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TO A NAMESAKE OF
THE MAID'S 'SISTER OF PARADISE'
SAINT CATHARINE

*The Saint who warred and rued I sang
Thy woods among.
Among thy woods I heard the clang
Of Treason's gale, the trap that sprang,
When answerless to heaven uprang
The Maiden's wrong.*

*Tale of the crown of womanhood
I bring to thee,
Beside whose hearth, in lifted mood
Of commune on the Fair and Good,
I sat, and surelier understood
What women be.*

NOTE

THE tale of Joan here presented, though described as a Romance, claims to be true to history even in its detail. Those incidents of the play which have no place in the records have either been framed upon the model of actual incidents, or at any rate are in good accord with the known facts of the life. The part of the plot concerned with Raimond (of whom nothing is known beyond his name and office) will seem the least in keeping with those facts; yet hints can be adduced from the history enough to legitimatise the conception of his relations to the Maid, and of the abortive plans of rescue.

DRAMATIS PERSONÆ

CHARLES, *the Dauphin.*

GEORGES DE LA TREMOUILLE, *Councillor to the Dauphin.*

REGNAULT DE CHARTRES, *Chancellor, and Archbishop of Rheims.*

LE MACON, *a Councillor.*

DE GAUCOURT	}	<i>French Commanders.</i>
DUNOIS		
LA HIRE		
XAINTRAILLES		

FLAVY, *Governor of Compiègne.*

RAIMOND, *Squire to Joan.*

D'AULON, *Maitre d'Hotel to Joan.*

LOUIS DE CONTES, *Page to Joan.*

PASQUEREL, *Chaplain to Joan.*

CAUCHON, *Bishop of Beauvais (presiding judge in the trial of Joan).*

JEAN BEAUPERRÉ	}	<i>Assessors to Cauchon.</i>
DE FONTE		

GUY DE LAVAL, *a Nobleman.*

SIR JAMET, *a French Knight.*

FRIAR ROBERT, *a Preaching Friar.*

JACQUES (a Basque)	}	<i>Soldiers.</i>
A SCOTTISH BOWMAN		
A BRETON		
A GASÇON		

A MINSTREL.

ISAMBARD DE LA PIÈRRE, *a Dominican Monk.*

JOAN THE MAID.

MARGARET, *a Gentlewoman.*

MADAME BOUCHER, *Hostess to Joan at Orleans.*

Doctors, Notaries, French Lords, English Soldiers, etc.

ΕΓΓΙΣ ΕΜΟΥ, ΕΓΓΙΣ ΠΑΤΡΟΣ.

WHITE star of passion, fiery-pure,
Death-lifted where thy beam is thrown
O'er England's field as o'er thine own—
Thy strifes are done : thy loves endure.

For thou hast all forgot the pain,
Save when from thy large heaven is rolled
On foe that slew, and friend that sold,
Thy pardon like a sobbing rain.

Or if some ghost of battle won
Have touched thee, then on warring signs,
Of Lion and of Lily, shines
One love, descending as the sun.

High Sister mine of Paradise,
Blest singer were thy foeman's child
If love-gift of a song beguiled
A smile of those unscorning eyes.