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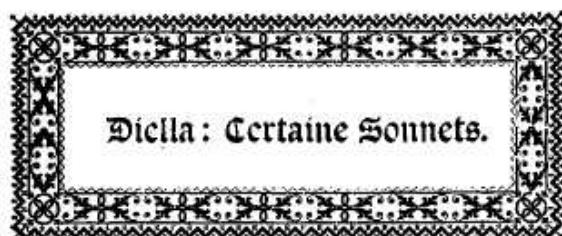
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## INTRODUCTION.



NO research has yet discovered the name of the Author of these Sonnets.—A poem entitled *Being in Love he complaineth* in the *PARADICE OF DAINTY DEVICES*—bears a similar signature ; and Barnefield in his “*POEMS IN DIVERS HUMORS*” 1598, addresses the first Sonnet “To his friend Maister R. L. in praise of Musique and Poetrie.” It would seem that Ritson had never seen the book, as he states the number of Sonnets at twenty-eight instead of thirty-eight. He appears to have derived his information from Warton’s *History of English Poetry*. This error remained uncorrected in the new Edition of that valuable work, probably from the same cause.

The Lady Ann Glemnham to whom the Printer dedicates the volume, was the eldest daughter of the celebrated Thos. Sackville, afterwards Earl of Dorset.

