

Anno. 1554. April.

that Antichrist, and from the assault of all his satellites. Gods indignation is knowne: he will trie and proue who be his. Amend your liues. Deny not Christ before men, least he deny you before his heauenly father. Feare not to lose your liues for him, for yee shall fynde them agayne. God hold his mercifull hand ouer thys Realme, and auert the plagues imminent, from the same. God saue the Queene, and send her knowledge in his truth. Amen, pray, pray, pray ye Christians, and comfort your selues with the Scriptures.

Written the 2. of March. an. 1554. by me Walter Mantell prisoner, whom both God and the world hath forgeuen his offences. Amen.

And thus much concerning the purgation of Maister Walter Mantell, who if he had consented vnto the Queene, what time she sent Doctour Bourne vnto him, to deny his sayth, it is not other wise to be thought, but he had had his pardon, and escaped with life.

Upon the Saturday being the iij. of March, sir Gawen Carew, and maister Hibbes were brought through London to the Tower with a company of holsmen.

In London the vij. day of March, euery houtholder was commaunded to appeare before the Alderman of their ward, and there were commaunded, that they, their wiues and seruaunts should prepare themselues to heare, and receiue the Sacrament at Easter, and that neither they, nor any of them should depart out of the Citie, vntill Easter was past.

Upon the Sunday following, being the xvij. daye of March, the Lady Elizabeth, of whom mention was made before, the Queenes Sister, was brought to the Tower.

Upon Easter euen, being the xxij. of March, the Loyde Marques of Northampton, the Lord Cobham, and Sir William Cobham were deliuered out of the Tower.

The xxv. day (being Easter day) in the morning, at S. Pancrase in Cheape, the Crucifixe with the Dixe were taken out of the Sepulchre, before the Dixe rose to the resurrection: so that when after his accustomed maner he put his hande into the Sepulchre, and sayde very deuoutly: Surrexit non esthice, he found his woords true, for he was not there in dede. Whereupon being halfe dismayed, they consulted amongst themselues whom they thought to be likeliest to do this thing. In which debatement they remembered one Warth, which a litle before had bene put from that personage, because he was married, to whose charge they layde it. But when they coulde not proue it, being brought before the Maior, they then burdened him to haue kept company with his wife, since that they were by commaundement diuorced. whereto he answered, that he thought the Queene had done him wrong to take from him both his liuing and his wife: which woords were then noted, and taken very greuously, and he and his wife were both committed to severall Counters, notwithstanding that he had bene very sicke.

The vij. of April, there was a Cat hanged vpon a gallows at the Crosse in Cheape, apparelled like a Priest, ready to say Masse, with a shauen crowne. Her two forefeete were tyed ouer her head, with a rounde paper lyke a wafer take put betwore them: whercon arose great euill will against the Citie of London. For the Queene and the Bishops were very angry withall: and therefore the same after none, there was a Proclamation, that who soeuer coulde bring forth the partie that did hang by the Cat, should haue xx. nobles, which reward was afterwards directed to xx. markes, but none could, or would earne it.

As touching the first occasion of setting vp this Gallows in Cheape side, here is to be vnderstand, that after the Sermon of the Bishop of Winchester (aboue mentioned) made before the Queene for the strait execution of Wyatts souldiours, immediately vpon the same the xij. of February, were let vp a great number of Gallows in diuers places of the Citie, namely two in Chepe side, one at A ladden hall, one at Bilynges gate, one at S. Magnus Church, one in Smithfield, one in Fleete streete, foure in Southwarke, one at Alligate, one at Bishops gate, one at Aldersgate, one at Newgate, one at Ludgate, one at Saint James parcke corner, one at Cripple gate: all which Bibbets & gallows to the number of xx. there remained for terror of other, till the xij. of February, till the iij. of June, & then at the coming in of King Philip were taken downe.

The xij. day of April, was Syr Thomas Wyatt beheaded and quartered at the Tower hill, where hee vttered these woordes, touching the Lady Elizabeth, and the Earle of Deuonshyre. Concerning (sayd he) what I haue sayd of other in my examination, to charge any other as partakers of my doings, I accuse neyther my Lady Elizabeths grace, nor my Lord of Deuonshyre. I can not accuse them, neyther am I able to say, that, to my know-

ledge, they knew any thing of my rising. And when Doctour Weston tolde him, that his confession was otherwise before the Counsell, he answered: that which I said then, I sayd: but that which I say now, is true.

