

of profligacy, it is sufficient merely to refer to the scriptures, which declare, that they shall have their portion in "the lake which burneth with fire, and in the depths of hell."

Now a few words concerning those who are seeking enjoyment or happiness in indulging in the "lust" or desire "of the eye." There are many forms and varieties in this mode of enjoyment. It cannot be supposed that by this scripture expression, it is intended to censure or disapprove of gratifying the eye in viewing and admiring the *grand* and *beautiful* in natural objects and scenery. These may, and should be viewed with admiration and delight, as displays of the wisdom, the power, and other perfections of their glorious and beneficent Creator, and should ever lead the observer to look up to Him with reverence, adoration and love; but it may here be appropriately remarked, that the gratification of the eye, even on lawful objects, may be *inordinately* indulged, in collecting from various countries, and arranging great varieties of natural productions and objects, and numerous and costly pictures, merely for regaling the eye, and at an expense of time and money, which should have been employed for promoting purposes of religion, morality and benevolence.

The lust or desire of the eye, or what is emphatically called "sight seeing," which indubitably the text includes and condemns; and which it is here intended to describe as "sowing to the flesh," consists in seeking that mode of gratification in theatrical scenes and performances, exhibitions and feats of legerdemain or necromancy, performances in dancing, or on the rope, or the horse, ludicrous tricks and scenes, the circus, the horse race, the boat race, and most especially, and worst of all, representations of scripture characters and events, by persons and scenery. All these, and many similar modes of gratifying the eye which might be mentioned, are manifestly "sowing to the flesh," and living after its merely selfish and sensual desires. Yet all who indulge in them profess christianity; and some, or even many of them are members of evangelical churches. Where will they find any valid authority or excuse for their vain and corrupting conduct? Not in the scriptures, in which they profess to believe. These in their letter and spirit, utterly condemn them.

Another mode of "sowing to the flesh," is called in scripture,