

familiar ; and he promised to lend me a book which contained the genealogies of most of the Western families settled here during the middle ages. I parted from him with a promise that I would call on him, in his palace, in a day or two ; and a sense, derived from many of the things he told me, that my historical dreamings had not been dreamt in vain.

The practical reader will possibly call to mind my boast that I came to Cyprus with a reasonable and practical purpose, and will think that, if this were so, I was not very business-like in setting about it. I had, however, already made inquiries as to how the locality of my supposed marble was to be reached ; and in case I could wait for a day or two, Mr. Adam had promised to accompany me. The expedition had accordingly been fixed for the following morning. Our mode of conveyance was to be mules ; and when we came in that evening Scotty was waiting for us, with a lean, tanned muleteer, in order to settle about our saddles and the hour of starting.

