

it to them for 100,000 ducats, and they received back their money.

From the highest point of this castle one sees the whole island, and the sea which surrounds it, except just where Mt Olympus hides a small part of it. The view is very extensive, for in one glance, besides the various districts of the island, are seen also the mountains on the mainland of Caramania, and those of Syria, which I suppose must be the range of the Lebanon. The descent of the mountain is as toilsome as the ascent, as it is so steep that it requires an hour to come down. Below are the remains of various buildings. The Cypriots say that there was once a delightful garden here, called Paradise. In a little more than half an hour you reach the monastery.

To anyone who stays there, though it may be for several days, these kindly monks give a lodging, and provide themselves for his wants. Repayment is only sought for what they spent, the rest is left to the charity of their guest, who generally leaves an alms for the church.