

Deo iuvante, nil nocet liior malus :  
Et non iuvante, nil iuvat labor grauis.  
Post tenebras spero lucem.

¶ Certaine Epitaphes written in commendation of the worthy Lady Jane Gray.

De Iana Graia Ioan. Parkhursti Carmen.

Miraris Ianam Graio sermone valeat ?  
Quo primum nata est tempore, Graia fuit.  
In historiam Ianæ. I. F.  
Tu, quibus ista legas incertum est lector, oculis :  
Ipse equidem fecis scribere non potui.

De Iana, D. Laurentij Humfredi decastichon.

Iana iacet seuo non æquæ vulnere mortis,  
Nobilis ingenio, sanguine, martyrio.  
Ingenium latijs ornauit fœmina musis,  
Fœmina virgineo tota dicata choro.  
Sanguine clara fuit, regali stirpe creata,  
Ipsaque Reginz nobilitata choro.  
Bis Graia est, pulchre Graia nutrita cœlestis,  
Et pœtico Graium sanguine creta ducum.  
Bis Martyr, sacre fidei verissima tellus :  
Atque vacans regni crimine, Iana iacet.

Thus the xij. day of February (as I sayd) was beheaded the Lady Jane, and with her also the Lord Bishopp her husband, one of the Duke of Northumberland's sonnes, two innocents in comparison of them that fate vpon them. For they did but iustly and rightly accept that which the others had willingly deuiled, and by open proclamation consented to take from others and gave to them.

Touching the condemnation of this Lady Jane, hereets to be noted, that the Judge Morgan who gaue the sentence of condemnation against her, shortly after he had condemned her, fell madde, and in his raving cried out continually to haue the Lady Jane taken away from him, and to ended his life.

And not long after the death of the Lady Jane, vpon the xxj. of the same month, was Henry Duke of Suffolke her father also beheaded at the Tower Hill, the xij. day after his condemnation; about which time also were condemned for this conspiracie many Gentlemen and Yeomen, whereof some were executed at London, and some in the Countrey. Ju the number of whome was also Lodowick Thomas Gray, brother to the sayde Duke, being apprehended not long after in North Wales, and executed for the same. Sir Nicholas Throgmorton very harshly created, as ye shall heare (the Lord writing) in another place.

The xxviii. of the same month, the yeare of our Lorde 1554. Boner Bishop of London sent vnto a Commendation directed to all the Curates and Pastors of his Diocess, for the taking of the names of such as would not come the Lent following to auriculare confession, and to the receiving at Easter: the copie of which monition here followeth.

¶ A monition of Boner Bishop of London, sent downe to all and singular Curates of his Diocess, for the certifying of the names of such as would not come in Lent to Confession and receiving at Easter.

Edmund by the permission of God, Bishopp of London, to all Parsons, Vicars, Curates and Ministers of the Church, within the Citie and Diocess of London, sendeth grace, peace, and mercy, in our Lorde everlasting. For as much as by the order of the Ecclesiasticall lawes and constitutions of this Realme, and the lawfull usage & custome of the whole Catholike Church, by many hundred yeares agoe, duly and devoutly obserued and kept, all faithful people being of lawfull age and discretion, are bounde once in the yeare at least (except reasonable cause excuse them) to be confessed to their owne proper Curate, and to receaue the Sacrament of the altar, with due preparation and deuotion: and for as much also as we be credibly informed, that sundry euill disposed and vndercut persons, gotten to sensuall pleasures and carnall appetites, following the lusts of their body, and neglecting vntuly the health of their soules, do forsake to come to confession according to the sayd usage, and to receaue the Sacrament of the altar accordingly, getting thereby pernicious and euill example to the younger sort, to neglect and contemne the same: we minding the reformation hereof for our owne discharge, and desirous of good order to be kept, and good example to be given: do will and command you by vertue hereof, that immediately vpon the receipt of this our com-

