

late conversation with that beloved minister of the gospel, he thus remarked :

"Mr. Stone says, 'No subterranean passage between the Seminary and the Hotel Dieu Nunnery at Montreal, was ever seen or heard of!' THAT IS NOT TRUE! When I travelled as a missionary in the northern parts of the state of New York, *thirty-three years ago*, I was frequently at the house of Judge Moers, who resided about a mile from the Canadian line. That gentleman repeatedly talked with me respecting the Roman priests and popery in Montreal, which he often visited. He spoke of that subterranean passage as *a matter of public notoriety*; and detailed the dissolute lives of the priests—their habitual gambling, intemperance and profligacy; as well as the licentiousness of the female convents of Montreal; which Judge Moers said, were as open matters of talk at that period, as the most common affairs of life. Judge Moers also represented to me the priests and nuns of Montreal, from his own personal acquaintance with them, in exactly the same light and character, as they have lately been exhibited before the American public. *Mr. Stone has therefore, to my own certain knowledge, published that which is not true!*"

Mr. Wetmore expressly authorised us to make the above statements public—and the testimony is of more value, when it is considered, that at the period to which that respected minister of the gospel refers, the present restrictions upon admission to the nunneries did not exist; and the Roman priests were not obliged to be so concealed in their iniquitous transactions, as the existing Protestant influence around them, now renders indispensable.

A widow lady, now a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church in New York; but who was formerly a papist and a resident in Montreal; has authorised us to state the following facts in reference to this subject; as coming directly from herself, and as combining her own personal knowledge of the case. "That in the year 1831, she was a resident of the city of Montreal, Lower Canada; and that at that time the dissolute lives of the Roman priests, and their constant visits to the Hotel Dieu Nunnery for impure purposes, and also the killing of children in that convent, were matters of familiar conversation and general belief among all people in that city with whom she used to associate, and especially among the Roman Catholic women."

She also further affirms—"that the existence of the subterranean passage between the seminary and the Hotel Dieu Nunnery, was known to all the Roman Catholics in that city—that the Roman priests often take the women from the Seminary to the Nunnery—that she herself has gone from the Seminary to the Nunnery through that underground passage—and Father Richards himself has conducted her; for at that period she was a Roman Catholic—and that Maria Monk's description of that passage, the cellar, and the nunnery, so far as she was shewn about it in the year 1831, by 'short, fat Father Richards' himself, is truly and minutely accurate."

The following very important affidavit of Mr. Thomas Hogan,