

NOTE ON THE MAP OF THE WORLD (*see* Frontispiece).

Maps of the World coloured according to Religion are very unsatisfactory, because they can only show area, and not density of population. In our Map an effort is made to reduce this element of error to a minimum, by leaving uncoloured those parts of the world which are almost or quite uninhabited, as in British North America, the Sahara, Siberia, and Australia. But even as it is, the yellow of Australian Protestantism, representing three millions of souls, occupies as much space as the black of Indian Heathenism, representing over two hundred millions. The representation of the second religion of a country by bars is also necessarily very imperfect. The real proportions of the various religions—counting as "Heathen" all who are neither Christians, Jews, nor Mohammedans—are shown by the diagram at the foot of the Map.