

existence less by their little farm-plots than by rearing on the mountains young stock, which at the suitable seasons they sold to the comfortable and prosperous Presbyterian plantation-men of Raphœne and Lifford districts.

Little more than twenty years ago there chanced to pass through Derryveih, as the immediate district is called, on sporting purposes bent, Mr. John George Adair, of Bellgrove, in Queen's County. He was so struck, he says, with the charms of the scenery, that he determined to become proprietor of the place. Between August, 1857, and May, 1858, he succeeded in purchasing a great part in fee-simple, and a fee-farm interest in a further portion. It was an evil day for the mountaineers when Mr. Adair first set eye on their home. Notwithstanding the storm of terrible accusations which that gentleman soon after poured upon them, and the disturbance, conflict, and crime which attended upon or arose out of his proprietorial proceedings, the fact is significant that at the period of his purchase, and even subsequently, the Glenveih peasantry were on the best and kindest relations with their landlords, and that the surrounding gentry, and the clergy of all religious denominations, to the very last spoke and speak of them in terms of warmest sympathy and compassion. No sooner, however, does Mr. Adair enter on the scene than a sad and startling change appears. The picture drawn by the previous and surrounding landlords, of a simple, kindly, and peaceable peasantry, gives way to one sketched by Mr. Adair of a lawless, violent, thieving, murderous gang, whose extirpation is a mission which has devolved on him in the interests of « society. » The first act of the new landlord was ominous of what was to follow. The purchases were completed by the 30th