

ches were placed in the ground, and the roots upwards. Such were the wonderful efforts of nature to support it in this unsightly and unnatural position, that the sapling, after a while struck root, and put forth a few stripling branches. These knaves would have it, that the strong and stately British oak can only flourish after the same fashion. The labouring classes, are the roots that draw nourishment from the mother earth, and fix the noble stem immovable. Without them it could not put forth its spreading boughs covered with the leaves of summer. Nor are they so on'y for glory and for beauty. They receive the air and light, the dew and rain of heaven; they pour the vital sap to return through the tree down to the roots again. All are useful; all are beautiful in the situation appointed them by the all-wise Creator. The levellers and revolutionists say that the tree would flourish better if laid prostrate on the ground, or turned topsy-turvy.

It was well known that some of these mischievous spirits were actively at work before the time fixed for the gaol delivery in Bristol. I have heard, that there are at least eight depositories for infidel and treasonable tracts in different quarters are held, at which the members, afraid to trust each other, if not ashamed of themselves, attend in masks. I have seen some of their tracts printed in the usual way, or on pocket handkerchiefs, for greater durability: and the sight of the deadly moral poison made my blood run cold. Traitors and infidels well know this. Divine truth, "From within, out of the heart of man, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness." In plotting mischief they begin by providing means to corrupt the hearts of the people.

The propounders of the modern political doctrines were not idle.

The following placard was issued:—

"The Council of the Union have heard with feelings of surprise, that the Corporation have requested and obtained the assent of the Council of the Union to the following resolution:—