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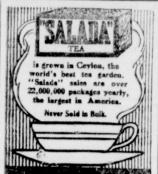
stow His grace upon us and look upon us as His children. Amen.

THE DANCE PROBLEM

THOUGHTS SUGGESTED BY AN ANXIOUS MOTHER

An anxious mother in a neighboring State is troubled about her duty towards her children in regard to permitting them to attend dances. She is evidently a God-fearing, home-loving mother, to whom duty is a sacred word. Her sense of responsibility is deep and true, and her ideas of family discipline are wise and wholesome. Yet she fears that her rulings are too strict, and that her children will misunderstand her motives. "They think I am a crank," she says in a letter to the editor of the Sacred Heart Review, "to oppose such things, but I know that my mission prayer book says that modesty is killed in the dance hall and buried on the way home."

What a train of thought this good, earnest mother opens up with the same old question that has perplexed pastors and parents for many a year. And what question is more before the public, particularly at this season? The daily papers announce enough dances to make the editors dizzy just from handling 'he copy. Dancing seems to be the occupation of all classes, night after night, and no function is regarded with favor if it does not include a dance in some part of the programme. The office by asks to get off early to complete arrangements for a dance of which he is floor director. His employer sympathizes with his anxiety, being himself on a ball committee. The stenographer makes glaring mistakes because her mind is on a coming dance, and her business associate, the bookkeeper is worrying about What a train of thought this good,



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Me, it were better for him that a millstone should be hanged about his neck,
and that he should be drowned in the
depth of the sea" (Matt. vi, 18). Many
parentz without doubt have received
eternal punishment for scandalizing
their children. Woe to him who by
word or deed leads others to sin.

If, my dear Christians, we meditate on
these things, we will be led to acknowledge that our consciences are burdened
with many sins, and that if God, our stern
Judge, were now to call us to judgment,
we would be found deserving of punishment. Therefore let us during this holy
paschal time repent of our sins and confess them, and worthily approach
thely Table. Then Jesus will again bestow His grace upon us and look upon

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both pleasure and l propriety, since dance they must. Naturally we think first of the home. The wise mother in planning for her children will make ample provision for their amusement; she will encourage home gatherings, when her boys and girls will assemble their friends under their father's roof.

Which of you shall convince Me of an F (John vii. 46).

Alas, who of us poor mortals may justly say, "Which of you shall convince Me of sin?" No one, in truth, for "if we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." (I John i, S). Let us, therefore, turn to Christ for forgiveness of our faults, and He will again be mereiful to us. But we will only find mercy if we approach the Lord with a contrite and penitent heart. Let us to-day consider some of the ways in which we are most likely to sin against God.

1. The first of these is our failure to God the honor due Him. If we love the things of this world more than we love God, we turn away from His command ments. You who are vain, for instance, ments. You who are vain, for instance, ments. You who are vain, for instance, ments. You who are vain for instance, ments. You who are vain for instance, we have and praise for yourselves alone, and no thought for God and for your neighbor! You who are vain for instance, we have a world with the portrait of a deceased officer was solemnly presented to the sasociation, with a collection and thereby offends Him. Oh! may we keel th! You unchaste, you serve not God, but the flesh! In short, he who violates any commandment deprives God of the honor due Him, neglects Him and thereby offends Him. Oh! may we thoroughly realize how wicked it is to turn away from the Almighty God!

May we contritely exclaim with David!

Dancing is one of the diseases which

Each Catholic home is a unit of the parish, and the coming together of these units in the parish reunion or associate dances, under the supervision of the pastor or chaplain, ought to be the ideal public occasion for wholesome recreation. If the dance ends early and groups of neighbors and friends leave together, taking their young people with them, there are reasonable safeguards and small possibility of young couples loitering homeward in the early dawn—a practice that is much more dangerous to morals than the mere

no is the least harmful maie element of a party to which an entrance fee is the open sesame, where chaperons are unknown and where introductions are unnecessary. There is an old adage that tells us: "He who hath a head of wax should not walk in the sun." There are other forces equally perilous for the head of wax, and, unhappily. There are many heads of wax among the pretty, frivolous votaries of pleasure whose light feet bear them to the public dance hall, where all fear of danger melts in the superheated atmosphere. Imagine, if you can, a nice girl, mortally gound, going without chaperon or escort to the public dance, paying the entrance fee and then placing herself at the mercy of the manager or floor interest to the public that the mercy of the manager or floor interest to the public than the mercy of the manager or floor interest to the public the manager or floor interest to the public than the mercy of the manager or floor interest to the public than the mercy of the manager or floor interest to the public than the mercy of the manager or floor interest to the public dance, paying the interest to the public them. We doubt if there ever yet was a reunion into which some introduction. Sufficient care is not always taken as to hose to whomat tiokets are sold, and even of this weak spot be strengthened, there opening scene of many a family tragedy is laid in the casino or pavillino with its pulsing music and the rhythm of a convict. This has been done. The opening scene of many a family tragedy is laid in the casino or pavillino with its pulsing music and the rhythm of a convict. This has been done, The opening scene of many a family tragedy is laid in the casino or pavillino with a pulsing music and the rhythm of a convict. This has been done, The opening scene of many a family tragedy is laid in the casino or pavillino with a pulsing music and the rhythm of a convict. This has been done, The opening scene of many a family tragedy is laid in the casino or pavillino with a pulsing music and the rhythm of a c

THE PASSING OF THE CHAPERONS

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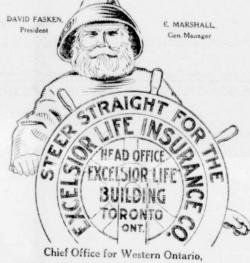
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