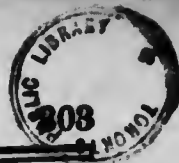


THE VICTORY OF WILL



Canon Alépée, one of the assessors of the inquisition, freely said to his friends, "God grant that my soul may be where the soul of that woman is."

Jean Tressort, secretary to the King of England, said openly before the officials, as they left the scene of martyrdom, "We are lost! We have burned a saint!"

Pierre Cauchon never received the reward he sought either from King or Pope. He became hated and shunned of all men. Pope Calixtus VII excommunicated him, though this infamous persecutor of La Pucelle was dead. The Pope ordered his bones to be burned and the ashes thrown into the river Seine. Legend, if not history, consigns every one who did not satisfy remorse with repentance to a degraded death.

Of all the countless horrors that beastly minds have inflicted upon the race of men, this alone, considering all it involved, most deserves to rank next to the Cross of Calvary as the most abominable malevolence in human history.

In the time of Louis XI, son of Charles VII, only two of the Commissioners who had been in the council of judges that condemned her, remained alive. These two were tried, condemned, excommunicated and executed for their infamous unreason and misuse of the Church against Joan of Arc. Verily the blood of the martyr had sanctified the cause for which she died and in her death there was greater victory for her and France