

following form:—About the commencement of the past year, the Rev. Dr. Hunter called on a young man whose acquaintance he had but recently made, and informed him that himself was in “in a tight place;” the tightness of the reverend gentleman’s position was traceable to a double move on his part; he had begun to sell the stock of the Temperance Colonization Society, which he had pledged himself *not to sell*,* and the purchaser of the said stock (according to Dr. Hunter), “had gone back on him,” or, more correctly speaking, had threatened to summon him to the Police Court, and on the strength of this threat had made him disgorge \$1,800.” Of the tightness of his position therefore, there is no room for doubt; Dr. Hunter *alleged* that he had been depending on the ratification of this supposed purchase, for the fulfilment of an engagement of his own; he therefore, appeared as a vendor of this same repudiated stock. As the Doctor so far resembles another distinguished ecclesiastic, as to be a “judicious hooker,” he selected a novice too verdant to suspect a stock-jobbing “Christian minister,” as a suitable tool for his purpose. By his means he effected a sale of stock to the extent of \$1,350. Who can affirm that the wisdom of the serpent (if not the harmlessness of the dove) did not characterize this amateur stock-jobber, when they learn that the novice he selected *gave him \$150 because he was a “Christian Minister”* (?) that sum representing commission to which the novice was entitled.

Three days subsequently to the first transaction between these two gentlemen, it cannot be said to be surprising that, in the midst of a revival at the Queen Street Methodist Church, the reverend stock-jobber cropped up again; the problem for the novice to solve, this time, being—to find a purchaser for \$2,100 worth of \$3.00 subscribed stock; this done, the reverend gentleman called again the same day, with a request that the previous engagement of that day should be cancelled (1) because the reverend stock-jobber had discovered (i. e. *said* he had) that he could make ten cents more per acre, by negotiating with another person (2) that being “a Christian minister,” he laboured under the disadvantage of not being able to discover the best market for his stock. One cannot pretend to recount the successive manœuvres of this revivalist; it must therefore suffice to observe that several persons have realized at a heavy cost to themselves the disastrous results of their financial relation to this gentleman, and the truthfulness of the fact that, as “iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.” One little incident in connection with this financial minister’s proceedings, is however, too characteristic to be omitted—A difficulty arose on the part of an intending purchaser of stock, owing to the prospect of being required to pay the first call thereon; this the reverend magician speedily dissipated by the assurance that “as they were all in the same boat,” there would be no danger of paying first calls while the stock remained in the reverend director’s name; the privilege of paying first calls was one of those reserved for the unsharpened iron,

* In relation to Dr. Hunter’s pledge to the Company, not to sell his stock, it may be well to add that he stated that on his return from Winnipeg, Dr. Potts had told him that he was about to be “called over the coals” for having sold his stock; he therefore wished to re-possess himself of some of it, that he might be able to prove that it was not all sold.