to save his lyfe and offered a great somme of money to
the boteman and him to save his lyfe, but no proferres
woulde be heard, nor mercy woulde they extende, but as
crull murderers without pitie slewe the other also and bound
theim face to face and so threw them into the Thames in the
foresayed place, where they were longe after before they were
found. But immediatly the harlot Wolfes wyfe went to
the straungers chambers and toke from thence so muche as
she coulde come by. And at the laste she and her husbande
as they deserved, were apprehended, arraigned and hanged
at the foresayed turnynge tree, where she hanged still and
was not cut doune, untill suche tyme as it was knownen
that beastly and filthy wretches had moste shamefully abused
her beyng dead.

THE XXVI. YERE.

THE ny nth day of July was the lord Dacres of the
North arraigned at Westminster of high treason,
where the duke of Norffolke sat as judge and high
Steward of England. The sayd lorde Dacres beyng brought
to the barre with the axe of the Tower before him: after
his inditement red, not only improved the sayd inditement
as false and maliciously devised against hym and answered
every part and matter therin contained, but also so manly,
wittily, and directly confuted his accusors whiche there were
ready to avouche their accusacions, that to their great shames,
and to his great honor, he was found that day by his peres
not giltie, which undoubtedly the commons excedyngly
joyed and rejoysed of, in so muche as there was in the hall
at those woordes, not giltie, the greatest shoute and crye of
joy that the like no man living may remembre that ever he
heard.
The xiii. day of July one Jhon Frith beyng very well
learned and had an excellent goodly witte, was brought out
of the Tower wher he had been long, and was there imprisoned
for makynge of a booke agaynst Purgatory: but
in the meane whyle that he was there, he was required by
one who heartely loved him and had a very good opinion in
him, to declare to him his faith and opinion in the Sacra-
ment of the body and bloud of Christ, and that he would
put the same in writing, whiche thyng he dyd. But after
it chaunced that the same persone which had this writinge
of Jhon Frith was acquainted with a Taylor in London called
Wylliam Holt, whiche outwardely professed muche honestye,
but inwardly was a verye spye and a verye betryer of as many
menne as he might bring in daunger. This Holt required
after he had seen it, to have this writing, and he had it, and
forth with he presented it to sir Thomas More then lorde
Chauncelor, and he immediatly made answere to the same
in writing, which also by the meanes of the sayd Holt, came
to the handes of Jhon Frith. Jhon Frith then perceiuyng that
the thing that he was so loth to write or meddle in (for it
was a matter that none could get him to talke of, savyng
suche that he as much trusted as hym selfe) was nowe so
farrespred abroade that it was answered unto, after he had
not a little rebuked the negligence and solye of his frende
whom he trusted, stooed to the defence of his first treatise,
and made a farther declaracion of his mynde upon the same
matter as appereth in a booke whiche beareth his name. For
the which opinion with other he was after divers and sondry
examinacions (aswell at Lambeth with the Bishop of Cauntor-
bury as also at Croydon, and likewyse with the bishoppe of
Wynchester) brought unto the Consistory in Paules Church
e in London before divers bishoppes, where after muche dis-
puyng, for that he would not yeilde nor submit himselfe to
them, they condemned him and delivered hym to the secular
power to be brent as an heretike.

At the same time was one Andrew Hewet a very simple
and utterly unlerned yong man a Taylor, which was also
betrayed by the foresayd Holt: This yonge man beyng
in lyke maner accused in the Consistory before the sayd
bishoppes for holding opinion agaynst the Sacrament. One
of the bishoppes asked him how he beleved in the Sacra-
ment? he answered, he beleved therin as Master Frith did:
why sayd they, dost thou not beleve that it is the very body
of Christ really fleshe and bloud even as he was borne of the
virgyn Mary? No sayed he, why so sayed the Byshop? becaus sayd he, that Christe byd me that I should not
beleve them that say here is Christ and there is Christe, for
false Cristes and false prophets shall arise to deceave you
sayth Christ. Then certayn of the byshoppes smyled, and
Doctor Stokesley then Byshop of London sayd: Frith is an
heretike
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