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INTRODUCTION.

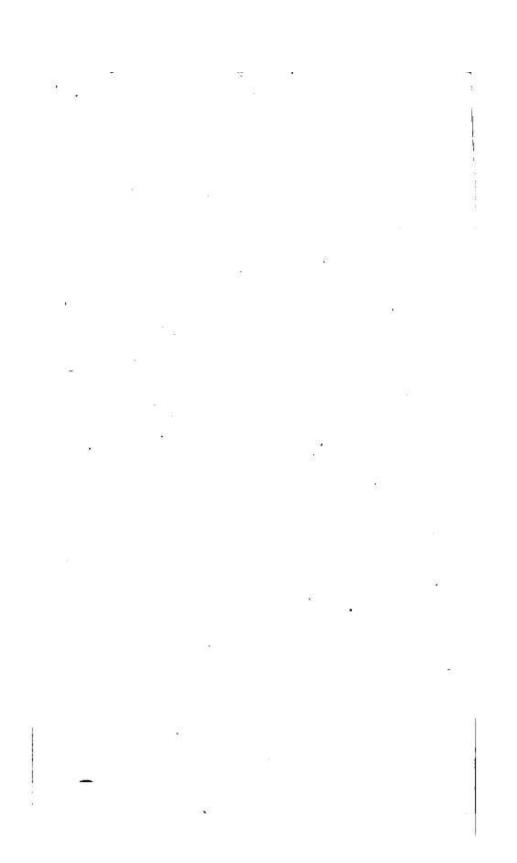
This poem is founded on the following part of the History of Saint Margaret. She was the daughter of a heathen priest, and beloved by Olybius, the Prefect of the East, who wished to marry her. The rest of the legend I have thought myself at liberty to discard, and to fill up the outline as my own imagination suggested. Gibbon has so well condensed all the information which remains to us from Strabo, Chrysostom, Sozomen, and the writings of Julian the Apostate, relative to Antioch, the Temple and sacred grove of Daphne, that the reader will be able to comprehend from his florid, and too glowing description, most of the allusions to these subjects contained in the poem. The passage occurs in his twentythird chapter.

NOTE.

Page 89, stammas 4 and 5, from a beautiful fragment of Mimnermus. Poet. Min. Graci. Edit. Gaisford. Vol. i. page 423.

'Μέλιος μέν γὰρ ἔλαχεν πονον ηματα παντα,
Ούδο ποτ' ἄμπαυσις γίνεται ὀυδεμία
ϊπποισιν τε καὶ ἀυτῷ, επιν 'ροδοδάκτυλος 'Ηώς
ώκεακὸν προλιπους' οὐρακὸν εἰς αναβή'
τὸν μεν γὰρ διὰ κῦμα φέρει πολυήρατος ευνή
μελη, Ηφαίστου χερούν εληλαμένη
χρυσύν τιμηέντος, ὑπόπτερος, ἄκρον ἐφ' δόωρ
ἐυδονθ' ἀρπαλέως, χώρου αφ' Ἐσπερίδων,
γαῖαν ἐς Αιθίσκων ἴνα δι θοὸν ἄρμα καὶ ἰπποι
εστάς', ὁφρ' Ηώς 'ηρυγένεια μόλη'
ἔνθ' ἐπέβη ἐπέρων ὀχέων 'Τπερίονος ὐίος——

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CHARACTERS.

OLYBIUS, Prefect of the East. VOPISCUS. MACER, Governor of the City. CALLIAS, Priest of Apollo.

FABIUS, Bishop of Antioch.

DIODOTUS,

CHABINUS,

CALANTHIAS,

CALANTHIAS,

Officers.
Citizens.
Christians.
A Shepherd.

MARGARITA, daughter of Callias. Maidens of Antioch.

SCENE-Antioch in the reign of the Emperor Probus.

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