

character might have safely borne the strictest scrutiny.

The following anecdote has been related of the Doctor. Its authenticity I do not doubt, for it is highly characteristic of the man.

The Doctor, and his brother the Captain, both old bachelors, lived together on their estate of Galbraith, near Goderich, with a respectable Scotch-body, as the Doctor called her, for their housekeeper. Now, whether any scandal had been raised, or whether the Doctor thought it would conduce to their greater comfort, if he or his brother were to marry the housekeeper, or whether he meant it only for a joke to tease his brother, does not appear. Be that as it may, the Doctor proposed, in consequence, he said, of some unpleasant remarks, and their lonely situation, for one of them to marry her.

"Now, Sandy, you know I would almost as soon hang myself as put my head into the matrimonial noose, yet I think it only fair to stand my chance. So, what I propose is, that each of us shall toss up a copper* three times, and he who has the most heads shall be free."

As this appeared a very fair proposition the Captain at once consented to the arrangement,

* Canadian term for a halfpenny.