

see at present on the map of the New World. The natives belong to the Mongolian or yellow race, and negroes are nearly as numerous. The greater part of the negroes are at present free. Europe and Eastern Asia continue to cast on the shores of America a great number of emigrants.

COUNTRIES OF NORTH AMERICA.

North America comprises 9 divisions or countries; 2 of which are colonies, and 7, independent states.

The colonies are: 1st. Canada; 2d. Balize or British Honduras. These colonies belong to England.

The independent states are: 1st. the United States; 2d. Mexico; 3d. the republic of Guatimala; 4th. the republic of Honduras; 5th. the republic of San Salvador; 6th. the republic of Nicaragua; 7th. the republic of Costa Rica.

Besides these states, there are also several colonies or states in the islands of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, the Atlantic, and especially in the West Indies.

Religion.—The inhabitants of America are Catholics or Protestants. There are nevertheless pagans in North and South America. The Catholics are more numerous than the Protestants.

The Catholic religion is that of the majority of the inhabitants of the Provinces of Quebec and Manitoba of English Columbia, and of the republics of Mexico, Guatimala, St. Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, New Granada, Venezuela, Equador, Peru, Bolivia, Chili, La Plata, Paraguay, Uruguay, Brazil Empire, and French Guiana. Protestantism is the dominant religion of the inhabitants of the provinces of Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, the United States the colonies of Balize, of English and Dutch Guiana. The Patagonians are still pagans.

Government.—Amongst the 24 states of America