

Lines 599—633.

For the proof from Holy Scripture that the human family, when sin and death are for ever overcome, shall go on multiplying its blessed generations without end, these notes are too limited to afford space. I must refer to the abundant evidence collated, in Birks' *Daniel*, vol. i, ch. xvi., and in his *Outlines of Unfulfilled Prophecy*, ch. xv.; and also to a most thoughtful and suggestive work, recently published, *Shepherd's Tree of Life*. This we may well believe, that whereas it is recorded "God formed the earth and made it, He created it not in vain, He formed it to be inhabited" (Isa. xlv. 18), the same untiring Goodness will in His own time people with intelligent worshippers the countless orbs of the heavens. Of the whole ransomed Church we are assured it is but "a kind of firstfruits of His creature" (James i. 18). The illimitable harvest is yet to be gathered in. May our hearts only be in unison with the inspired doxology (Eph. iii. 20, 21), "Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus unto all the generations of the age of the ages! Amen."