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Protestantism prevails in the northern part of Europe, in the United States of America, as well as in the English and Dutch settlements which exist throughout the world. The greater part of the Russians and Greeks belong to to the Greek schismatic church.

Catholicity is the religion of the central and southern parts of Europe, of Ireland, Poland; and of the French, Spanish, and Portuguese settlements on the globe. It may be added there are millions of Catholics in South America, the United States and in all the other countries mentioned as Protestant; besides the conversions made in the very bosom of nations that are most opposed to her, in Asia, Africa, America and in the Islands of Oceanica.

43. What languages are most commonly spoken on the globe ?

A great number of languages are spoken on the surface of the globe; these idioms or dialects of which man makes use to express his thoughts, are estimated at no less than two thousand. The most universally employed are the English, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Portuguese and Italian languages, which are spoken in Europe; the Chinese, Turkish and Persian in Asia; the Malayan in Oceanica. The civilized portions of America generally make use of the European languages. The Indians of North America speak the Algonquin, Huron, Sioux, &c.

44. Whence do the European languages derive their origin ?

There are three great branches to which the languages of Europe may be traced: from the Teutonic, are derived the English, German, Dutch, Swedish and Danish languages; from Latin, the French, Italians Spanish and Portuguese; from the Slavonic are derived the Russian, Polish and Bohemian idioms. Besides these, there are the modern Greek, the Turkish, the Celtic in Wales, Brittany, and Ireland; the Hungarian and Biscayan in the Pyrenees may be also mentioned.