

I have a distinct recollection of the man and his ways. He was said to have been born blind, but in the end it transpired that he was a fraud—a tool in the hands of priestcraft to accomplish a nefarious purpose. The man was not blind, and his stratagem was to blind the eyes of the public. When he had been on exhibition long enough to disarm the suspicion, it was announced that a miracle was about to be wrought. Some sort of formality was gone through, and, lo! the blind received his sight! The plot had been hatching for 12 or 14 years, but it was not long after the reputed miracle that the perpetrators of the fraud were arrested and punished.

There were a baker's dozen of so-called "Hospitals" in Edinburgh at this time, in reality schools, some of which have since attained celebrity. Of these, Heriots, founded in 1623, is the oldest and fabulously wealthy. Fettes, the youngest, founded in 1836, for young people whose parents had seen better days, has developed into a college in which all the branches of higher education are taught, qualifying the pupils for matriculation in the Scottish and English Universities. Among other places of abiding historic interest, the old Greyfriars' Church and church yard have long been famous. The pulpit of Greyfriars has been filled by some of the ablest of the ministers of the national church, Robert Rollock, the first Principal of Edinburgh University; Principal Carstairs, the eminent theologian and private secretary of William Prince of Orange; Principal Robertson, the historian, and his distinguished colleague, Dr. John Erskine; Dr. John Inglis, Dr. Guthrie and Dr. Robert Lee. The story, though often told, bears repetition, that Principal Robertson who belonged to the school of preachers known as the "Highflyers," expatiated in glowing terms one forenoon on "Man's love of Virtue." So great was the love, he said, "if Virtue were to descend full-robed from heaven to earth, men would fall down and worship her." Dr. Erskine, a prominent Evangelical, preaching on the afternoon of the same day, made caustic reference to the sermon of the morning, asserting that men do *not* naturally love virtue, but hate it. Virtue *did* come down incarnate from heaven in the person of God's only Son, and