

FACTS ABOUT DANCING.

1. It is a fact that the dancing mentioned approvingly in the bible was carried on by the sexes separately, and generally, if not always, as a religious act.

2. It is a fact that modern dancing, however well done, adds no worth to the character.

3. It is a fact that a trained monkey can excell the best-taught young lady or gentleman in the use of the heels.

4. It is a fact that it requires no intelligence and no virtue to dance well.

5. It is a fact that there is no more honour in dancing well than there is in jumping, walking, running, or wrestling well. Dancing matches are on a par with walking matches, etc.

6. It is a fact that mixed dancing becomes extremely fascinating.

7. It is a fact that much valuable time is lost by this species of revelling.

8. It is a fact that money is wasted on dancing.

9. It is a fact that people who cannot entertain themselves and each other in a rational way and must employ their heels for this purpose are to be pitied.

10. It is a fact that young ladies permit familiarities in the ball room which public sentiment universally condemns as dangerous to purity.

11. It is a fact that many females have been ruined by attending dancing.

12. It is a fact that the best of young men, even of those who dance, do not wish their sisters to attend balls, and they do not wish to marry dancing girls.

13. It is a fact that the whole spirit and tendency of dancing is worldly.

14. It is a fact that no one was ever noted for piety and dancing.

15. It is a fact that when a professor of religion follows dancing, his influence for good is lost.

16. It is a fact that men of the world think dancing inconsistent with the Christian profession.

17. It is a fact that the best people in the world never dance.

18. It is a fact that a dancing church member is not worth anything much to the church. As the love of dancing comes in, the love of God goes out.

19. It is a fact that the most pious and considerate people in all the denominations are opposed to dancing, and earnestly advise against it.

20. It is a fact that no young convert desires to dance, nor any one else in whom the love of God burns.

21. It is a fact that no one ever dances

to glorify God, but an apostle enjoins us to do everything to His glory.

22. It is a fact that the most ardent advocates of dancing always change their views in the presence of death.

All these facts can be proven, and are true beyond doubt. In the light of them it ought not to be difficult to any inquirer after the right way to come to a safe conclusion. Reader, if you are a Christian and wish to decide the question; Shall I dance? with reference to your Christian growth, influence, and happiness, you will never dance. It is a safe rule, says one, to engage in nothing upon which and in which we cannot ask the divine blessing.

Apply this simple rule to the dancing question, and your feet will never be found in the slippery ways of the ball room.—*Baptist record.*

THE CHARACTER OF CHINESE CONVERTS.

You are told sometimes that the converts in China and in India are not genuine. Those who tell you so know nothing about it. Sometimes we are told that the converts are the worst people you can find in those countries. That is simply and absolutely false. I do not mean to say that they are all genuine, or that all of those who are genuine are all that we could wish them to be; but I do mean to say that we have genuine men in our churches, and there are among them strong, manly, loving, working Christians. I have seen no better Christians in this country than I have in China, and since my return, the Chinese Christians, have risen rather than fallen in my estimation. Suppose your pastor, standing here this morning, put the question to you, "How many of you have been the means of bringing men to Christ during the last twelve months?" I do not know what would be the reply, but I hope it would be satisfactory.

The Salvation Army recently held a "demonstration" of reclaimed drunkards in City Hall, Glasgow. The chairman said the Army had 30,000 men and women in the United Kingdom who neither tasted, touched nor handled the curried drink. Several captains, male and female, delivered addresses, relating their personal experiences, "three volleys," or cheers, being occasionally fired.