

the purposes of man, yet a very large proportion of Russia's 7,000,000 of square miles possesses a soil of unsurpassed fertility, capable of sustaining a population many times greater than at present is there found. The Caspian, the Black, the Baltic, and the White Seas, are under Russian dominancy, and are all connected with each other by a system of river, and canal navigation. The Government of Russia is a pure despotism—the will of the Sovereign is absolute. The only restraints upon the exercise of that will are the feebly-felt public opinion of Constitutional Europe, and the dread of assassination by maddened subjects. Of the 65,000,000, which submit to the sway of the Emperor of all the Russias, 45,000,000, are serfs or slaves. There can be no doubt but that in a defensive war Russia could raise an army of a million of men. More than three-fourths of the Russian subjects are members of the Russo-Greek Church. In the provinces torn at different periods from Poland alone, there are now 20,000,000, of souls.

The Author of the work entitled, *Progress of Russia in the East*," describing that progress, has the following statements:—"Her acquisitions from Sweden are greater than what remains to that kingdom.

"Her acquisitions from Poland are nearly equal to the Austrian Empire.

"Her acquisitions from Turkey in Europe are of greater extent than the Prussian dominions, exclusive of the Rhenish Provinces.

"Her acquisitions from Turkey in Asia, are nearly equal to the whole of the smaller states of Germany.

"Her acquisitions from Persia are equal in extent to England.

"Her acquisitions in Tartary have an area not