

the 'country of Summer,' and we intend no disrespect to the Triad which preserves this statement, by leaving the intelligent reader to choose between the ancient myth and the modern conjecture.

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## CHAPTER VIII.

### THE BRIGANTES.

THUS hath nature worked out her design and given to Yorkshire variety of mineral substance, surface feature, and organic life, preparing it for active human existence. Man came last, in as great variety of aspect, to occupy this surface. Distinct races, in different degrees of civilization, inured to different modes of life, arrived at successive periods from different quarters of the globe. It is for the Ethnographer and the Antiquary to trace the paths of these men, and to distinguish their monuments, until the harmonious mixture of all the races constituted the people of Yorkshire.

The earliest of these inhabitants were the Britons; for by this name were they known to the Greeks, who recorded what the Phœnician or Phocæan navigators had reported of their early discoveries; nor was any other title bestowed upon the whole people by their Roman conquerors, though they distinguished among them many independent tribes.

This general title merely marked their locality; just as Gauls belonged to the country called Gallia, and Germans to the regions beyond the Rhine; it was not a distinction of *race*. Modern writers, indeed, who call the Britons 'Celts,' seem, by their use of this term, to separate them as a race from the 'Teutons'; and those who designate them as 'Cymri,' claim them as spe-