

lower animal. Thus the King might readily have the delusion that he was an ox, and live out in the fields, in the sunshine and rain of the day and the dew of the night. He would live on vegetable food, such as herbs and fruits. Under these conditions in course of time his hair would become long, coarse and matted. In other words it would resemble feathers. His nails would become long and curved—two and three inches in length is not unusual. There is not the slightest foundation for the opinion that his soul entered that of an ox for a time. Insane persons often pray. So that the King's insanity would not be inconsistent with such a view; but it would seem that his real prayer was subsequent to his recovery. Further it may be remarked that he was aware of the fact that he had been insane. "I lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me." This is the case with many who are of unsound mind. They remember what has taken place during their insanity; and, indeed, sometimes admit that they are insane at the time the trouble is upon them.

(c) *Possession by Evil Spirits.*—This subject has been often discussed, and from varying standpoints. The relationships between the body and mind are still a profound mystery. To all who accept the Bible as of divine origin, there can be no two opinions upon the existence of good and bad spirits. It is not my intention to offer any opinion upon the vexed question of whether some who act in an inexplicably wicked manner are under the control of some evil spirit or not. It may be that in the time of our Lord such occurrences took place in order to bring those under such possession into contact with the Lord and His disciples; but as the need for such manifestations has passed away, they do not occur now. Be this as it may, there can be no doubt about the existence of such cases in the Saviour's time. We see the Saviour addressing Himself to the evil spirit, as a being entirely distinct from the afflicted person. We also see the evil spirits recognizing the presence of the Lord, and owning His power over them. We still further see that such evil spirits might leave their human abode and enter the body of some other animal. All this must be admitted, or the testimony of the sacred writings called into question. Granting the reliability of the record, we are forced to admit