

that their return to their own land is indicated, by their way being prepared. Bishop Horsley supposes, likewise, that the eighteenth of Isaiah foretells this event, and that the great commercial nation of the day will be instrumental in bringing it about.*

St. Paul's conversion is thought to have been a type of the conversion of the Jewish nation in the latter days, and as his zeal and success seem to have exceeded that of the other apostles, and he was the great instrument of the conversion of the gentile world to the faith of Christ, so it has been supposed that the Jews, when converted, will be the main instruments of the conversion of the then heathen world.

NOTE 19, p. 118.—*Unless some means can be devised at home, by which the pressure may be lightened, and the suffering classes be enabled to procure the necessaries of life.* There are two mighty nations on our globe in which a system has long been acted upon, enabling them to support a population, never diminished by foreign wars, greatly exceeding that of any other country, whose numbers have only been diminished occasionally by famine, by devastating inundations and unfavourable seasons, from which nothing can altogether ensure a people. The nations I allude to are China and Japan. We are informed, in the Account of Lord Macartney's Embassy, that in the former of these countries, "Every square mile contains, upon an average, one-third more inhabitants, being upwards of *three hundred*, than are found upon an equal quantity of land, also upon an average, in the most populous country in Europe."† The population of the latter is also stated to be prodigious.‡

* See also lx. 8, 9, and Zeph. iii. 10.

† Macartney, Embassy, by Sir G. Staunton, iii. 388.

‡ Malte-Brun. Syst. of Geogr. Asia. II. ii. 533. E. T.