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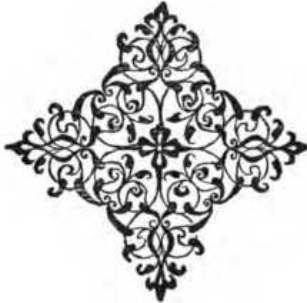
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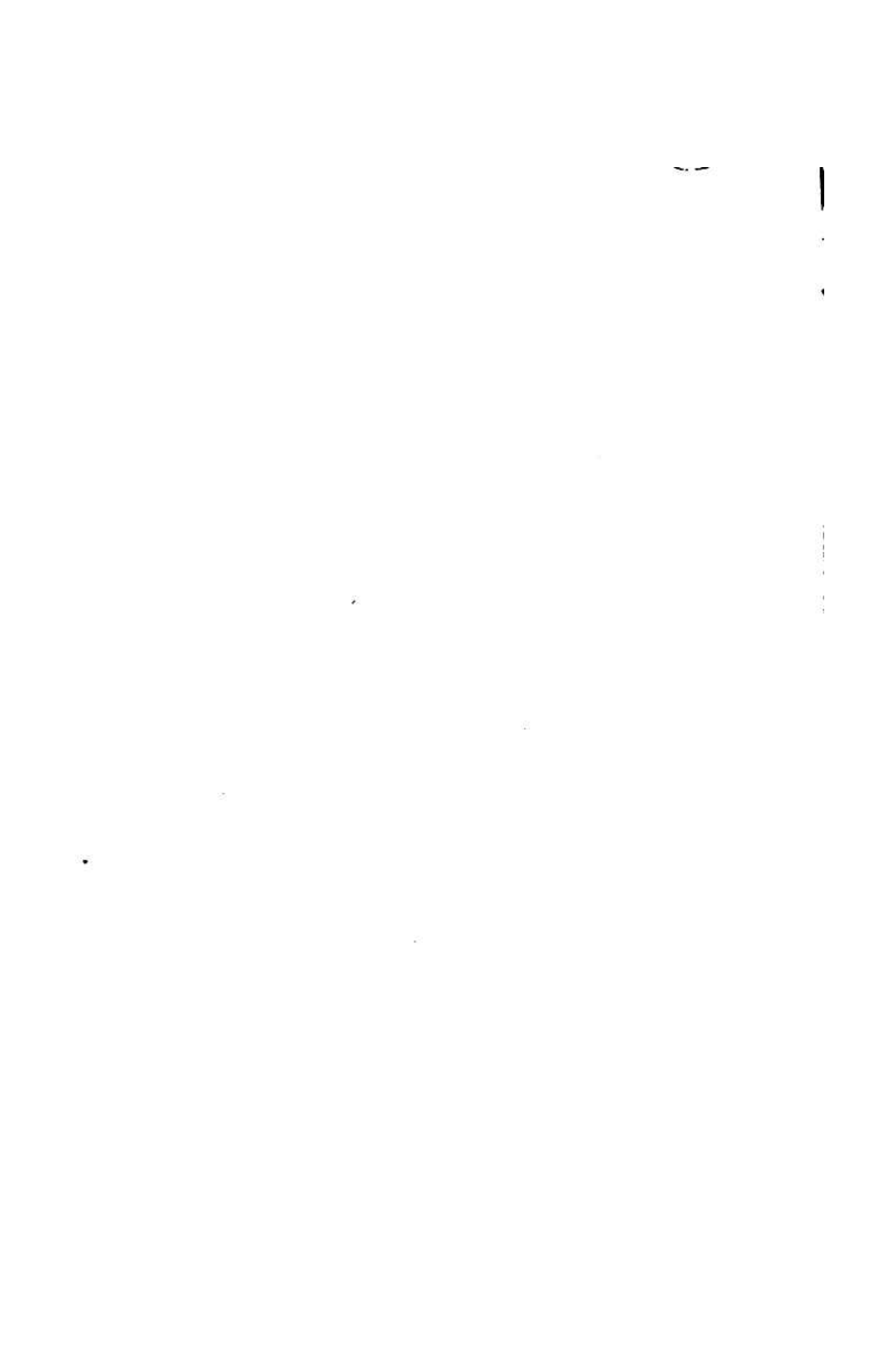
To the Right Honourable

Anthonie Browne, L. Vicompt Mont-ague, euerlasting glorie to his vertues.

