

gentleman, recognized him, from a certain *mark* he carried on his face, to be the *far-famed* Henry More Smith, whom he had seen and known when in the jail at Kingston!

This report, passing immediately into circulation, gave the *impostor* a timely signal to depart, without waiting for the arrival of his waggons and baggage, and without loss of time he took his departure from Canada, by way of Lake Erie, through the Michigan territory, and down the Ohio to the Southern States.—With his proceedings, during this course of his travels, we are entirely unacquainted; therefore the reader must be left to his own reflections as to his probable adventures, as he travelled through this immense tract of country. There is no reason for doubt, however, that he had by this time, and even long before, become so confirmed in his iniquitous courses, that he would let no occasion pass unimproved, that would afford him an opportunity of indulging in the predominant propensity of a mind which seemed to glory in the prosecution of robberies and plunder, as well as in the variety of means by which he effected his unheard of and unprecedented escapes.

After his arrival in the Southern States, we are again able to glean something of his life and history. While he was yet in the gaol in King's County, it will be remembered, that he said he had been a Preacher, and that he should preach again, and would gain proselytes; and now his prediction is brought about; for under a *new name*, that of HENRY HOPKINS, he appeared in the character of a *preacher* in the Southern States? And what wonder? For Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.—Here, even in this character, he was not without success; for he got many to follow and admire him; yet deep as his hypocrisy was, he seemed to be fully sensible of it, although his conscience had become *seared*, and was proof against any proper sense of wrong. He acknowledged that he had been shocked to see so many follow him to hear him preach, and even to be affected under his preaching. Our source of information does not furnish us with many of the particulars which marked his conduct, while itinerating through the South in his newly assumed character; yet general accounts went to say, that he had, for a length of time, so conducted himself, that he gained much popularity in his ministerial calling, and had a considerable number of adherents. However this may have been the case for a length of time, yet as the assumption of this new character could not be attributable to any supernatural impulse, but was merely another feature of a character already so singularly diversified, intended as a cloak, under which he might, with less liability to suspicion, indulge the prevailing and all-controlling propensities of his vitiated mind, it was not to be expected, with all the ingenuity he was capable of exercising, that he would long be capable of concealing his

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