

The Martyrdome of Alexander Gouch, and Driuers wyfe.

¶ Anno 1558. }
November
Calcoyne agayn
taketh the mat-
ter in hand.
Thre Chur-
ches.

Church militant, and the church triumphant. So he would
faine haue made matter, but he could not tell which way.
Dry. Sir, is there mention made of so many Churches in
the scripture?
Gale. Yea.
Dry. I pray you where find you this word (Church) writ-
ten in the scripture?
Gale. It is written in the new Testament.
Dry. I pray you shew the place where it is written.
Gale. I cannot tell the place, but there it is. With that she
desired him to looke in his Testament. Then he fumbled &
sought about him for one: but at that tyme he had none &
that he knew well enough, though he seemed to search for
it. At the last she said: Haue ye none here fir?
Gale. No.

Gastoyne litle
acquainted with
the new Testa-
ments.

Dry. I thought so much in deede, that ye were litle ac-
quainted withall. Surely, you be a good Doctor. You say
you sit here to iudge accordyng to the law, and howe can
you geue iudgement, & haue not the booke of the law with
you? At which words Calcoyne was out of countenance,
and asked her if she had one.
Dry. No, sayd she.
Gale. Then sayd he, I am as good a doctor as you.
Dry. Well sir, I had one, but you tooke it from me (as you
would take me from Christ, if you could) and since would
ye not suffer me to haue any booke at all: so burnyng is
your charitie. But you may well knowe (I thanke God)
that I haue exercised the same: Els could I not haue an-
swered you (to Gods glory be it spoke) as I haue. Thus
she put them all to silence, that one looked on another, and
had not a word to speake.

The Papistes
put to silence by
a simple wo-
man.

Dry. Haue you no more to say? God be honoured. You bee
not able to resist the spirit of God in me a poore woman, I
was an honest poore mans daughter, neuer brought vp in
the vniuersitie as you haue bene, but I haue binen the
plough before my father many a tyme (I thanke God:)
yet notwithstanding in the defence of Gods truth, and in
the cause of my maister Christ, by his grace I will let my
fotte against the fote of any of you all, in the maintenance
and defence of the same, and if I had a thousand lynes, it
should go for payment thereof. So the Chancellour rose
vp, and red the sentence in Latine of condemnation, and
committed her to the secular power, & so went she to pri-
son agayne, as toyful as the bird of day, playfing and glo-
rifying the name of God.

Alice Driuer
brought vp at
her fathers
plough.

Spencer readeth
sentence agaynst
Alice Driuer.

¶ Alexander Gouche, Martyr.

At which tyme Alexander Gouch also was examined,
who was taken with her, as before is said, whose exami-
nation here after followeth.

This Alexander Gouch was examined chiefly of the
Sacrament & other ceremonies of the popish church. And
as for that his beliefe was, that Christ was ascended into
heauen, and there remaineth, & that the Sacrament was
the remembrance of his death and passion, and for refus-
ing the Masse, and the Pope to be supreme hed of Christs
Church, for these causes was he condemned, & died with
Alice Dryuer at Ipswich, the 4. of November which was
the Monday after All Saints, 1558. D. Wylls, Spencer
beyng Chancellour, they both endyng their lynes with ear-
nest zeale, nothing fearyng to speake their conscience whe
they were commaunded to the contrary.

The articles
whereupon
Gouch was con-
demned.
The Martyr-
dome of Gouch
and Alice Dry-
uer at Ipswich.
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These two godly personnes beyng come to the place
where the stake was set by 7. of the clocke in the morning,
notwithstanding they came the selfe same moynyng from
Wilton Castle, which is vi. myles from Ipswich, beyng
in their prayers, and singyng of psalmes both of them to-
gether, Sir Henry Dowell then beyng Shiriffe, was ve-
ry much offended with them, and complaynt the Bailiffes of
Ipswich to hidde them make an ende of their prayers,
they kneeling vpon a braume sagot, one of the Bailiffes,
whose name was Richard Smart, commaunded them to
make an ende, sayng: On, on, haue done, haue done:
make an ende, wayle them to the stake, yet they continued
in prayer.

Gouch & Alice
Dryuer brought
to the stake.

When sir Henry sent one of his men, whose name is
Rich. Kone, that they should make an end.

Then Gouch stood vp, and sayd vnto the Shiriffe: I
pray you M. Shiriffe let vs pray a litle while, for we haue
but a litle tyme to lync here.

Then said the Bailiffe: Come of, haue them to the fire.
Then the sayd Gouch and Alice Dryuer sayde: why
M. Shiriffe, and M. Bayliffe, wyl you not suffer vs to
pray?

Away, said sir Henry, to the stake with them.
Gouch answered: Take heed M. Shiriffe. If you for-
bid prayer, the vengeance of God hangeth ouer your heds.

The Martyrs not
suffered to pray.



Then they beyng tied to the stake, and the iron chaine be-
yng put about Alice Driuers necke: O (said she) here is
a godly neckerchiefe, blessed be God for it.

Then driuers came & toke them by the handes as they
were bound standing at the stake. The shiriffe cryed, laye
handes on them, lay handes on them. With that a great nu-
ber ran to the stake. The shiriffe sayng that, let them all
alone, so that there was not one taken.

There was one Bate a Barbour, a busie doct about
the, who hauing the a freese gotwne vpon hym, sold it im-
mediately: sayng, it stunk of heretikes, with other foule
wordes moe. After this, within thre or foure weekes,
Bods hand was vpon hym, and so he dyed very miser-
ably in Ipswich.

Bate a ray-
ling per-
secutor.
Example of
Gods iudg-
ment vpon
persecutors.

The Martyrdome of three which were burned
at Bury, for the true testimony of Iesus
Christ.

Although our history hasteth apace (the Lord be pray-
sed) to the happy death of Queene Mary, yet she died
not so soone, but some there were burned before, and moe
should haue bene burnt loone after them, if Gods promi-
se had not prevented her with death. In the number of
them which suffred the same month when Queene Mary
died, were thre that were burned at Bury, whose names
were these:

The Mar-
tyrdome of
3. good men
at Bury.

- Phillip Humfrey.
- John David.
- Henry David, his brother.

Concernyng the burnyng of these thre, here is to be
noted, that sir Clement Higham about a fortnight before
the Queen died, did sue out a writ for the bringyng of these
thre aforesayd godly and blessed Martyrs, notwithstanding
that the Queene was then knowen to be past reu-
die of her sicknesse.

Syr Clemēt
Higham
persecutor.

The trouble and Martyrdome of a godly poore
woman which suffred at Exeter.

Although in such an innumerable company of godly
Martyrs, which in sundry quarters of this Realme
were put to torment of fire in D. Maries tyme, it be hard
so exactly to recite enery particular person that suffred, but
that some escape vs eyther vnkownen, or omitted: yet I
can

The story of
a poore
woman
burned at
Exeter in
Queene
Maryes
tyme.