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(William S. Plumer, "The Ten Commandments")

"I will set before my eyes no vile thing." Psalm 101:3

Augustine: "Stage-plays are the subverters of goodness and honesty; the destroyers of all modesty and chastity."

Bernard: "All true soldiers of Jesus Christ abominate and reject all stage-plays, as vanities and false frenzies."

Seneca: "Nothing is so destructive of godly manners or morals--as attendance on the stage."

Gregory Nazianzen: "Play-houses are the lascivious shops of all filthiness and impurity."

Tillotson: "The play-house is the devil's chapel, a nursery of licentiousness and vice; a recreation which ought not to be allowed among a civilized, much less a Christian people."

The American Congress, October 12th, 1778: "Whereas, true religion and good morals are the only solid foundation of public liberty and happiness: Resolved, that it be, and is hereby earnestly recommended to the several States--to take the most effectual means for the suppressing of theatrical entertainments, horse-racing, gaming, and such other diversions, as are productive of idleness, dissipation, and a general depravity of principles and manners."

William S. Plumer:

"The theatre is an evil place.

In this vortex of vice--

the first step is to the theater,

the next to the bar,

the next to lewd company,

the next to the brothel,

the next to disease,

the next to death,

and the last to HELL."