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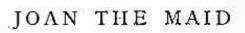
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To a Namesare of The Maid's 'Sister of Paradise' Saint Catharine

The Saint who warred and rued I sang
Thy woods among.

Among thy woods I heard the clang
Of Treason's gate, 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 bere 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 TREMOUTLLE, Councillor to the Daughin.

REGNAULT DE CHARTRES, Chancellor, and Archbishop of Rheims.

LE MACON, a Councillor.

DE GAUCOURT)

DUNOIS

LA HIRE

French Commanders.

XAINTRAILLES

FLAVY, Governor of Compidgne.

RAIMOND, Squire to Joan.

D'AULON, Maître d'Hotel to Joan.

Louis DE CONTES, Page to Joan.

PASQUEREL, Chaplain to Joan,

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

JEAN BRAUPERE Assessors to Cauckon.

DE FONTE

GUY DE LAVAL, a Nobleman.

SIR JAMET, a French Knight.

FRIAR ROBERT, a Preaching Friar.

JACQUES (a Basque)

A SCOTTISH BOWMAN Soldieri.

A BRETON

A GASCON

A MINSTREL.

ISAMBARD DE LA PIERRE, a Dominican Monk.

JOAN THE MAID.

MARGARET, a Gentlewoman.

MADAME BOUCHER, Hostess to Joan at Orleans.

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

ΕΓΓΥΣ ΕΜΟΥ, ΕΓΓΥΣ ΠΥΡΟΣ.

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.