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TITLE.:- JOAN OF ARC.

Picture.:- In the ancient Market Place of Rouen, on the spot where Joan of Arc --

--was burned at the stake as a heretic, homage is paid to the glorious memory of the Martyr Maid.

Lady Haig, widow of our famous war-time general, --

--presents to the town a tablet in honour of her --

--who is now the Patron Saint of France. Five hundred--

--years after Joan of Arc met her violent death, Britain joins with France in paying homage to her memory. At the head of --

--the procession through the streets/^{is} Cardinal Bourne, Archbishop of Westminster, and --

--Papal Legate for the ceremonies of celebration. One of the --

--most striking features is the throwing of flowers, by girls, into the river where --

--the ashes of the heroine were cast after her execution.

The procession through the picturesque old streets of Rouen, is representative --

--of the entry of King Charles the --

--Seventh into the town, in 1449, --

--after the English had finally been driven out.This striking tribute is all --

--the more remarkable when you realize that it is in honour of--

--a young slip of a girl, now dead over 500 years ! ! ! Standards representing French military history ranging from the year of the birth of Joan of Arc to the present day made a colourful display in the great procession of homage.

The Martyr Maid herself is represented by Mademoiselle Giselle Brabant, a Normandy lass, dressed in armour, and escorted by soldiers. Joan of Arc --

--did much for her country...Her memory will never fade !