

been flocking to this great centre of population and wealth from every country, from every part of the empire as well as from the continent of Europe, until the population was—in 1801, 958,863; 1811, 1,138,815; 1821, 1,378,947; 1831, 1,654,994; 1841, 1,948,417; 1851, 2,362,236; 1861, 2,803,989; 1871, 3,254,260; 1881, 3,814,571. Now, "Greater London," as it is called, co-extensive with the Metropolitan and City Police district, has 5,000,000 inhabited houses, and a population of 5,094,000.

It may indeed be safely asserted that London is the greatest city the world ever saw. Never before in this planet's history has there been gathered together such a concourse of human beings. Nineveh might boast of a population, according to the Book of Jonah, of 800,000 or 900,000; Rome, which, like most of the olden cities, resembled London as the centre of a world-wide empire, never reached a third part of its population, good authorities setting down the highest number its people ever reached, which was in the days of Nero, at about 1,020,000; and Peking of modern times is said to be the only city which has any claim to rank beside it, but eye-witnesses tell us that Peking is rather a peopled district than a city. Paris, Vienna, and Berlin united would but a little more than equal it in the number of its people; and twenty-three of the other largest cities of these isles must be rolled into one to make a second London. Sir Salar Jung, in visiting it, may also, while describing Paris as "the city of pleasure," well refer to "the severe aspect and activity of London," seeing that 10,488 vehicles course through twenty-four of its principal thoroughfares every hour, and 384,000 pedestrians and 75,000 vehicles pass over its bridges daily. In the words of Sir Joseph Bazalgette, "It is now without a rival as regards its size and population, not only in the present, but as far as we know in the past history of the world. Its population is equal to that of the whole State of Holland, is greater than that of Scotland, and double that of Denmark; and if it continues to increase at the same rate until the end of the century, it will then equal that of Ireland, as indeed Outer London now does.—*London, Eng., Journal of Commerce and Intercolonial Trade.*"

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