



# The Ritual Year WG Spring 2021 Seasonal Webinar

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**Breton Christmas and other holidays in  
Ekaterina Balobanova's traveler notes**

**Ekaterina Balobanova (1847 – 1927)** was the first Russian specialist in Celtic Studies. Her deep knowledge of Celtic literature and local traditions was due to her studies at the Sorbonne and Heidelberg University, and her travels in French Brittany in the 1860s. She is however, not considered to be an ethnologist, nor a linguist. Her writing about Breton oral literature and traditions was published as a traveler's notes or a retelling of local legends and appears to be a literary creation rather than a result of any research. Her book *The story of my travels and adventures* is of particular interest for modern researchers due to the description of various local celebrations, including St John's Day and Christmas.



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