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He goes into what you in
France call "exile" into that
vast portion of the English
empire which requires (and
rewards) the best faculties
of England's best sons.
Just as I rec'd a letter from
a French lady containing the
expression, I rec'd a long ac-
count of Algeria from a very
intelligent young Belgian.
He has seemed to me to ex-
plain the idea of a colony
which is an exile cannot
arrive - But it is a long
way off & it is a bad ultimate
& these are drawbacks.
If it pleases God to spare
his health, I hope he
will be of eminent service
in India. He will carry

On one other point we may say a word.
M. Guizot gets throughout these volumes
every species of incidental abuse, and in one
place becomes the hero of a very formal piece
of literary impeachment. The insinuations
against his honour are paltry and sometimes
ridiculous. The historian of Civilization is
treated as if he were a mere court instrument,
corrupt himself and ready to corrupt others.
M. Guizot is printing his own Memoirs, and in
a few weeks they will be in everybody's hands.
In the meanwhile, we may assure him in his
retreat that he need not trouble himself
about this gust of wind from the Apennines.
His policy may be explained and his motives
cleared up by a narrative such as no man
knows better than himself how to write; but
his character, he may rest assured, needs no
vindication. In England we do not always
measure virtue by success; and despite Lord
Normanby's hot and splenetic accusations, our
more calm and philosophical countrymen will
continue to see in M. Guizot a man of genius
who, even if he has failed in that fight of am-
bition which would have yielded him a glory
at best incidental and transient, has succeeded
in that far nobler field of human endeavour
which is at once fruitful and immortal.

my husband's views & principles & will be able to apply them on a vast scale. Long after I am laid ~~by~~ in that quiet home to! I wait, near by his side, his labours will benefit those distant regions. A young, daring Indian said to Lucy (in perfect English) "we shall in time govern ourselves, & then we shall give to you a government such as no oriental would ever have conceived."

This is all we ought to aspire to. I want so much to hear all about your ovation in the street. It delighted & amused me. You with a cortege of shouting lads! But it is charming, & I love the boys for it.

Yours most affectionately
S. Austin