mandement, ye and euery ech of you within your cure and charge, do vse all your diligence and dexterity to declare the same, faithfully charging and commanding all your parishioners, being of lawfull age and discretion, to come before Easter next comming, to confession, according to the sayd ordinance and vsage, and with due preparation and deuotion to receiue the sayd Sacrament of the altar, and that ye do note the names of all such as be not confessed vnto you, and do not receiue of you the sayd Sacrament, certifying vs or our Chauncellour or Commissary thereof before the sixth day of Aprill next ensuing the date hereof: so that we knowing thereby who did not come to confession, and receiuing the Sacrament accordingly, may procede against them, as being persons culpable, and transgressours of the sayd ecclesiasticall lawe and vsage: Further also certifying vs or our sayd Chauncellour or Commissary, before the day aforesayde, whether ye haue your altars set vp, chalice, booke, vestiments, and all things necessary for Masse, and the administration of sacraments and sacramentals, with procession and all other seruice feruently prepared and in readines, according to the order of the Catholike Church, and the vertuous and godly example of the Queenes Maiesties: and if ye lo haue not, yete then with the Churchwardens cause the same to be provided for, signifying by whose faulte and negligence the same want or faulte hath proceeded, and generally of the not comming of your parishioners to Church, vnto walking, talking, or vsing of themselves there vnto in the tyme of diuine seruice, and of all other open faults and misdemeanours, not omitting thus to doo, and certifie as before, as you will answer vpon your perill for the contrary. Geuen at London the 23. of February, in the yeare of our Lord 1554.

The next month following which was the month of March, and the 4. day of the sayd month, there was a letter sent from the Dutche to Boner Bishop of London, with certaine Articles also annexed, to be put in speedy execution, containing as here followeth.

¶ Articles sent from the Queene to the Bishop of London, by him and his officers at her commandement to be put in speedy execution, with her letter to the sayd Bishopp before prefixed.

Right reuerend father in God, right trusty and welbeloued we greet you well. And whereas heretofore in tyme of the late reigne of our most dearest brother King Edward 6. whose soule god pardon, dyuers notable crimes, excesses and faultes, with sundrye kindes of heresies, simony, adultery, & other enormities haue bene committed vnto this our Realme and other our dominions, the same continuing yett heretofore in like disorder since the beginning of our reigne, without any correction or reformation at all, & the people both of the laic and also of the clergy, & chiefly of the clergy haue bene gotten to much inholynesse & vngodly rule, greatly to the displeasure of almighty God, & very much to our regret & euill contentation, & to no little slander of other Christian realmes, and in a maner to the subuersion & cleane defacing of this our realme, and remembryng our duty to almighty god, to be to foretell (as much as in vs may be) y all vertue and godly lyming shoulde be vnto god, flourish & increase, and therewith also y all vice & vngodly behauiour shuld be banished and put away, or at y least wylde (so nigh as might be) so bridged and kept vnder that godlines and honestly might haue y ouer hand, vnderstanding by very credible report and publicke fame, to our no final beaues and discomfort, that within your diocess as well in our exempted as exempted places, the like disorder and euill behauiour hard bene done & used, like also to continue and increase vntill due monition be had and made to reforme y same, which earnestly in very dede we do mind & intend to the vttermost all y wayes we can possiblye, trusting of Gods furtherance and helpe in y behalf. For these causes, and other most iust considerations vs mouing, we send vnto you certayne articles of suche speciall matter, as among other things be most necessary now to be put in execution by you & your officers, extending to the end by vs belied, and the reformation aforesaid, wherein ye shall be charged with our speciall commandement, by these our letters to the intent you and your officers may y more earnestly and boldly proceede therunto without feare of any presumption to be noted at your part, or danger to be incurred of any such our lawes, as by our domages of that is in the said articles contained, might any wise geue you whatsoeuer be threatened in any such case. And therefore we straightly charge and command you, and your sayde officers to proceede to the execution of the said Articles, wthout all traice and delay, as ye will answer to the contrary. Geuen vnder our signet at our Palace of Westminster the 3. day of march the first yeare of our reigne.

Grata being her surname significant in Latin a Grecyan.

February 12. Lady Jane and L.G. forde Dudley beheaded.

A wonderful example vpon Morgan the Judge who gaue sentence against the Lady Jane.

February 21.

Henry D. of Suffolke beheaded. L. Thomas Gray apprehended at North Wales.

February 24.

A monition of Boner B. of London to all ministers of his Diocess.

Comming to confession.

Receiving the Sacrament of the altar.

A letter of Q. Mary to B. Boner. Causes declared. March 3.