

Bygone manners book shows changing times

"A gentleman should never ask a lady to dance with him if he has removed his coat." *Ye Hostess' Friend*, Ladies' Aid Society, First Christian Church.

There was a time when the expression, "Manners maketh the man" meant exactly what it said. Young people today may believe that the code of conduct of their elders is hypocritical or outmoded, but the code of past generations had its merits.

A reminder of traditional etiquette can be found in a book. *Ye Hostess' Friend*, published in the 1920s by Ladies' Aid Society of the First Christian Church in Bloomington. Although it is ba-



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sically a cookbook, the paperback leads off with some helpful hints for the behavior of adults as well as children.

The beginning pages are conveniently divided into such categories as Etiquette in Public, Calls, Introductions, Business

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