

The parasite through this window creeps into the great man's favour; he tunes his warbling notes to an enlarged ear. It is a wild member, an instrument that Satan delights to play upon. As unruly as it is, yet it hath been tamed. Mary sat at the feet of Christ, and heard him preach with glad attention. The ear hath been tamed; "but the tongue can no man tame," &c.

3. The foot is an unhappy member, and carries a man to much wickedness. It is often swift to the shedding of blood; and runneth away from God, Jonah's pace; flying to Tarshish, when it is bound for Nineveh. There is "a foot of pride," Psal. xxxvi. 11, a saucy foot, that dares presumptuously enter upon God's freehold. There is a foot of rebellion, that with an apostate malice kicks at God. There is a dancing foot, that paceth the measures of circular wickedness. Yet, as unruly as this foot is, it hath been tamed. David got the victory over it. "I considered my ways, and turned my foot unto thy testimonies," Psal. cxix. 59. The foot hath been tamed; "but the tongue can no man tame," &c.

4. The hand rageth and rangeth with violence, to take the bread it never sweat for, to enclose fields, to depopulate towns, to lay waste whole countries. "They covet fields, and houses, and vineyards, and take them, because their hand hath power," Mic. ii. 2. There is a hand of extortion, as Ahab's was to Naboth; the greedy landlord's to the poor tenant. There is a hand of fraud and of legerdemain, as the usurer's to his distressed borrower. There is a hand of bribery, as Judas, with his *quantum dabit*, what will you give me to betray the Lord of life? There is a hand of lust, as Amnon's to an incestuous rape. There is a hand of murder, as Joab's to Abner, or Absalom's to Amnon. Oh how unruly hath this member been! yet it hath been tamed; not by washing it in Pilate's basin, but in David's holy water, innocence. "I will wash my hands in innocency, and then, O Lord, will I compass thine altar." Hereupon he is bold to say, "Lord, look if there be any iniquity in my hands," Psal. vii. 3. God did not repudiate