

he entered into contracts. It may be remarked, by the way, that he wrote also in an unknown and unintelligible hand, to the celebrated Capt. Brant, the same as he had written to Mr. Bates, but with what view was equally mysterious and unaccountable.

Notwithstanding his genteel and respectable appearance, there was a singularly in his manner and conduct which, with all his tact and experience, he could not altogether conceal; and hence arose some suspicions as to the reality of his pretensions. These suspicions received confirmation, and were soon matured into the reality of his being a genteel imposter, from the fact that the time for the arrival of his waggons was now elapsed, and that they were not making their appearance. At this juncture, when public attention and observation were directed to the stranger to observe which way the balance would turn, an individual named Brown, who had formerly resided in New Brunswick, and had moved with his family to Canada, coming into contact with the 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 jail at Kingston!

This report passing immediately into circulation, gave the imposter 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 his predominant propensity of a mind which seemed to glory in the prosecutions 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 at 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 any of the particulars which marked his conduct, while itinerating through the South in his newly assumed character; yet general accounts went on 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 able to conceal his real character. Accordingly, some high misdemeanor, which we have not been able to trace, at length disclosed the hypocrisy of his character, and placed him before his deluded followers in his true light.

It would appear, whatever might have been the nature of his crime, that legal means were adopted for his apprehension, and that in order to expediate his escape from the hands of justice, he had seized upon a certain gentleman's coach and horses, and was travelling in the character of a gentleman in state, when he was overtaken and apprehended in the State of Maryland. Here he was tried and convicted, and sentenced to seven years imprisonment in the state prison in Baltimore, which,