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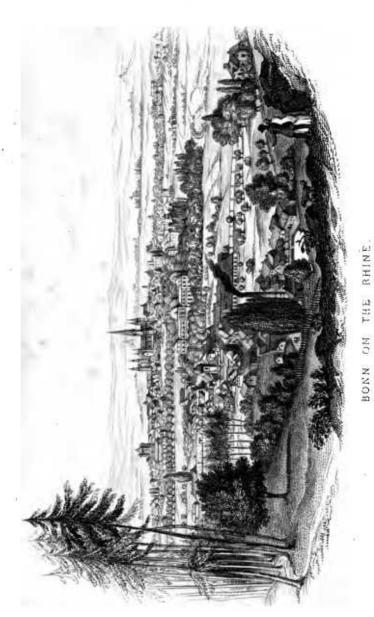
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TO

THE FEMALE JESUIT;

CONTAINING HER PREVIOUS HISTORY
AND RECENT DISCOVERY,

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PREFACE.

THE readers of "The Female Jesuit; or, The Spy in the Family" will not be surprised to hear more of Marie; and the sale of nearly four thousand copies, in less than twelve months, justifies the conclusion that its numerous readers will be anxious to learn the issue.

The previous tale left Marie's real character an enigma, and her origin a mystery. Recent disclosures have to a great extent cleared up these; and as one of the main objects of the previous volume was to elicit information, it is a point of honour to make known her real character. How singularly the publication of her narrative has led to the development of her history, will appear in the present volume.

It is right to say, that when dismissed from Cromwell Terrace, the family among whom she had so long intrigued, did not think her a Jesuit agent. Dark and mysterious shadows, indeed, rested on her origin and character; and it seemed scarcely possible that she could have carried out her previous plots without accomplices; but it was not until the suggestion had been reiterated by intelligent friends, and the after-discovery of some of her proceedings appeared to give countenance to the suggestion, that this impression fixed itself upon their minds. The theory of her being a Jesuit agent, was even then put forth only as a suspicion; and the result of subsequent information is now submitted to the public.

After the detection of Marie's fraud, no immediate thought of publishing a book was entertained. So far from this, a letter containing an outline of her intrigues was sent to the "Times" newspaper, to caution the public. After waiting some weeks, a friend inquired at Printing House Square, and found that the statement was deemed too extraordinary to be believed. A second copy was sent, attested by witnesses; but for some unexplained reason it was not inserted. Had that letter found admission into the columns of the "Times," "The Female Jesuit" might not have appeared. The necessity which thus prompted

it, cannot now be regretted; and the public interest has justified the publication.

Several kind friends have contributed information for the present volume; amongst whom, the writer expresses her obligations to the Rev. G. Cunliffe, A.M., the Rev. R. G. Milne, and Mrs. Jobson: also to John Townshend, Esq., through whose kindness the sketches of the Pymrydd Mill, and the Valley of the Dee, have been supplied: as also to other parties, whom she is not permitted to mention by name.

The writer has carefully avoided trespassing on the period of Marie's residence with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Seager, to whose proposed work, entitled "The Female Jesuit Abroad," frequent reference is made in the following pages.

In the former volume, the names were withheld from a wish to avoid unnecessary publicity; but many doubts having been expressed as to the truth of the narrative, it is now authenticated by the insertion of the names in full.

MARCH 1st, 1852.

