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Emperor to have intreated him to take part with him. Also he slewe the byshop of Develyn and brent and robbed all suche as would not obeye hym : But at the last he was apprehended and had as he deserved as after shall appeare.

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IN the beginnyng of this yere the Duke of Norffolke and the Byshop of Ely went to Caleys, and thether came the Admyral of Fraunce. And the xix. day of June was thre Monkes of the Charterhouse hanged, drawen, and quartred at Tyborne and their quarters set up about London for denyng the kyng to be supreme head of the Church. Their names were Exmewe, Myddlemore, and Nudigate. These men when they were arreigned at Westminster, behaved them selves very stify and stubbornly, for hearyng their inditement red how trayterously they had spoken against the kynges Majestie his croune and dignitie, they neyther blushed nor bashed at it, but very folishly and hipocritically knowleged their treason whiche maliciously they avouched, havynge no lernyng for their defence, but rather beyng asked dyvers questions, they used a malicious silence, thinkyng as by their examinacions after warde in the Tower of London it dyd appeare, for so they sayed, that they thought those men whiche was the Lorde Crumwell and other that there satte upon them in judgement to be heretiques and not of the Church of God, and therefore not worthy to be either answered or spoken unto. And therefore as they deserved, they received as you have heard before.

Jhon Fisher
bishop of
Rochester.

Also the xxii. day of the same moneth Jhon Fysher bishop of Rochester was beheaded, and his head set upon London bridge. This bishop was of very many menne lamented, for he was reported to be a man of great learnyng, and a man of very good life, but therin wonderfully deceived, for he maintained the Pope to be supreme head of the Church, and very maliciously refused the kynges title of supreme head. It was sayd that the Pope, for that he helde so manfully with him and stode so stify in his cause, did elect him a Cardinal, and sent the Cardinalles hat as farre as Caleys, but the head it should have stande on, was

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as high as London bridge or ever the hat could come to Bishop Fysher, and then it was to late, and therefore he neither ware it nor enjoyed his office. This man as I sayd was accoumpted learned, yea, and that very notably learned, and yet have you heard howe he was deceived with Elizabeth Barton that called herself the holy mayd of Kent, and no doubt so was he in the defence of that usurped authoritie, the more pitie: wonderful it is that a man beyng lerned should be so blind in the scriptures of God that proveth the supreme authoritie of princes so manyfestly. Also the vi. day of Julye was sir Thomas More beheaded for the like treason before rehersed, which as you have heard was for the denyng of the kynges Majesties supremitie. This manne was also coumpted learned, and as you have heard before he was lorde Chauncelor of England, and in that tyme a great persecutor of suche as detested the supremacy of the byshop of Rome, whiche he himselve so highly favored that he stooed to it till he was brought to the Skaffolde on the Tower hyll where on a blocke his head was striken from his shoulders and had no more harme. I cannot tell whether I shoulde call him a foolishhe wyseman, or a wise foolishman, for undoubtedly he beside his learnyng, had a great witte, but it was so myngled with tauntyng and mockyng, that it semed to them that best knew him, that he thought nothing to be wel spoken except he had ministred some mocke in the comunicacion, insomuche as at his commyng to the Tower, one of the officers demaunded his upper garment for his fee, meanyng his goun, and he answered, he should have it, and tooke him his cappe, sayyng it was the uppermoste garment that he had. Lykewise, even goyng to his death at the Tower gate, a poore woman called unto him and besought him to declare that he had certaine evidences of hers in the tyme that he was in office (which after he was apprehended she could not come by) and that he would intreate she might have them agayn, or els she was undone. He answered, good woman have pacience a litle while, for the kyng is good unto me that even within thys halfe houre he wyll discharge me of all busynesses, and helpe thee hymselfe. Also when he went up the stayer on the Skaffold, he desired one of the Shiriffes officers to geve him his hand to helpe him up, and sayed, when I come doune againe, let me shift for my selfe aswell as I can. Also the hangman kneled doune

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doune to him askynge him forgevenes of his death (as the maner is) to whom he sayed I forgeve thee, but I promise thee that thou shalt never have honestie of the strykyng of my head, my necke is so short. Also even when he should lay doune his head on the block, he havynge a great gray beard, striked out his beard and sayd to the hangman, I pray you let me lay my beard over the block least ye should cut it, thus wyth a mocke he ended hys lyfe.

This yere in the tyme that the kyng went his progresse, which was to Gloucester and so Westward, the kyng of Scottes was installed at Wynsore by the lorde Erskyn his Procurator. And in October folowyng Stephyn Gardiner bishop of Winchester was sent Ambassador into Fraunce where he remained thre yeres after.

In November was a solempne procession through the citie of London of all the priestes and religious in and about the citie for the recoveryng of the French kyng to his health. And the viii. day of January folowyng dyed the princes dowager at Kymbalton and was buried at Peterborough. Quene Anne ware yelowe for the mournyng.

Quene Anne
brought a
bed before
her tyme.
Wyllyam
Tyndall.

And in February folowyng was quene Anne brought a bedde of a childe before her tyme, which was borne dead.

This yere in the moneth of September Wyllyam Tyndale otherwyse called Hichyns was by the crueltie of the clergie of Louayn condempned and burned in a toun besyde Bruxelles in Brabande called Vylford. This man translated the New testament into Englishe and fyrst put it in Prynt, and likewise he translated the v. bookes of Moyses, Josua, Judicum, Ruth, the bookes of the Kynges and the bookes of Paralipomenon, Nehemias or the fyrst of Eldras, the Prophet Jonas, and nomore of the holy scripture. He made also divers treatises, which of many were well lyked and highly praysed, and of many utterly dispised and abhorred, and especially of the moste parte of the bishoppes of this realme, who often by their great labours caused Proclamacions to be made against his bookes, and gatte them condempned and brent, aswell the Newe testament as other woorkes of his doynge. Suche as best knewe him reported him to be a very sobre man, borne upon the borders of Wales, and brought up in the Universitie of Oxforde, and in lyfe and conversacion unreprouable: and

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THE LIVES OF THE KINGS

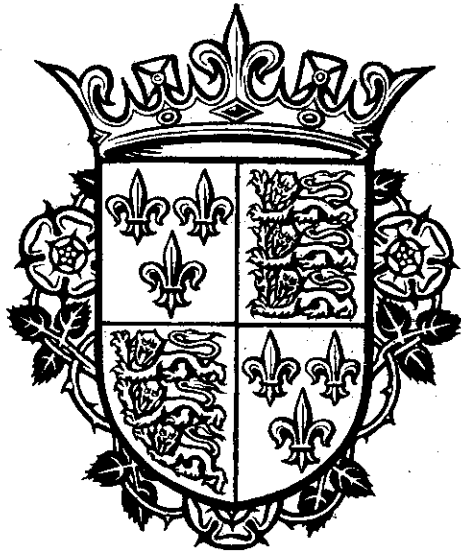
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