

# THE TRUE HISTORY OF MARIA MONK.

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It is nearly sixty years since *Maria Monk's Awful Disclosures* first appeared, and a year after its appearance a complete refutation of the story was published in the *Dublin Review* (May 1836). The story, however, was too much according to the taste of an anti-Catholic public to be given up for so trifling a consideration as its proved falsity; and a notorious shop in Paternoster Row, as well as others established under Protestant auspices, still continues to print and disseminate it. The character of the work appeals also to another class of readers, and it may usually be found in quarters in which more or less indecent publications are exposed for sale. It is not easy to believe that a book of this kind can be accepted as authentic by decent and well-meaning Protestants; yet we are assured that such is the case. To them, therefore, we now offer (1) a reprint of the *Dublin Review* article; (2) some further evidence on the subject which has come to light since that date; (3) an account of her death. We ask a careful perusal and an attentive hearing for the evidence we offer, and we shall be surprised if our readers are not convinced that the "True History" is a tissue of lies.

## I. THE DUBLIN REVIEW ARTICLE.

A book bearing the title of 'Maria Monk's Awful Disclosures' has just appeared in London. It is a verbal reprint from the original edition published in New York in January last (1835), and its object is to calumniate the members of the Catholic religious establishments of Montreal in Lower Canada, and thereby to cast discredit and obloquy on the professors of that faith generally.