

in the church, the people (as their used manner is) went out of the church to talke and iaugle: he perceauing that, went out likewise, and sat amongst them: wherat they maruey- ling to see him do so. My chyldren said he, where the flocke is, there ought the shepheard to be: wherefore either come you in, that I may also come in with you, or els if you tary out, I will likewise tary out together with you, &c.

As touching the actes and deedes of Gregory aboue mentioned, howe he withstood the ambitious pyrd of Iohn, Patriarche of Constantinople, which woude be the vny- uersall chief, and onely chiefe Bishop of all other: de- claring him to be no lesse then the forerunner of Antichrist, that woude take that name vppon him: howe and wyth what reasons he answered againe the letters of the Em- perour Mauritiuſ in that behalfe, sufficient relation is made thereof in the first entry and beginning of this booke. This Gregory among manye other things induced into the Church (the specialities whereof hereafter shall followe Christ willing more at large) first beganne and brought in thys title among the Romaine Bishops, to be called Seruus seruorum Dei: putting them in remembraunce ther- by both of their humbleries, and also of their ductie in the Church of Chyyst. Moreover as concerning his acte for the sole tyte of Byspess first begonne, and then broken a- gaine. Also concerning the order of Gregoryes Masse boke, to be receaued in all churches, hereof who so listeth to read more, shall fynde the same in other places hereafter, namelpe when wee come to the tyne of Pope Adrian the first.

After the death of Gregory, aboue mentioned, first came Sabinianus, who as he was amalicious detractor of Gregory & of his works, so he continued not long, scarce the space of two yeares. After whom succeeded next Bonifacius the 3. which albeit he reigned but one yeare, yet in y<sup>e</sup> one yeare he did more hurt then Gregory, with so great labours, and in so many yeres could do good before: for that which Gre- gorye kept out, he brought in, obtaining of Phocas the wick- ed Emperour for him and his successours after him, that the sea of Rome aboute al other churches should haue the preeminence: and that the Bishop of Rome should be the vniuersall head, though all Churches of Chyist in Chri- stedom: talldguyng for him this frivulous reason, that S- peter had and left to his successours in Rome the keyes of byndyng and loosing, &c. And thus began first Rome to take an head aboue all other Churches, by the meanes of Boniface the 3. who as he lacked no boldnes nor ambitio to seeke it, so neither lacked he an Emperour fit and meete to gyue such a gift. Thys Emperours name was Phocas a man of such wickednes and ambitio most like to his owne Bishop Boniface, that to aspyre to the Empire, he murder- ed his owne maister and Emperour Mauritiuſ, & his chil- dren. Thus Phocas coming vp to be Emperour, after this detestable villanie done: thinking to establish his Empire with friendship and fauour of his people, & especially with the byshop of Rome: quickly condescended to al hys peti- tions, & so granted him (as it is sayd) to be that he woude, the vniuersall and heade Bishop ouer all Chyisten Chur- ches. But as bloud commonly requireth bloud againe, so it came to passe on the said Phocas. For as he had cruellye slayne the Lozde and Emperour, Mauritiuſ, before, so he in lyke manner (of Heracliuſ the Emperour succeedinge hym) had his hands and feete cut of, & so was cast into the Sea. And this wicked Phocas which gaue the first supremacy to Rome, lost his owne. But Rome would not so soone loose his supremacy once giuen, as y<sup>e</sup> gyuer lost his life: for ever since fro that day it hath holden, defended, and maintained the same still, and yet doth to this present day, by al force & policy possible. And thus much concerning Boniface, wh<sup>o</sup>, by the words of Gregory, we may well call the runner be- fore Antichyyst. For as Gregory brought into their stile, Seruus seruorum Dei, so this Boniface brought into thei heades, first Volumus ac mandamus: Statuimus ac precipimus. That is, we will and commaunde, we enioyne and charg you, &c.

Mention was made a litle before of Ethelbert kyng of Kent, and also of Ethelfride kyng of Norththarone or North- thumberia. This Ethelbert hauing vnder his subiectione al the other Saxon kynges, vnto Dumber, after he had first receaued himselfe, and caused to be receaued of other, the Chyistian faith by the preaching of Aulfen, being obsierued afterwarde in the same faith, among other costly dedes, with the helpe of Sigebert kyng of Essex his nephew, then reig- ning vnder hym, began the foundation of Paulus Church within the Citie of London, & ordained it for the Bishops sea of London. For the Archbishops sea which before tyme had bene at London, was by Aulfen and this Ethelbert at the prayer of the Citizens of Dorobernia translated to the

saide Citie Malmesberieſ Lib. de pontific. Wherefore such an- thors as lay that Paulus was builded by Sigebert, lay not amiss: which Sigebert was y<sup>e</sup> kyng of Essex, a which pro- uince standeth the Citie of London. This Ethelbert also founded the Church of Saint Andrew in the Citie of Do- rubes in Kent, nowe called Rochester, of one Rot, distant from Dorobernia, 24. miles. Of this citie, Iustus was bishop ordained before by Aulfen. Moreover the fornamed Ethel- bert, styred vp a dweller or Citizen of London to make a Chappell or church of Saint Peter in the west end of Lo- don, then called Thorney, now the Towne of roesman- ster, which Church or Chappell was after by Edward the confessor enlarged or newe builded: lastly of Henry the 3. it was newlye agayne rectified and made as it is nowe a large Monasterie, &c. After these Chyistian and wothpe actes this Ethelbert when he had reigned the course of lvi. yeares changede thys moste allie about the yeare of our Lozde 616. whome some stories say to be slaine in a byghte betwecene him and Ethelfride kyng of Norththarons.

