

appears to me to be the following :—that, as the land in this country, when more labour is applied to it, is capable of feeding many more persons than exist in it at present, additional hands are, in fact, additional wealth ; that it is therefore the duty of rulers to direct the upper classes to employ the labouring classes, and to enforce obedience to this direction ; that labour is never superfluous, because it is the ordinance of Providence that man shall gain his living by the sweat of his brow ; that the tendency of human affairs, being adapted to this, is so ordered as to carry human beings, on the soil where they were born and bred, to the highest possible degree of prosperity and happiness.

One is here naturally tempted to ask, Why does not this happy adjustment show itself in the British Islands ? Where and when can we expect it, if it is not seen here at the present moment ? For, on the one hand, the working classes of this country are as able, and as willing, to carry on their useful labour, as any who ever existed in the world ; set them to agriculture, or to manufactures, place them on land, or on the sea, their equals are nowhere to be found for resolute diligence, or bodily strength : and, on the other hand, never, in any age or country, were persons so disposed to promote the benefit of their fellow-subjects as the upper classes of society in these realms, who testify this disposition, not by barren wishes, and cheap expressions of kindness, but by substantial sacrifices of time,