

A QUESTION OF DANCING.

Views of Prominent Clergymen on the Subject as it Relates to Christians.

DOCTORS DO NOT ALTOGETHER AGREE.

(From Chicago News)

To her inquiry, "Is it wrong or inconsistent for a Christian to dance?"

THE METHODIST VIEW.

The Rt. Rev. Thomas Bowman is the senior or head bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this country.

"St. Louis, June 7, 1890.—My dear friend and sister,—Your letter should have been answered long ago, but it arrived here during my absence.

"You ask me 'Is it wrong or inconsistent for a Christian to dance?'

"It is possible that a few persons could practice it a little, perhaps, without experiencing much marked injury to themselves.

"A little wine might not hurt me, but if it causes my brother to offend, I will drink no wine while the world stands."

"There can be no question that the general effect of dancing, like other gay and giddy amusements of the fashionable world, is damaging to the Church and to society, and, indeed, to the individual.

"For my own part, I most earnestly desire to stand at the bar of God on the last great day happy in the firm and perfect assurance that no one can say: 'It was your example that led me astray.' Truly,

"THOMAS BOWMAN."

DR. FROTHINGHAM'S LIBERAL VIEW.

The Rev. O. B. Frothingham is widely known as one of Boston's most eloquent preachers and writers.

"Boston, May 24th, 1890.—My Dear Friend: With regard to the question you so frankly submit to me, I have nothing new to say.

"Proper dancing in proper places, at proper hours, in proper dress, with proper companions and surroundings can surely not be harmful.

"No. 7 East 48th Street, New York, May 28th, 1890.—Dear Friend: You submit to me a question concerning which there is much diversity of opinion even among good and pious people.

"O. B. FROTHINGHAM."

AN EPISCOPALIAN OPINION.

Phillip Brooks is certainly one of the most familiar of all ministerial names to Christians of every shade of religious opinion all over this great land.

"No. 233 Clarendon street, Boston, Mass., May 25th, 1890.—My Dear Friend: Your letter was duly received.

"Let every one have a conscience void of offence toward God and man. Even at my age I find that diversion, recreation and pastime are healthful for both body and soul.

"PHILLIPS BROOKS."

DR. WARD'S EDITORIAL JUDGMENT.

The Rev. William Hayes Ward probably addresses a much larger congregation every week than any other clergyman on this continent, though his preaching is all done through the silent medium of types, ink and paper, his pulpit being the editorial

columns of the New York Independent. Like Messrs. Brooks and Frothingham he is inclined to be very lenient toward those who let "nature caper" by tripping the light fantastic toe, as will be seen by his subjoined communication:

"Editorial rooms of New York Independent, 251 Broadway, New York, April 29th, 1890.—My Dear Miss—: The question whether it is wrong or inconsistent for a Christian to dance is not one that can be answered with a mere yes or no.

"WILLIAM HAYES WARD."

THE REV. W. H. MILBURN'S IDEA.

The Rev. W. H. Milburn, the famous blind preacher and orator, has justly been styled the "Blind Man Eloquent."

"House of Representatives, United States, Washington, D. C., May 25th, 1890.—Dear Miss—: On my return from New York I find your note of the 21st inst., and have much pleasure in answering it.

"Through the storms of winter, as well as in the milder seasons, Feeless Fannie continued her wandering course, which neither entreaty nor promise of reward could induce her to abandon.

"It is not astonishing that the career of this singular individual was invested with a romantic interest which was not free from superstition.

"A Cautious Lover. Look here, Fritz, why don't you make up to the little fraulein? Go in and win, man! 'Pon my life, she's a regular pearl!"

"W. H. MILBURN."

THE REV. S. D. BURCHARD SPEAKS.

The Rev. S. D. Burchard, of New York is one of the most venerable and honored divines of the great Presbyterian denomination.

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"Is your question answered? Very truly yours, S. D. BURCHARD."

An Obscure Compliment.

