

The White Man's Burden.

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According to a publication just issued by the Treasury Bureau of Statistics two-fifths of the land surface and one-third of the entire population of the earth are included in the colonies, protectorates, dependencies, and spheres of influence of the European powers. In his latest contribution to the poetry of imperialism Rudyard Kipling calls upon us to

Take up the White Man's Burden!
Have done with childish days,
The lightly proffered laurel,
The easy, ungrudged praise,

Childish days, indeed! Does the laureate of the Jingoës think that the subduing of a continental wilderness, the building of nearly half a hundred States and thousands of cities, and the work of linking them together with bands of steel were tasks unworthy of full-grown men? Mr. Kipling is so intensely British that he cannot see that our labor was quite equal, quantitatively and qualitatively, to that accomplished by our kin beyond the sea. England's share in the burden of transmarine empires is greater, to be sure, than that of all other powers combined, and she has been compared to Atlas staggering under his load. As a true Briton, therefore, the poet (not unnaturally) would be gratified if America should bend her lusty shoulders and help carry the weight sustained by her weary titan sister.