

XLVIII.

Far better were it they should choose their brides
From some American pure family,
Than wed their cousins, in whose blood, besides
The fell disease which immorality
Of ancestors has planted there, there run
Weaknesses caused by kindred's union.

XLIX.

The scurvy-stricken family whose head
Rules all the Russias' limitless domain ;
The progeny of Ludwig, lately dead
By his own hand ; the Hohenzollern vain
And proud, and yet diseased ; or Austria's queen
Whose hidden madness still is plainly seen :

L.

Shall we defile our royal English blood
By marriage with such families as these ?
Shall English kings inherit all this flood
Of imbecility and dread disease ?
Must all the purity of Guelph be so
Impaired and ruined by this noisome flow ?