

taken away all her ornaments and priviledges from hym. Nowe there resteth nothing else, but that he be delivred ouer vnto the secular power. But before they did that, there yet remained another knacke of reproch. For they caused to be made a certaine crowne of paper, almost a cubite deepe, in the which were painted three devils of wonderfull ugly shap, and this title set ouer their heads, Heresiarcha. The which when he saw, he sayde: O Lord Iesus Christ for my sake dis weare a crowne of thome: why should not I then for his sake againe weare thys light crowne, be it neuer so ignominious: Truly I will do it, and that willingly. when it was set vpon his head, the Bishops saide: now we commit thy soule vnto the deuill. But I, sayde John Husse (lifting his eyes vp towarde the heauens) doo commit my spirite into thy handes: O Lord Iesu Christ, vnto thee I commend my spirit which thou hast redeemed. These contumelious opprobries thus ended, the Bishops turning themselves towards the Emperour, said: This most sacred Synode of Constance, leaueyth now John Husse, which hath no more any office, or to do in the Church of God, vnto the cruell iudgement and power. When the Emperour commaunded Lodouicus Duke of Bawaria, which stode before him in his robes, holding the golden apple with the crosse in his hande, that he should receiue John Husse of the Bishops, and deliuer him vnto them which should do the execution. By whome, as hee was led to the place of execution, before the Church doyes hee sawe his booke burning. Hereat hee smiled and laughed. And all men that he passed by, he exhorted, not to thinke that he should dye for any error or heretic, but only for the hatred and ill will of his aduerfaries, which had charged him wth most false and vniust crime. All the whole Citie in a manner being in armour, followed hym.

The place appointed for the execution, was before the gate Soricbian, betwene the gardens and the gates of the suburbs. When as John Husse was come thether, kneeling downe vpon his knees, and lifting his eyes vp vnto heauen, he prayed, and saide certaine psalmes, and specially the 50. and 31. psalmes. And they which stode

by, heard him oftentimes in his prayer, with a merrie and chearefull countenance repeat this vcrle: Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit, &c. which thing when the lay people beheld which stood next vnto him, they said: what he hath done afore, wee knowe not, but now wee see and heare that hee doth speake and pray very deuoutely and godly. Other some wished that he had a Confessor. There was a certaine priest by, sitting on horsebacke in a greene gowne drawne about with red silke, which said, he ought not to be heard, because he is an hereticke. Yet notwithstanding whilst he was in prison, he was both confessed, and also absolved by a certaine Doctour, a Monk, as Hus himselfe doth witness in a certaine Epistle which he wrote vnto his frendes out of prison. Thus Christ reigneth vnknoone vnto the world, euen in y midst of his enemies. In the meane tyme whilst hee prayed, as he bowed his necke backward to looke vnto heauen, the crowne of paper fell off from his head vpon the grounde. Then one of the souldiours taking it vp againe, said: let vs put it againe vpon his head, that he may bee burned with his masters the diuels whome he hath serued.

When as by the commandement of the tormentours, he was risen vp frō the place of his prayer, with a loud voice he saide: Lord Iesu Christ assist and help me, that with a constant and patient mind, by thy most gracious helpe, I may beare & suffer this cruel & ignominious death, wherunto I am condemned for the preaching of thy most holie Gospel and word. Then as before, he declared the cause of his death vnto the people. In y meane season the hangman stripped him of his garments, and turning his hands behinde his backe, tied him fast vnto the stake with ropes that were made wet. And where as by chance he was turned towards the East, certain cried out that he should not looke towards the East, for he was an hereticke: so he was turned towards the west. When was his necke tied with a chaine vnto the stake, the which chaine when he beheld, smiling he said, that he woude willingly receiue the same chaine for Iesu Christes sake, whom he knewe was bound with a farre worse chaine. Under his fetter they set two fagots, aduincing strawe withall, and so likewise frō the fetter

The prayers of I. Hus well liked of the people.

Ex epist. Ioan. Hus 31.

The paper with deuils fell from his head. At the prayer of Hus the paper with deuils fell downe.

John Hus fastened to the stake. John Hus turned towards the West.

The maruelous constancie and courage of the blessed martyr.

The paper with the inscription set vpon Husse head.

The protestation of Iohn Hus as he was ledde to the place of execution.

¶ The description of the burning of Iohn Hus, contrary to the safeconduict graunted vnto hym.



Pardon offered againe to I. Hus

vp to the chin, he was inclosed in rounde aboute with wood. But before the wood was set on fire, Lodouicus Duke of Bawaria, with another Gentleman with hym, whiche was the sonne of Clement, came and exhorted John Hus, that he would yet be myndfull of his safegard,

and renounce his errors. To whome he saide, what error should I renounce, when as I knowe my selfe guilty of none: For, as for those things which are falsely alledged agaynst mee, I knowe that I neuer did to much as once thinke them, much lesse preach them. For thys was