

course of Ricci's inquiry, with day and date, and names of witnesses and of parties, are minutely set down. In the "Awful Disclosures," *there is not a single date from the commencement to the end!* The work announces a disgusting alliance between false christianity and female profligacy of the worst description. In Canada, this attempt to unite the ravings, puerilities, and loathsome fabrications of a disturbed intellect with the ends of piety and religion, was received with nothing but contempt; but in the United States the work has, as we are told, gone through two editions of ten thousand copies each, and has been circulated by the zeal of fanatical and interested propagandists throughout the entire land. It has even been publicly recommended from the pulpit as an antidote to the "errors of Popery;" and the heroine has been honored by reports of hair-breadth escapes and of defeated conspiracies for her abduction.

We would fain have believed that religious fanaticism, in its more odious form of gross calumny and pernicious hatred, had nearly departed from the civilized world; but the reception given to the "Awful Disclosures" of Maria Monk shows that it still has an extended habitation in a country claiming to be pre-eminently enlightened, and that in that country it may one day become the stirrer of intestine trouble, rapine, and bloodshed. There, the very men who abjure the interference of the civil power to procure conformity to their sectarian faith, do not hesitate to resort to private persecution, se-