

FOREWORD

A pioneer has to have special qualities, and a Christian pioneer even more so. Miss Cable and Miss French across the Gobi desert, C. T. Studd to Africa, Dr. Albert Schweitzer to Lambarene or today, Dr. Cecily Saunders, pioneering the Christian and medical work of St. Christopher's Hospice.

Martin Blogg in his modest way might disavow that he was cast in such a heroic mould, but a pioneer must be supremely confident in his cause courageous, to overcome discouragement, and of special competence in his chosen field. A Christian pioneer needs to discover the twin track of the Christian way, which experience the resolution Christ offers us, and the sacrifice Christ demands of us.

Without peradventure, ever since Martin Blogg came to faith in Christ, and then began relating his faith to his profession of teaching Dance Drama he has steadily and persistently pioneered the task of relating the disciplines of a highly professional dancer to the study of the doctrines of the Christian faith (he has spent much time, studying at Oak Hill Theological College, with the encouragement of the former Principal, Canon David Wheaton).

As a side issue, the two well known colleges of Trent Park and Oak Hill, on opposite sides of Chase Side near Cockfosters have benefitted by this living express of synthesis, as Martin Blogg has travelled backwards and forwards across this roadway.

'Dance and the Christian Faith' with its clear sections on

1. Dance and Scripture
2. Dance and Education
3. Religious Dance and its practical training.

is a tribute to the work which Martin Blogg has pioneered in

his own person. His non-verbal approach to Christian dance will open new avenues for the expression of the Faith, in parallel with the traditional ones of speech and liturgy and sacramental express.

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