

ON DANCING.

"Let us suppose a case, which alas ! is not imaginary.

It is that of a family whose united head are members of the Church. They contend for the innocence of dancing and act on that principle. Their children are sent to the dancing-school, or are encouraged by every means to acquire this gay accomplishment. They naturally ask for opportunities of displaying the art and gratifying the taste with which their hearts are so now deeply fascinated ; parties are made, dress becomes an absorbing topic, expenses are incurred, health is exposed, late hours are kept, improper associates, not seldom, chosen, the mind thoroughly diverted, serious thoughts dismissed, the intellect stunted, physical frame jaded, the heart trifled with, and a long list of similar consequences follow too tedious to enumerate.

Now we ask these professing parents, if by their compliance in the first instance, they have not found it often necessary to postpone the morning and evening worship in their families ? Have they not found it convenient to curtail their religious charities to meet the expenses of dress and entertainments incurred ? Have they not encouraged vanity and frivolity in their children ? Have they not placed them in the most unfavorable circumstances for relishing and practising religious duties ? Have they not exposed them to the ingress of evil passions, such as envy and pride ? Have they not exposed them to improper associations, where persons are judged by their toes and heels more than by head and heart ? Have they not jeopardized their immortal souls ?

Can such parents ask God with a pure conscience to preserve their children from temptations or to bless the dance to their conversion ? Such parents may expostulate with their children not to carry their amusements to excess ; but how can they reply when their child shall ask, "Why did you encourage me to learn to dance if I am not to enjoy it ?"

The above, with some alterations, I send to your valuable monthly, hoping it may have a good effect upon your readers.

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Dr. Christlieb estimates that 80 years ago there were about 50,000 converts from heathenism, while to-day there are 1,650,000. Seventy societies have 2,000 missionaries in the field.

REPORT ON COLLEGE ENDOWMENT IN HALIFAX PRESBYTERY.

The following is the Report submitted by Dr. Burns and Mr. Laing at last meeting of Presbytery :

The Committee appointed to examine the subscription lists of the congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Halifax, in behalf of the College Endowment Fund, begs leave to report as follows :

1. That the claims of the Fund have been brought before all the congregations within the bounds of this Presbytery, except Lawrencetown and Cow Bay.

2. That the seven congregations in the City of Halifax (Richmond included) have subscribed about \$23,000 of which \$19,702.78 have been paid in to the Treasurers, over \$2000 are bad or doubtful, the balance may be considered good.

3. That the other nineteen congregations have subscribed \$13,441, of which \$8,668 have been paid. The remaining \$4,773 will, we trust, be paid with all convenient speed and without any considerable shrinkage.

Prominent among these congregations may be named—Maitland—whose subscription reaches the high figure of \$5155, of which \$4453 have been paid. The largest amount paid in by any single congregation is that from Fort Massey, Halifax, \$6,513.64, St. Matthew's, Halifax, coming next with \$5488.50. Annapolis and Noel deserve special, honorable mention as weak and struggling congregations that have subscribed largely and paid nearly in full. The largest individual subscription—amounting to \$2000—is from Mr. Alex. McLeod, St. Andrew's, Halifax. The data for determining the subscriptions are not, in all cases, entirely reliable, but the actual payments are taken from the Treasurer's books and are, therefore, strictly correct.

4. With this understanding and adopting the published Presbytery Roll, which is arranged alphabetically, the detailed statement of the sums promised and paid by each congregation in the Presbytery is as follows :

Name of Cong.	Subscribed.	Paid.
1. Annapolis	\$ 254 00	\$ 244 00
2. Bermuda	164 48	164 58
3. Cornwallis (South)	221 00	121 00
4. Cornwallis (North)	1200 00	1200 00
5. Dartmouth	1200 00	395 00
6. Elmsdale & 9 Mile River	120 00	19 00.