Upon the Tuesday being the xvij. of April, Syr James Croft, and Maister Winter, were brought to the Build hall, with whom also the same time, and to the same place was brought sir Nicholas Throgmorton, and there arraigned of treason, for that he was suspected to be of the conspiracie with the Duke of Suffolke & the rest, agaynst the Queene, where he so learnedly and wisely behaned himselfe (as well in clearing his owne case, as also in opening such lawes of the Realme as were then alleged agaynst him) that the Quest which was charged with his matter, could not in conscience, but finde him not guilty: for which the said xx. persons of the Quest, being also substantiall members of the Citie, were bounde in the summe of 500. poundes a peece, to appeare before the Queenes Counsell at a day appointed, there to answer such things as should be laid against the for his acquiting. which Quest appeared accordingly before the Counsell in the Starre chamber vpon wednesday, being the xxv. of April, and S. Markes daye. From where, after certaine questioning, they were committed to prison, Emanuel Lucar, & maister wherstone were committed to the Tower, and the other ten to the Fleete.

As concerning the condemnation of Thomas Archbishop of Cant. of Doctour Ridley, and M. Larpmer, which was the xx. of this month of April, & also of their disputation, because we haue sayd enough before, it shall not neede now to bestow any further recheasall therof.

The Friday next following, after the condemnation of them, the xxvij. of April, Lord Thomas Gray, the late Duke of Suffolkes brother, was beheaded at Tower hill.

Upon the Saturday, being the xxvij. of April, Syr James Croft, and Maister Winter were agayne brought to the Build hall, where Sir James Croft was arraigned and condemned, and because the day was farre spent, Maister Winter was not arraigned.

Upon the Thursday, being the xvij. of May, William Thomas was arraigned at the Build Hall, and there the same day condemned, who the next day after, was hanged, beate, and quartered. His accusation was, for conspiring the Queenes death: which how true it was, I haue not to say. This is certaine, that he made a right godly ende, and wrote many fruitfull exhortations, Letters and Sonets in the prison before his death.

In the month of May it was so giuen out, and hyssted abroad, that a solenne disputation should be holden at Cambridge (as ye heard before in Maister Ribleys letter page. 139) betwene M. Bradford, M. Saunders, maister Rogers, and other of that side, and the Doctours of both the Vniuersities on the other side, like as had bene in Oxford before, as you haue heard. whereupon the godly Preachers which were in prison hauing word therof, albeit they were destitute of their booke, neither were ignorant of the purpose of the aduersaries, and how the cause was prejudicate before, also how the disputations were custodily handled at Oxford: neuertheless they thought not to refuse the offer of disputation, so that they might be quietly and indifferently heard, and therefore wisely pondering the matter with themselues, by a publicke consent, directed out of prison a declaration of their minde by writing, the vij. day of May, wherein first as touching the disputation, although they knew that they should do no good, whereas all things were so predetermined before, yet neuertheless, they would not deny to dispute, so that the disputation might be either before the Queene, or before the Counsaile, or before the Parliamēt houses, or else if they might dispute by writing: for else if the matter were brought to the Doctours handling in their owne scholes, they haue sufficient proofe (they say) by the experience of Oxford, what little good will be done at Cambridge: and so consequently declaring the faith and doctrine of their Religion, and exhorting the people withall to submit themselues with all patience and humilitie, either to the will, or punishment of the higher powers, they appealed in the end from them to be theyr Judges in this behalfe, and so ende their protestation, the copie and contents whereof I thought not unfit here to be inserted.

* A copie of a certayne declaration drawne and sent out of prison by Maister Bradford, Maister Saunders, and dyuers other godly Preachers, concerning theyr disputation, and doctrine of their Religion, as followeth.

Because we heare that it is determined of the magistrats and such as be in authoritie, especially of the Clergye, to send vs speedely out of the prisons of the kings Bench, the Fleete,

April. 17. Sir James Croft. M. Winter Sir Nicholas Throgmorton.

The Quest troubled for Sir Nicholas Throgmorton.

April. 25.

L. Thomas Gray beheaded. April. 27. April. 28.

W. Thomas condemned. May. 17.

A certayne disputation intended to be had at Cambridge.

The preachers in prison refuse not to dispute before indifferent Iudges.

A declaration of the godly preachers written and sent abroad out of prison.

March 3. Sir Gawen Carew and M. Gibbes, brought to the Tower. March 7.

March. 18. Lady Elizabeth brought to the Tower. March 24.

March. 25. The Pike risen out of the Sepulchre from all the watch me at S. Pancrase Church.

M. Marsh burthened with suspicion and with his marriage.

April. 8. A Cat hanged with a shauen crowne, vpon the gallows in Chepe side.

The number and occasion of gallows set vp in the City of London.

M. Wiatts words touching the Lady Elizabeth.