In the meane tyme the foresaid Ethelfride kyng of North- thumberland, after the cruel murder of the Monkes of Bangor, escaped not long vnpaid his bise, for after he had reigned. 24. yeares he was slaine in the fielde of Edwyne, who succeeded in Northumberland after hym.

This Edwyne being the sonne not of Ethelfride, (as Galfridus Monumetensis saith) but rather of Alla (as Giral- dus Gambrensis, seemeth to witnes more truely) was in a Idanum or idolater: afterward by Paulinus was Chyris- tianed and the first Chyristened kyng in Norththberland. The occasion of which his calling or conuersion, as is in sumy stories contained, was this.

Edwyne being yet a Pagan, maryed the daughter of Ethelbert kyng of Kent, called Edelburge a Chyristian woman, otherwile called Tace. But before this marriage, Edwyne beyng yet young, Ethelfride the kyng, conceyving enuy a- gainst him: perieuted him so sore, that he was forced to flee to Redwaldus kyng of Eastangies, as in the table of the kyngs is expresse. The which Redwaldus what for feare, what with bythes being corrupted of Ethelfride, at length prydly had inteded to haue betrayed Edwyne. But as gods will was, Edwyne hauing warning thereof by a secreete frynde of his, was moued to flee and to saue himselfe be- yng promised also of his friends to be safely conueyed a- waye, if he would thereto agree. To whome Edwyne said, whether shall I flee which haue so long scene the handes of myne enymies, through all prouinces of the Realme? And if I must nedes be slayne I had rather that he should vse it, then an other vnworthy person. Thus he remay- ning by himselfe alone & solitarie, sitting in a great study, there appeared vnto him suddenlye, a certaine straunger, to hym vnknowne, and saide, I knowe well the cause of thy thought and heaumes. What wouldest thou giue him that should deliuer thee out of this feare, & should recedile kyng Redwald to thee againe? I woulde gyue him (saide Edwyne) al that euer I coulde make. And he saide agayne: And what if he make thee a mightier kyng, then was anye of thy Progenitours? Dec answered againe as before. Moreover, (saith he) and what if hee therw thee a better kynd and way of life, then euer was shewed to any of thine auncesters before thee: wilt thou obey him & doe after his counsell? Yea (saide Edwyne) promising most firmlye, wyth al his hart so to do. The he laying his hand vpon his head when (saide he) this token hapneth vnto thee: then remem- ber this tyme of thy tribulation, & the promise which thou hast made, and the word which now I lay vnto thee. And wyth that he vanished out of his sight suddenlye. After this so done as Edwyne was sitting alone by him selfe pensive and sad: his foresaid friend, which moued him before to flee cometh to him, bidding him be of good chere, for the hart (saide he) of kyng Redwaldus which had before intended thy destruction, was nowe altered through the counsell of the Queene, and is fully bent to keepe his promise wyth you, whatsoeuer shall fall thereupon. To make the story short Redwaldus the King (although Fabian following Henry Huntyngton) saith it was Edwyne with al conuenient speed assembled an host: wherw<sup>it</sup> he suddenlye coming vpon Ethelfride, gaue battaile vnto him aboute the borders of Mercia, where Ethelfride kyng of Norththumberland, also with Reyner Redwaldus sonne was slaine in the fielde. By reason wherof Edwyne (his enymies now being destroyed) was quickly placed in the possesio of Norththumberland. All this while yet Edwyne remained in his old Paganisme, al- beit his Queene being (as is aboue declared) kyng Ethel- bertes daughter a Chyristen woman, with Paulinus the by- shop, ceased not to strive and perswad the kyng to chyristian faith. But he taking counsell with his nobles and coun- sellers vpon the matter, was hard to be wonne. Then the

The Arch- bishops sea translated from London to Dorobernia. Malmesberienſis. lib. de pontifi. H. Hun- tington. lib 3.

This Ed- ward was the third of that name before the Conquest.

The Mona- stery of Westminster.

An. 616. Blood reu- enged with bloud. Edwyne first Chri- stened kyng in North- thberland.

Giraldus Gambrenſis. The order and maner of the con- uersion of Edwyne, to the faith of Christ. The trouble of Ed- wyne.

The mar- cious calling of Edwyne.

Edwyne miraculou- ly deliue- red.

W. Malme- sburiensis. lib. de. Reg.

This Queene was Edel- burga, daughter to King Ethel- bert the Chyristned King of Kent.

The actes of Gregory the first.

Whereupon the Romaine Bishops vſe in their stile, Seruus ſeruoru Dei.

Sabinianus bishop of Rome.

Bonifacius 3. Byshop of Rome.

How Rome began first to take an head aboue other churches. Phocas traitor and murderer of hys Empe- rour.

Bloud reu- enged with bloud.

Volumus ac mandamus: Statuimus ac precipimus brought in by Bonifac the first.

Fabian. cap. 120.

Ethelbert and Sigebert build- ers of Paulus Church.