

## III. MARIA MONK'S DEATH.

Maria Monk furnishes a dreadful illustration of the saying, "As a person lives, so will he die." She found her way several times into gaol. At length when arrested for the last time on a charge of stealing from a wretched paramour of hers, and cast into prison, she ended there her miserable career. The account of her death may be found in *Dolman's Register* of October 9th, 1849. "Two months ago or more, the police book recorded the arrest of the notorious but unfortunate Maria Monk whose book of *Awful Disclosures* created such excitement in the religious world some years since. She was charged with picking the pocket of a paramour in a den near the Five Points. She was tried, found guilty and sent to prison, where she lived up to Friday last, when death removed her from the scene of her sufferings and disgrace. What a moral is here indeed!"

[Note to new edition, April, 1895.] As adding to the evidence in this tract it is only right to mention a little book of which we were not aware when first writing, but which contains still fuller proofs of the imposture. *An Awful Exposure of the Atrocious Plot formed . . . through the intervention of Maria Monk* (Jones and Co., Montreal, 1836) traces step by step and authenticates with eighteen affidavits from her successive employers, etc., the places where Maria Monk was in fact residing during the years when according to her story she was in the Hôtel Dieu, at Montreal.

Still, although there is this fuller evidence to be had the present tract contains more than enough to convince every sane mind that *Maria Monk's Awful Disclosures* is a bare-faced and slanderous fiction. What then are we to think of publishers, who, like Mr. Kensit, of Paternoster Row, still continue to circulate it with the object of prejudicing English minds against Catholic Convents? What are we to think of the Committee of the Protestant Alliance, who, notwithstanding their active support of