

world ; whatever they may have been. Neglect, oppression, want, and the influence of others over their deep, dark ignorance, have degraded them in too many instances, to the level of the brute animal, who shares their hut and their scanty food. Their very nature seems changed. Human life has ceased to be valued amongst them ; they take it without remorse,—as they part with it without regret ; and if the soil of Ireland is still bathed in blood, it is not drawn by her enemies, but by her infuriated children.”



DEATH OF ROBESPIERRE.

“ The conspirators finding themselves abandoned, gave themselves up to despair ; the National Guard rushed rapidly up the stair, and entered the room where Robespierre and the leaders of the revolt were assembled. Robespierre was sitting with his elbows on his knees, and his head resting on his hand ; Meda discharged his pistol, which broke his under jaw, and he fell under the table. St. Just implored Le Bas to put an end to his life. Coward, follow my example ; said he, and blew out his brains. Couthon was seized under a table, feebly attempting to strike with a knife, which he wanted the courage to plunge in his heart ; Coffinhal, and the younger Robespierre, threw themselves from the windows, and were seized in the inner court of the building. Henriot had been thrown down the stairs by Coffinhal, but though bruised and mutilated, he contrived to crawl into the entrance of a sewer, from whence he was dragged out by the troops of the convention.

“ Robespierre and Couthon supposed to be dead, were dragged by the heels to the Quai Pelletier, where it was proposed to throw them into the river ; but it being discovered when day returned, that they still breathed, they were stretched on a board, and carried to the Assembly. The members having refused to admit them, they were carried to the Committee of General Safety, where Robespierre lay for some hours stretched on a table, with his broken jaw still bleeding, and suffering alike under bodily pain, and the execrations of those around him. From