

affidavit before a public notary at Montreal, that Maria Monk was never a nun at all, but had always led the life of a prostitute. She states that the names of "Fougnée," mentioned in the *Awful Disclosures*, were in reality the names of the Misses Fournier, her assistant directresses in the Magdalen Asylum, and that "Howard, Jane McCoy, Jane Ra, and Reed," introduced into the same narrative, so far from ever having been nuns, were reclaimed prostitutes, living in the Asylum at the very time Maria Monk was under probation for an amendment of her wicked and infamous career. Moreover Mrs. McDonnell states that the description given of the Hôtel Dieu Convent is alone applicable to the Magdalen Asylum. The following is the affidavit:—

"Province of Lower Canada, district of Montreal.

"Before me, Adam L. MacNider, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the district of Montreal, appeared Agatha Henrietta Huguét Latour, widow of the late Duncan Cameron McDonnell, who after making an oath on the holy Evangelists, declared that for six years past she had conducted and managed an institution in the city of Montreal, commonly known and distinguished as the Magdalen Asylum; that about the close of the month of November, 1834, Maria Monk, daughter of Mrs. W. Monk, housekeeper of the Government House in the city of Montreal, entered the Asylum and became an inmate thereof; and she understood that the said Maria had for many years led the life of a stroller and prostitute; and that she received her into the Asylum with the hope of effecting her reformation; that in the progress of her acquaintance with the character of the said Maria, she found her to be very uncertain and grossly deceitful; but that she nevertheless did persevere in her efforts to reclaim her to the paths of virtue and morality.

"And deponent further declared that having been informed that the said Maria held conversation with a man who had reached the yard of the Asylum by scaling the enclosures, she sent for the said Maria,