

Ionian Island, 209,000 : in the Cape of Good Hope and other Colonies, 1,000,000 ; in the Island of Ceylon, 1,000,000—making in the aggregate, a population of *one hundred and seventy-two millions, four hundred and fifty-two thousand !*

At the head of this immense Empire, containing almost three times as many persons as that of Russia, the next most colossal Empire on Earth, is now placed the Princess ALEXANDRINA VICTORIA, daughter of the late Duke of Kent, a young lady of good common sense, and a good domestic education, who a few weeks since completed her 18th year—a splendid proof of the supremacy of Law over all the prejudices, passions, and customs of the age in which we live.

All this must be regarded by the Philosopher as the result of that enlargement of soul, of energy, and enterprize which grew out of the doctrine of *free discussion*, which was most singularly and providentially made the popular doctrine of England in the reign of Henry VIII. Her present constitution, her liberal views, her increasing tolerance, her free institutions, her improvements in all the Sciences, and in all the Arts, of Peace and War, have arisen from this most magnificent of all modern events—THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION.

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BIBLICAL CRITICISM.

From the Primitive Christian.

1 Cor. iii. In this chapter, Paul uses the figure of a building. He, as an Apostle, was a master-builder ; and laid the foundation of the building in Corinth, as you will see by turning to Acts xviii. 5. “ Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews that Jesus was Christ.” Now we know what is meant by the foundation, and we find that it is the same that Jesus declared he would build his Church on. “ *Thou art Jesus the Christ,*” said Peter, “ *upon this rock will I build my Church,*” said Jesus. Now we know what is meant by the building. The wood, hay and stubble, as well as the gold, silver, and precious stones, were all put into the building, and this building was the Temple of God, in which he dwelt by his spirit. Then if the building were composed of *doctrines*, as some suppose, the spirit of God dwelt in doctrines, and some of them false ones too. “ *If any man defile the Temple of God, him shall God destroy,*” &c. Surely no man ever defiled false doctrines ; but the Apostle gives his own meaning when speaking to the Corinthians : “ *Know ye not that ye are the Temple of God, and that the spirit of God dwelleth in you.*” Surely Paul did not address his epistle to *doctrines* either true or false.