propriety should turn you against the dance. You ladies if you want to dance, dance together, and I say the same to you men. A man would as soon eat an egg without salt as to dance with a man. I don't object a particle to dancing per se, but it is the impropriety in the liberty allowed in the modern dance which is the objection.



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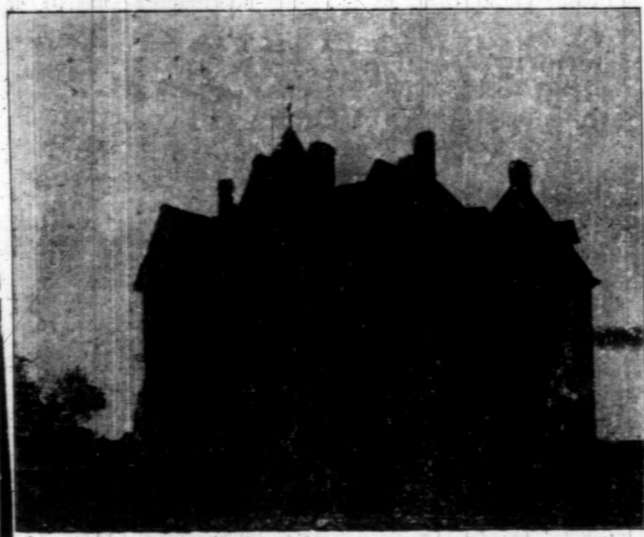
Jesus Christ. Dance as most assuredly does that. A young lady attended a meeting and was much impressed. The mother urged her to come to Jesus. She said, "Mother, I can't see my way clear to-night. You are invited to that dance on Tuesday night, but I promised you I will come on Wednesday and give my heart to Jesus." On Sunday night she was the subject of this dream. During the night she dreamed that she heard a voice say, "Arise, open your Bible at the 7th chapter of the book of Ezekiel, and read the 8th and 9th verses." She was very much impressed with the dream and she awoke and couldn't go to sleep for some time, but fell asleep by and by and the second time she dreamed the same thing, that the voice said to her, "Arise open your Bible at the 7th chapter of the book of Ezekiel, and read the 8th and 9th verses. Again as she awoke she was very much troubled, but she was afraid to get up to open her Bible, and couldn't go to sleep. Towards morning she fell into a doze again, and dreamed the same thing the third time. She thought, "This is very strange. This is surely the voice of God to me." She arose and dressed and set down in her rocking chair. As the morning came her mother went in, and said, "Why, daughter, what is the matter with you? Have you been sick?" "No, mother," she said. "Arise, open your Bible at the 7th chapter of Ezekiel, and read the 8th and 9th verses; and, mother, I dare not do it." She said, "Will I read it for you, daughter?" "If you please, mother." Her mother got the Bible and read to her these words: "Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee; and I will judge thee according to thy ways, and will recompense thee for all thine abominations that are in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I am the Lord that smiteth." The mother looked upon her daughter. She was a corpse.

5th excuse. "I dance and my conscience does not condemn me." So much the worse for you when the spirit of Christ and his word show that you are wrong. Your conscience like your watch needs regulating.

6th excuse. "If we don't dance, what shall we do? This is a difficult question. Some people do not seem to have enough brains to do anything but dance; but if you will ask seriously what shall we do, I would say, get more brains, more accomplishments. Those who have the lightest brains are most enamored with the 'light fantastic.' More-

taken part in a parlor dance in the home of Martha and Mary. Should you, then as a Christian, not recoil from the practice of dancing. 3rd. Is it in accordance with propriety for ladies and gentlemen to dance together? If I, at a parlor dance, met wishing to act as a wall flower, were to put my arm around a lady's waist in a promenade, she would be apt to slap me in the face, and people would condemn my act; or suppose I was standing at the window with my right arm around a lady's waist while her left rested on my shoulder and our other hands were clasped, and we were talking animatedly, I would be apt to go through the window if her big brother were there. What did I do? No more

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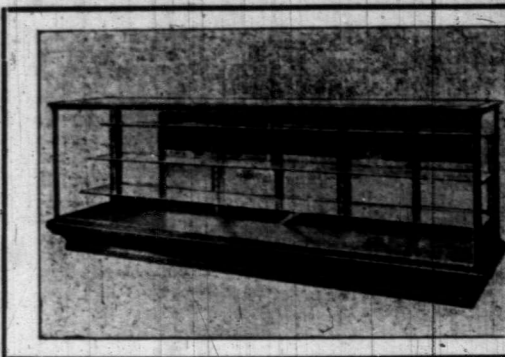
Mr. Crossley's Address. Rev. Mr. Crossley spoke from 2 Tim. 27. Consider what I say, and the Lord give thee understanding in all things. Speaking on the subject of the parlor dance, I may say that I know what I am talking about, for I began to dance when I was such a little fellow that the ladies used to lift me off the floor in swivling. But I gave up dancing many years ago; because I did not like to take liberties with other people's sisters that I would not wish them to take with mine. I shall not speak of balls, but only of parlor dances. You need not be afraid that will

over social gatherings should disperse not later than eleven o'clock. 7th Excuse. "Our church and clergy men are not opposed to dancing." You are certainly mistaken. Your church is not a congregation, but a great body or association. The leading bishops, ministers, and best people in the English, Baptist, Catholic, Presbyterian and Methodist churches are most pronounced against the dance. Follow their worthy example and you will have no occasion to regret that you did so.

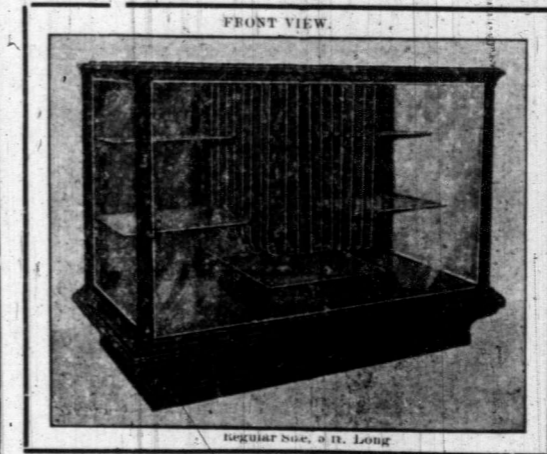
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