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Demonology.

I am much interested in the discussion on Demonology now proceeding in your columns. And I sincerely trust that neither "Medicus," nor his opponents will allow the subject to be side-tracked while they treat us to a display of wit and vivid flights of imagination.

I have felt the same difficulties that Medicus seems to feel in regard to the orthodox view. But if we believe the New Testament to be the Word of God, and an authentic historical document we must believe, either that Jesus was deceived himself and deceived others, and hence is not infallible; or that—1st. Jesus recognized certain persons as being possessed by demons, and He healed them by casting out the demons. 3rd. That on one occasion the demons were allowed to enter into a herd of swine.

The insanity or epilepsy were simply accompanying troubles. It is not more difficult to believe in demonology on account of the absence of cases in this day for study than to believe in the resurrection.

I have recently returned from five years of life in Burma, where I met with several missionaries who believed that they had seen cases of demonical possession among the heathen, not simply insanity, and these were missionaries of long service and whose word could be relied on. The East is full of mysteries which our more prosaic Western philosophy does not dream of. I can furnish Medicus with the address of one of these missionaries if he wishes.

I agree with Mr. McVane, "That leaving the New Testament out of the account, the theory of demonical possession seems absurd. But we do not leave the New Testament out of the account. The theory of the resurrection would seem

equally absurd to me without the New Testament. God has given us in the New Testament an infallible key to unlock many mysteries, among them Demonology.

M. E. FLETCHER.

Yarmouth, N. S.

Qualifications for Ordination.

I. Good moral character. The man who seeks for ordination should be morally pure, minus of levity and vulgarisms; who has no use for tobacco or alcoholic beverages, and no time for sport, with a record as well as words that will teach moral suasion. Not a hale fellow well met, but one whose experience has in it the first verse of the first Psalm.

II. He must know that he is in possession of divine life, and in correspondence with God through Jesus Christ his Lord; and he must be conscious that the life of Jesus is being reflected in him, and also the impelling power of God in his soul urging him into the grandest and greatest service in God's universe.

III. Good physical powers. God demands the best. All the forces that belong to a well proportioned man. A man full of energy, one who would make a good blacksmith or carpenter, or who would do an honest day's work even before he became religious; in short a man who could be trusted. Such men when called to preach the gospel to a lost world are a success.

IV. He must be an educated man. As we have been reading lately, no uneducated man should be ordained. How shall he get his education? go through the Academy, take a University course, (four years in Arts and three in Theology). With this course of study and what precedes it a man is qualified for the pastoral office.

But, is he educated?

C. E. PINCO.

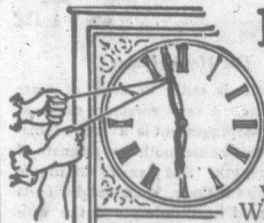
Westport, N. S.

Notices.

The officers of the Nova Scotia Eastern Baptist Association have accepted the kind invitation from the Oxford Baptist church to meet with them in July next. My address for a few months will be Bridgetown, N. S.

T. B. LAYTON,
Sec'y Eastern Asso.

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Canterbury churches, I wish to speak through the MESSENGER AND VISITOR to those who wish to correspond with me as clerk of the N. B. Western Association; secretary-treasurer of York and Sunbury Co. Quarterly Meeting, or otherwise, that my future address will be Benton Station, Carleton Co., N. B.

C. N. BARTON.

At the last session of the Nova Scotia Western Association, it was left with the moderator and clerk to secure a place of meeting for our next session. The Margareville Section of the Upper Wilnot Baptist church extends a cordial invitation to this Association to hold their next session with them. I have communicated with the clerk, Rev. W. L. Archibald, of Milton, and we, in the name of the Association, accept this invitation so cordially given. The Western Association will accordingly meet at Margareville—on the Bay Shore—on the 3rd Saturday of June next.

An adjourned meeting of the Baptist Book and Tract Society will be held in the Book Room, Halifax, Thursday, March

30th, at 3.30 p. m., to hear report of the Special Committee appointed to consider and recommend a plan of operations for the future.

GEO. A. McDONALD, Sec'y-Treas.
Halifax, March 17.

The Kings County, N. S. District meeting will hold its next session in Kentville, beginning at 10 a. m. An excellent program has been arranged. Will churches appoint delegates.

B. N. NOBLE, Sec'y-Treas.

Ian MacLaren, who is now on a lecturing tour in this country, begins in an early issue of The Ladies' Home Journal his latest piece of literary work. It is a series of popular articles in which he defines the relation that a minister holds to his congregation: how a preacher is helped by his people; how a congregation can make the most of a minister, and other phases of the most satisfactory attitude of a congregation to a pastor.

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