

313. *Belgic sires.* The tribes known as the Belgæ who inhabited the Netherlands in the time of Caesar.

317. *the sound.* The sound of the name 'Britain.'

*genius.* The poetic muse.

318. Britain receives the warm winds from the west, and Spring is earlier here than in other European countries.

319. *lawns.* Stretches of meadow land.

*Arcadian.* Arcadia was a division of Greece. Because of the simple pastoral life of its people the name Arcadia came to stand in poetry for any imaginary country of ideal beauty and simplicity.

320. *Hydaspes.* A river of India (now called Jelum) flowing into the Indus. It was the eastern boundary of the kingdom of Alexander the Great.

323-4. Extremes are not found in the climate, but only in the minds of the people.

325. They are controlled by reason; but their aims are daring, and hence great in an unusual way. The aims of men in other countries may be great, but they follow the regular lines of thought and there is nothing daring or irregular about them.

330. *By forms unfashion'd.* They do not follow fixed or conventional lines of conduct. They are not artificial, but natural, in conduct.

331. *native hardiness.* Natural vigour.

332. They are true to what they conceive, or imagine, to be right, and they cannot be held in check.

333. Even the humblest peasant boasts that he examines these rights.

337. Such blessings would be too great if they were unmixed with some evils.

*alloy.* The base metal which is sometimes mixed with precious metals.

342. The nominative absolute construction.

343. The natural ties uniting members of the family or the community are not strong.

345. *imprison'd.* Held in control by the law.

346. *round her shore.* Throughout the country.

347-8. Note the metaphor in these lines.