

real character. Accordingly, some high misdemeanour 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 expedite 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, from the nature of the climate, was generally believed would terminate his career. The particulars of this adventure I received in the City of New York, in 1827, where I took much pains to obtain all possible information concerning his proceedings in the Southern States, while passing under the character of a preacher.

In the year 1833, it so happened that I had occasion to visit the City of New-York again, when I renewed my enquiries concerning him, but to no effect ; no sources of information to which I had access, yielded any account of him, and the most rational conjecture was, that he either terminated his course in the state prison at Baltimore, or that one day, should he outlive the period of his confinement, and be again let loose upon the peace of society, some fresh development of his character would point out the scene of his renewed depredations.

In this painful state of obscurity I was reluctantly obliged to leave the hero of our narrative, on my return from New-York.

Another year had nearly elapsed before any additional light was thrown upon his history ; but in an unexpected moment, when the supposition of his having ended his career in the prison at Baltimore was becoming fixed, I received, by the politeness of a friend, a file of the *New-York Times*, one of the numbers of which contained the following article, bringing our adventurer again full into view, in his usual characteristic style :

"POLICE OFFICE.—*Robbery and speedy arrest.*—A French gentleman from the South, (so represented by himself,) who has, for a few weeks past, under the name of Henry Bond, been running up a bill, and running down the fare, at the Franklin House, was, this afternoon, arrested at the establishment, on the ungentlemanly charge of pillaging the trunks of lodgers. Since his sojourn, a variety of articles had disappeared from the chambers of the Hotel ; and amongst the rest, about two hundred dollars from the trunk of one gentleman.

"No one, however, had thought of suspecting the French gentleman, who was also a lodger, until this morning, when unfortunately for him, his face was recognized by a gentleman who