

of Christ and the theatre cross swords. The Mission of the Church is to win man away from his carnal nature to a pure and holy Christ. The mission of the theatre is to develope man's carnal nature by familiarizing his eyes and ears with obscenities and vulgarities. And though of course no man on the stage would avow, or even acknowledge that this is the specific mission of the theatre, yet this is the **RESULT** of its work. And when professing christians uphold the theatre by paying their money to keep it open, and can sit in the audience and enjoy the play, I believe they have reached a low state of spiritual life, when it becomes very questionable if they are christians at all; and ought to be subjected to the wholesome discipline of the church, and if they persist in upholding this, one of Christ's fiercest enemies, that member ought to be excluded from the fellowship of the Lord's people. Every converted Actor invariably gives up his profession; and what is not fit for him as a christian to perform, is certainly not fit for any body else to witness, whether he be a christian or not, either old or young.

Some people say "how is one to use the time when invited out to spend an evening, if we ought not to play cards and dance, &c.?" An **EVENING**? Did you mean what you said? an evening? Why don't you say what you mean? Do you call it "An Evening" when you sit and talk till eleven o'clock, and then pass round refreshments. Then at eleven thirty you commence dancing, and at three in the morning you begin to think of going home? You arrive home, and after getting around the fire to recover from the chilling effects of exposure to the midnight air, you settle your head on the pillow at four o'clock A. M. And that is what you call an evening. "AN EVENING," eh? Well I must confess that I would be puzzled to know how to fill in from eight P. M. to three A. M. in any man's home, and be entertaining, to say nothing of the task of rubbing my eyes continually to pretend I were not sleepy. My evening closes at TEN o'clock or thereabouts in any man's house; and I maintain that that is late enough for any one to be outside their own door and especially any young people. If you make your "**EVENING**" with your friend close at the respectable hour of ten o'clock, I am quite sure that you can spend the time very pleasantly and profitably, without calling into service any of the amusements that belong to a God-hating world; and moreover you will be surprised to find how much smaller your family Doctor's bills will be, and so-called consumption (often originated in mid-night air) will not make so many gaps in the family.

There is one more thing that I desire to speak of, and then I shall close this long sermon. I am very much shocked to know, that there are some well-to-do people who keep wines and spirits in their cellar; and who actually bring the accursed stuff on the table when they have "Company." O what cruel temptation to put before the young and unstable. It is a standing disgrace (especially in this Scott Act town of Yarmouth) for any professor of christianity to keep a stock of the "Fire-water" for his own indulgence, but to cross the path of a young man or woman with the vile thing, is a deed that ought to be as punishable as the sale of it to minors by saloonists. I believe that if I had a son or a daughter who went to a man's house, and he put intoxicating beverages before one of them, I would have him arrested for doing what the most common saloonist is not permitted to do; or if I could not do that, I would be tempted to take the law into my own hands. And then some of you are not satisfied with an occasional "Party," but you are incessantly repeating the same