

in its connection with those wonderful traditions which still float all over the world regarding it, it forms, not one of the stumbling-blocks, but one of the evidences, of our faith ; and renders the exercise a not unprofitable one, when, according to the poet,

“ Back through the dusk  
Of ages Contemplation turns her view,  
To mark, as from its infancy, the world  
Peopled again from that mysterious shrine  
That rested on the top of Ararat.”