She (recently married)—How horrible it is for a man to marry a girl just for her looks; it betokens a lack of depth and feeling in the other sex, don't you think so?

He—I certainly agree with you; but you have a model husband, Mrs. Lee. He never would have married you for your looks.

A trial has been made at Civita Vecchia of a nautical ball invented by Signor Balsamello. It is seven feet in diameter, and can hold four persons.

In France the copyright of an author is for life.

"FECKLESS FANNY."

The Prototype of Madge Wildfire—One of Scott's Characters.

Sir Walter Scott states in one of his notes to "The Heart of Midlothian" that the first conception of the character of Madge Wildfire, though afterwards greatly altered, was taken from that of a person calling herself, and called by others, "Feckless Fanny," who always travelled with a small flock of sheep, and who was well known in Ayrshire.

When Feckless Fanny appeared in Ayrshire for the first time, in the summer of 1769, she attracted much notice from being attended by twelve or thirteen sheep, who seemed all endowed with faculties so much superior to the ordinary race of animals of the same species as to excite universal astonishment.

After Fannie had made the tour of Ayrshire and Galloway in 1769, and while she was wandering in the neighborhood of Moffat, old Charlie, her favorite ram, chanced to break into a kailyard, which the proprietor observing, let loose a mastiff that hunted the poor sheep to death.

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"The Best English is Spoken in Ireland. There is abundant evidence, historical and philological, to prove that pronunciation of the English language known as 'Irish brogue' is the best and purest English spoken."

"Same Smell. Head of the House—Mr. Amulet, I don't object to your coming to the house, but you must stop smoking those vile cigarettes in the parlor. The smell is all over the house."

Young Man—I haven't been smoking cigarettes, sir.

Head of the House—Heavens! I left them overboard in the oven!

Mrs. Leland Stamford recently paid \$85 for fifty menu cards for one of her swell dinners. The map of the United States was stamped in silver on the back of the cards.

Nobody is more solicitous for the prosperity of the farmer than the bunco man. If there were no rich farmers his business would be ruined.

Two Swiss gentlemen have succeeded in making the ascent of Mount Sir Donald in the Canadian Rockies.

A PATHETIC STORY.

Princess Dolgorouki Tells of the Assassination of Alexander II.

Princess Dolgorouki, the morganatic wife of the late Czar, has just published her Memoirs in Russia. Every available copy, however, has been pounced upon immediately by the police.

SOLITARY MUTINEER.

He Holds the Fort Until He is Shot and Mortally Wounded.

The Kingston, Jamaica, Standard of July 26th, received by the steamer Alpha, says a very serious case of insubordination happened at the Apostles' Battery, near Port Royal.

How Gordon Quelled a Mutiny.

There is a story told of Chinese Gordon, one of the most striking which centres in his romantic personality.

Glasgow authorities are making the grounds about the cathedral less objectionable and more ecclesiastical than they have been for years.

NATURE'S NOBLEMEN.

Not Wealth or Family But Heart Graces Make the Gentleman.

We are all made of the same clay. The nicest analysis can detect no difference between the "blue blood" that runs in the veins of the descendant of a line of kings and the "vital fluid" of a pauper, but there is nevertheless an inborn aristocracy of mind and soul which all men instinctively recognize and which compels respect from the haughtiest, says the New York Ledger.

In aiding a drowning person, writes Clarence Deming in an article on swimming in the Christian Union, seize him firmly from behind below the armpits, trying to prevent his turning upon you.

About Swimming.

Why has ALMA LADIES' COLLEGE, a new institution overtaken and surpassed its well-established competitors, securing in 8 years the largest enrolment in Ontario?

An Exciting Journey.

When W. J. Darling made his 231st balloon ascension at Sea Beach, Coney Island, last Saturday evening, he did not make his customary parachute jump.

Henry M. Stanley will make his first public reappearance in America on Nov. 11th, in a lecture and reception for the benefit of the Fresh Air and Convalescent Home at Summit, N.J.

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