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## PREFACE.

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AMONG the various branches of knowledge cultivated by mankind, one of the most important and pleasing, is that which treats of the world in which we live; and of the distribution of the great human family over its surface. Nations rise and fall, but the great mass of mankind still continues to increase in numbers, and to overspread the desolate portions of the globe.

There is not only interest, but instruction, in the perusal of the records of the past. The future, in some degree is foreshadowed by what has gone before—the story of man's onward progress—should be attentively, and thoughtfully considered; and "Statistics" open out before us the solution of many a social problem;—they tell us, in the language of fact, what otherwise must be at least a philosophical speculation; and they furnish us with the experience of ages, in a manner which could not otherwise be obtained.

A POPULAR EDITION of the CENSUS of the BRITISH EMPIRE cannot fail to be interesting and instructive to very many classes of the community who live under the protection of the British Crown; not only will it be found an entertaining description of the BRITISH DOMINIONS, but also a convenient and useful reference to the last CENSUS of GREAT BRITAIN and IRELAND, and to the BRITISH COLONIES and FOREIGN POSSESSIONS, which overspread the most distant regions of the World.

The mere lovers of the marvellous will find in the history of nations, that sometimes facts appear more strange than fiction; the man of the world will be assisted in his commercial pursuits, by a knowledge of the history of the population by which the land is peopled, and he who studies the ultimate destinies of mankind—who watches over the march of the human race, and sees in its onward progress the directing hand of an Almighty Power,—will here find abundant matter for contemplation.

\* Here you may range at large from pole to pole,

\* Trace nature's vast expanse, survey the whole,

\* O'er lands remote, an easy passage find;

\* Extend your knowledge, and delight your mind.



It is very interesting to take a rapid glance at the world's history:—its early nomade tribes—its increasing population—its advancing civilization—its beginning of nations—its onward progress;—till wild flocks pasture where towered palaces arose; and busy city streets arise where all before was still—it is a strange impressive lesson.

There "Babylon," with its strong walls and its hundred gates, was ready to laugh a siege to scorn. There "Nineveh," the great and powerful city, upreared itself in all its pride and glory. There "Jerusalem," the holy city, became the wonder of the world beneath the sway of Solomon, who was himself more wonderful. There "Athens," with her wisdom, her valour, and her genius, became the proverb for all that was wise and good. There "Rome" became the glory of the seven hills, till nearly every nation resounded to the tread of the centurion, and had no king but Cæsar. And here "London,"—the abode of man—with its *three millions* of inhabitants, is signalized as the Metropolis of the Universe; and in its onward progress adding every week to its numbers nearly 1,000 of the human race—to be fed, clothed, and sheltered.

Such, however, are the facts, and we contrast the population of our great city with other cities—our native country with other countries—and on comparing the "*past*" with the "*present*," it is demonstrated that hitherto as we have advanced, so in like manner we reckon on what the eventful future may produce; but which we can but contemplate, and then confide to the wisdom of a beneficent Providence.

THE CENSUS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE, *viz.*:—THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND, ITS COLONIES, DEPENDENCIES, AND FOREIGN POSSESSIONS.—In the arrangement and classification, recourse has been had to the most authentic sources of information, and every endeavour has been made to make each paragraph a source of pleasurable reading—intelligible—instructive—and entertaining,—that the eye may easily glance from one page to the next, and impress the mind with many pleasing recollections of the past; so as to present a concise abridgment—a digest of the Official Returns of the last Censuses of "England and Wales," of "Scotland," and of "Ireland," to be separately shown, and combined together, *mutum in*

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“Lengthen out that long disease, his Life.”

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Somerset House, London, 1864.

CHARLES ANTHONY COKE.

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