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from her Aunt Anne

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TO
THE MEMORY
OF
MARY
MARTYR QUEEN OF SCOTS
THE FOLLOWING PAGES
ARE
Dedicated

A PURE WOMAN, A FAITHFUL WIFE, A SOVEREIGN
ENLIGHTENED BEYOND THE TUTORS
OF HER AGE

FOREWORD.

AN effort is made in the few following pages to condense the reading of many years, and the conclusion drawn from almost all that has been written in defence and in defence of Mary Stuart.

Long ago the world was at one as to the character of the Casket Letters. To these forgeries the writer thinks there must now be added that document discovered in the Charter Room of Dunrobin Castle by Dr. John Stuart.

In that most important and deeply interesting find, recently made in a loft above the princely stables of Belvoir Castle, in a letter from Randolph to Rutland, of 10th June, 1563, these words occur in writing about our Queen: "She is the fyneste she that ever was". This deliberately expressed opinion of Thomas Randolph will, I hope, be the opinion of my readers.