FLie vale-bred Muse to heauen-high *Mont-ague*
Honoring thy playnesse with so quaint aspire :
It is a haggard Hawke that neuer knew
The Fawlkoners fist ; It is a drowfie fire
That yeelds nor flame nor fume ; It is an idle voyce
That nere was hard to tune nor found, nor note nor
Great *Mont-ague* ; thrife great in Vertues glorie (noife.
And therefore dylie great in my affections,
Whom not a Pick-thanke spirit of flatterie
But well aduised zeale to your perfectiones
Mooues to instile you so : Though likewise fo you be
In the sublimitie of your blood and Vicomptie.
Daigne in your grace the spirit of a man
Disastred for vertue ; if at leaft it be
Disaster to be winnowed out Fortunes Fan
Into the Fan of Grace and Sionrie
Wherin repurify'd to Gods eternall glorie
The Deuill rues in man old *Adams* injurie.
Though meane and merit-lesse the Muse may seeme
To your aduice ; as not from *Helicon*,
Yet well I hope the matter will redeeme
That frail default, as spirited from *Sion* :
If *Sions* holie name be gracious to your eare
Hold it in gree ; else for the zeale to you I beare,
At leaft your happie Names faire liueric let it wear.

Your Lordsh. humblie at commandement.

Anthonie Copley.





The Argument to the Reader.

AN Elizian out-cast of Fortune, ranging on his
Iade Melancholie through the Desert of his
affliction, in hope to find out some where either
ease or end of the same, hapneth first upon Ca-
toes ghost a spirit of Dispair & self-misdoom
which perswades him to kill himselfe: But, for
she ended her Oratory with a Sulphur vanish frō out his sight, he
misdoubted both her and her tale. Then posting onward through
the residue of the night; he next chanceth on the spirit of Re-
uenge: She perswades him blood and treacherie against all his
enemies, as th'onlie means to remount to pristin blesse in despight
of Fortune: But she likewise manifesting in the end the treason of
her tale by a sudden whip away from his eye at the sight of break
of day in the East, left him also conceited of her daunger.
Thirdly, rapt from off his Melancholie (which now began to
faint vnder him at the light of a new day of Grace) he was sud-
denlie mounted vpon the Steed of Good Desire, and by him
brought to Mount-Sion the Temple of Peace; where by Cate-
chrysius an Hermit (who greatlie woondred to see a distresed
Elizian in those partes vnder so happie daies of Eliza) he was by
him in the house of Deuotion catechized, and there also cele-
stially arm'd by an Angell, and within a while after in-denized
by the high Sacrificator a Champion of that Temple against the
insults of Fortune; whom I haue titled by the name of Dobleffa

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The Argument.

*in respect of the double danger both of her luring and lowring
inconstancie: She, whiles the Sionites were all in peacefull adora-
tion of Almighty God in the Temple, came with her Babel lo-
nian-rout to assault the place, but was estfoons by the valure of
those Templers shamefullie repulsed: Feast and thanks was
made to God therefore throughout all the Region; in which solemnitie
the Grace of God howering ouer the multitude in the Pro-
cession-time like a virgin attended vpon with all the Court of
heauen, show'd downe Roses amongst them, leaving them there
a scrambling for the same. The Elizian was one that scambled his
lap-full among the rest: and for he thought it was his soueraigne
Ladie Eliza, and those Roses hers, he was suddenly in toy therof
rapt home againe to Elizium.*

Faultes escaped in printing.

Pag 5. Lin 18 It shuts it selfe and is. read. Doe shutthemselues and are.

P. 8 l 3. to giue thy selfe read. to giue thy flesh.

P. 16. l. 10. aw-like read. aulike.

P 64. l. 1. Peacefullie aduance. read. pace-fully aduance.



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Efted in fable vale, exild from Ioy,
I rang'd to feeke out a propitious place
Where I might fit and defcant of annoy
And of faire Fortune, altered to difgrace,
At laft, euen in the confines of the night
I did difcerne aloofe a sparkling light.

Then fet I spurres vnto my Melancholie,
A Iade wheron I had ridden many a mile,
Which leffe then in the twinkling of an eye,
Brought me vnto that fatall lights beguile :
Where I might fee an agonizing beaft,
Bleeding his venym blood out at his brest.

His vpper fhape was faire-Angelicall,
The reft belowe, all whollie Serpentine,
Cole-blacke incroching vpon his peftorall,
And rudely inrowld in a Gorgon-twine,
His eyes like Goblins stared heer and there,
In fell difdayne of fuch diffigured geare.

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