

ropeans or their descendants, widely located over an immense and fertile territory, and attached to their father-land by the strongest ties which can unite human beings together, namely, a common origin or national consanguinity, and an identity of language, manners, religion, and feelings. The Canadians of French extraction, in Lower Canada, can scarcely in the aggregate be considered an exception to the general rule ; and a wise government will either subdue any opposite feelings, or, failing in that, turn their antipathies to the advantage of the parent state.

Africa, Southern, Eastern, and Western, has as yet but a scanty population, compared with the extent of fertile territory. Our Southern possessions at the Cape of Good Hope are the most densely peopled, and about 150,000 English, Anglo-Dutch, Negroes, Hottentots, and Caffrees, are comprised within the precincts of the British Empire. Our other possessions in Africa, on the Continent, and on the islands thereof, amount to about 120,000 of an equally varied and mixed race ; so that, in round numbers, we have upwards of a quarter of a million of subjects on the shores of that vast and formerly renowned quarter of the globe.

Australasia presents to our view a rising empire, peopled for the greater part from the refuse of our gaols and prison houses, and within the brief space of half a century, containing an active, industrious class of Europeans and their descendants, whose numbers, to the extent of about 150,000, add strength, wealth