

virtues and domestic habits, she would be an honour and an ornament to any class of society, in which the providence of God might have placed her. But when we consider that she is an English woman by birth ; a Protestant in her religious faith ; the lawful heiress of the British throne ; the descendant of a line of ancestors, long endeared to the British nation by their generous acts and mighty deeds ; and in connection with all this, she is at this moment the mistress of the most enlightened and powerful empire the world ever saw, embracing within its bosom not less than one hundred and fifty millions of human beings, (a population only to be conceived in figures) ; these together with her extraordinary, personal and private virtues, render her the most lovely and influential female in the world. Of such a Queen, every loyal heart feels proud, while every pulse beats with warm affection to the name Victoria. Was Solomon in all his glory like unto her ?

Look at the Religion of Britain, and then say was there ever a nation or people like unto her, and whose God is the Lord. I will say nothing of her victorious armies ; her triumphant navy ; her inexhaustible wealth ; her extensive manufactories ; her unparalleled commerce ; her numerous provinces—all little empires in themselves. These I will leave at present to statesmen and politicians, and call your attention more immediately to her religion, the strength and bulwark of the nation. Britain is a nation of priests of the most high God. There are at this moment in the island of Great Britain alone, not less than thirty thousand ministers of the Gospel of the different denominations of protestants, publishing the glad tidings of salvation in churches, chapels, meeting houses, rooms, lanes, and public streets, every returning sabbath—all attached to the British throne. All these ministers with their respective congregations, are constantly sending up their most fervent and devout prayers to the throne of Heaven, for the Queen and all in authority.