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geniality and beauty! In this sunset glow the Parthenon, the magnificent Propylæa, the Erechtheum, and the bewitching temple of Nike are gilded with supernatural light, as if the sun loved to heighten their beauty. And, when the moon rises and in the deep silence silvers the old rock and the temples upon it, you forget the things of to-day; and in the witchery of the moonlight Athene seems to come once more to claim her holy place, and you are a willing worshipper at her shrine.