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PREFACE

My search for a knowledge of the life and personality of Anne of Brittany required more than one trip to France and much delving in library and book-shop, until finally, piece by piece, came the answer to my question, "Who was the Duchess Anne?"

In this search authorities proved meager and were difficult to obtain. To secure from Brentano's, in Paris, the best life of Anne, "*Vie de la Reine Anne de Bretagne*," by Leroux de Lincy, published at Paris in 1860, it was necessary to wait a year and a half. Two works in English, "A Twice-Crowned Queen" by Countess de la Warr, and "Anne of Brittany" by Miss Costello, neither of which was published in America, are both out of print. French histories and the lives of Charles VIII and Louis XII make slight mention of her. A history of Brittany of size and importance, such as Lobbineau's, in French, could not be found. Yet she was ruler over a rich and powerful duchy in Europe and was "twice queen of France."

Is it a fulfillment of her own prophecy that since she was a Breton and a foreign queen, she would not long be remembered by the French people? The reason then for this volume is plain: to fill a gap in our book shelves on a neglected subject, and to share with others the pleasure and interest of knowing intimately the life story of one of the world's great women.

H. J. S.

Boston, January, 1917.

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