

all the Jews' sacrifices, because their hands were full of blood, Isa. i. 15. David's hands had been besmeared with the aspersions of lust and blood, but he had penitently bathed them in his own tears; and because that could not get out the stains, he faithfully rinseth and cleanseth them in his Son's and Saviour's fountain, the all-meritorious blood of Christ. This made them look white, whiter than lilies in God's sight. "Therefore hath the Lord recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight," Psal. xviii. 24.

Thus the eye, the ear, the foot, the hand, though wild and unruly enough, have been tamed; "but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil," &c.

With other creatures of the world, whether we find them in the earth, air, or water.

1. On the earth there is the man-hating tiger, yet man hath subdued him; and (they write) a little boy hath led him in a string. There is the flock-devouring wolf, that stands at grinning defiance with the shepherd; mad to have his prey, or lose himself; yet he hath been tamed. The roaring lion, whose voice is a terror to man, by man hath been subdued. Yea serpents, that have to their strength two shrewd additions, subtlety and malice; that carry venom in their mouths, or a sting in their tails, or are all over poisonous; the very basilisk, that kills with his eyes (as they write) three furlongs off. Yea all these savage, furious, malicious natures, have been tamed; "but the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil," &c.

2. In the sea there be great wonders. "They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep," Psal. cvii. 23, 24. Yet those natural wonders have been tamed by our artificial wonders, ships. Even the leviathan himself, "out of whose mouth go burning lamps, and sparks of fire. Out of his nostrils goeth smoke, as out of a boiling caldron," Job xli. 19, 20. *Squama squamæ conjungitur*: "the flakes of his flesh are joined together; they are firm in themselves, and cannot be moved." Yet we know