



JEPHTHAH'S DAUGHTER.



WAS in the olden days of Israël,

When, from her people, rose up mighty
men

To judge and to defend her ; ere she knew,

Or clamoured for, her coming line of kings,

A father, rashly vowing, sacrificed

His daughter on the altar of the Lord ;—

'Twas in those ancient days, coeval deemed

With the song-famous and heroic ones,

When Agamemnon, taught divinely, doomed

His daughter to expire at Dian's shrine,—

So doomed, to free the chivalry of Greece,

In Aulis lingering for a favouring wind,

To waft them to the fated walls of Troy.