

Experience of false Idolatry.  
The Idoll set on a light fire.  
False surmises always ready.

wel for their purpose, for they founde the Idoll, which had as much power to keepe the doze shut, as to keepe it open. And for proof thereof, they tooke the Idoll from his lining, and carped him a quarter of a myle from the place where he stode, without any resistance of the sayd Idoll. where-uppon they brake fire with a flint stone, and sodenly set him on fire, who burned out so bym, that he lighted them homeward one good myle of the ten.  
This done, there went a great talke abroade, that they should haue great riches in that place, but it was very untrue, for it was not their thought of enterpryse, as they themselves afterward confessed, for there was nothing ta-

ken away but his coate, his shoes and tapers. The tapers did helpe to burne him, the shoes they had againe, and the coate one sic Thomas Krole did burn, but they had neither peny, halfe peny, golde, grote, nor iewel.  
Notwithstanding three of them were afterwarde indyted of felonie, and hanged in chaynes within halfe a yere after, or thereabout. Robert Kyng was hanged in Dedham at Burchet. Robert Debnam was hanged at Cat-tawaye Sauley: Nicholas Marthe was hanged at Douer court. which three perlas, though the spirite of Idoll at their death, dyd moze edifie y people in godly learning, then all the Sermons that had bene preached there a long

The right hand-ling of an Idoll.  
Robert Kyng, Robert Debnam, Nicholas Marth Martyrs.

¶ Robert King, Robert Debnam, and Nicholas Marthe hanged for taking downe the Roode of Douercourt.



ryme before.  
The fourth man of thys compagne named Robert Gardner, escaped their handes and fledde. Albeit he was cruelly sought for, to haue had the like death, but y luying Lord preserued him, to whom be al honour & gloyp world without ende.  
The same yere, and the yere before, there were manye Images cast downe and destroyed in manye places: as the Image of the Crucifixe in the bygh way by Log-shall, the Image of saint Petronil in the Church of great Borkelsteygh, the Image of saint Christopher by Sudburrye, and an other Image of saint Petronil in a Chappell by Epswoiche.  
Also John Seward of Dedham, ouerthrew a Crosse in Stoke Marke, and toke two Images out of a chappell in the same parke, and cast them into the water.  
¶ The storie, examination, death, and martyrdom of Iohn Fryth.

gites & ornaments of y mind in him most pregnant wher withall he might haue opened an easie way vnto honoꝝ & dignitie, notwithstanding he chose rather wholly to consecrate himselfe vnto the Church of Christ, excellently shewing forth & practising in himselfe the precept so highly commended of the Philosophers, touching the life of man, which life they say, is gener vnto vs in such sort, that how much better the man is, so much y lesse he should liue vnto himselfe, but vnto other, seruing for the common vtilitie, & that we should think a greate parte of our byrth to be due vnto our parentes, a greater part vnto our country, & the greates part of all to be bestowed vpon the Church: if we will be counted good men. First of all he bega hys study at Cambridge. In whos nature had planted being but a child maruelous instructions & loue vnto learning, wherunto he was addict. He had also a wonderfull promptnes of wit & a ready capacitie to receaue and vnderstand any thing, in so much that he seemed not to be sent vnto learning, but also doyne for the same purpose: neyther was there any diligence wanting in him, equall vnto that towardnes, or worthy of his disposition. wherby it came to passe that he was not onely a loue of learning, but also became an exquisite learned man. In the which exercise, wher he had diligently laboured certayn yeres, not without great profite both of Latine and Greke, at the last he fell into knowledge and acquayntaunce with William Tindall, through whose instructions, he first receaued into his hart the seede of the Gospell and sincere godlines.  
At that time Tho. wolley Cardinall of Yorke prepared to build a Colledge in Oxford, maruelous sumptuous which had the name & title of Frideswide, but now named Christs Church, not so much (as it is thought) for y loue & zeale that he bare vnto learning, as for an ambitious de-

John Fryth, first student in Cambridge.  
Commendation of Frythes learning.  
The Colledge in Oxford of Frideswide, now called Christs Colledge.

Robert Gardner escaped.  
Ex testimonio ipsius Gardiner, Images destroyed.

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John Erith Martyr.

Amongest al other chaunces lamentable, there hath ben none a great tyme whiche seemed vnto me moze greuous, then the lamentable death and cruel handling of John Fryth, so learned and excellent a young man, which had profited in al kind of learning and knowledge, that scarcely there was his equal amongest al his companions and besides withal had such a godlynes of life ioined with his doctrine, that it was hard to iudge, in whether of them he was moze commendable, being greatly prayle worthy in them both. But as touching his doctrine, by the grace of Christ, we will speake hereafter. Of the great godlynes which was in him, this may serue for experiment sufficient for that notwithstanding his other manifold and singular