

observations of latitude ; and we may well suppose they would be as likely to avail themselves of the Chaldean astrolabe as they had been to adopt the weights and measures of the Chaldeans.

Such is the train of thought into which we are naturally led in considering this last of the astrolabes as a souvenir of the science of remote antiquity ; and, if in tracing the origin of the instrument, and the science that gave it birth back, by the dawning light of archaeological research, to the earliest historical ages and to the cloud-land of mythical tradition, the foregoing pages should seem, in parts, unduly tinged with borrowed pedantry, the writer trusts it may be considered incidental to the nature of the subject.

THE END.

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