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RELIGION IN EUROPE.

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PART I.

OUR ARYAN ANCESTORS.

In Central Asia's far extending plains,
There dwelt of old a race, whose mind remains
(On language floated down the stream of time)
In Europe's distant ocean-girded clime:
Where words from roots in their old language sprung,

Still flow between us glibly on the tongue;
And thoughts are found, embedded in a word,
As corpses are in pyramids interred,
Of men from whom, though long life's spark has fled,
Yet is their influence not entirely dead,
From age to age through generations sped.
Thus that old race through particles of speech,
The plastic minds of lisping infants reach.
Nor trance nor sleep had the transmitted thought,
Forth in each age some blossom it hath brought.