

both are open on the same evening, therefore that is an idol, yea a low kind of an idoi, for it revels in the unhaste and impure. The Theatre has done more to familiarize pure young minds with its own shamelessness, than any other idol, except it be perhaps soul dime novels. Dancing has so enamoured souls with its impudent face, that I have known some of the best girls in the best families, so much bewitched by her, that they have actually preferred her artful and haggard old countenance, before the altogether lovely face of the Lord Jesus Christ. Dancing is a wealthy idol, upon which the world heaps some of its most aristocratic honors. The Card-table, the Billiard and Pool room, the Carnival, the Circus, the Race-course, are all IDOLS, because they lead men away from the true God, to worship gods made by man's hands.

Now the question of the Apostle is, "WHAT AGREEMENT HATH THE TEMPLE OF GOD WITH IDOLS?"

This question can be answered intelligently and satisfactorily if we consider the Purposes and Designs and Ends for which this Spiritual Temple, and the World's Idols were created. God says of his people, "I will dwell in them, and walk in them" Why? That He might exhibit His great Love and Grace through their lives. That wherever they go they might be walking epistles, read and known of all men; that their daily life might be in miniature, a reproduction of the spirit and labours of the Son of God. Jesus says to His disciples, "Ye are the Salt of the earth," that is Christians are to exercise an influence among men, that will prevent mankind from becoming totally corrupt, for if all Christians were taken out of the world to-day, it would be so abominably corrupt, that the Almighty would destroy man from the face of the earth, as He demolished mankind when Noah and his family were taken into the Ark, and as He destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, after Lot and his and daughters reached Zoar.

Jesus said to His Disciples also, "Ye are the light of the world." Spiritual darkness, the result of Belial's work, surrounds all the unsaved. Christians have received the Light of heaven into their souls, and are to let their light so shine before men, that they seeing their good works, will glorify their Father which is in heaven. Christians are commanded to be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom they are to Shine, as lights in the world, holding forth the word of Life.

They are commanded to present their bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, yielding their members as instruments of righteousness; they are commanded to have compassion on the perishing, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. They are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

In that wonderful prayer for His disciples, Jesus said of those who form this Temple of God, "I pray not that Thou shouldest

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