Emperor to have intreated him to take part with him. Also he slew the Bishop of Develyn and bented and robbed all such as would not obey him: But at the last he was apprehended and had as he deserved as after shall appear.

THE XXVII. YERE.

In the beginnyng of this yere the Duke of Norffolke and the Bishop 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 Churche. Their names were Exmewe, Myddlemore, and Nudigate. These men when they were arreigned at Westminster, behaved them selfes very stiffly and stubbornly, for hearyng their inditement red how trayterously they had spoken against the kynges Majestie his croone and dignitie, they neyther blushed nor bashed at it, but very falsily and hipocratically knowleged their treason whiche maliciously they avouched, havyng 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 Churche of God, and theryfore not worthy to be either aanswered or spoken unto. And theryfore as they deserved, they received as you have heard before.

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 stood so stily 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
as high as London bridge or ever the hat could come to Bishop Rysher, and then it was to late, and threfore he neither ware it nor enjoyed his office. This man as I sayd was accompted 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 manystingly. 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 counpted 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 supremitie of the byshop of Rome, whiche he himselfe so highly favored that he stoode to it till he was brought to the Skaffold 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 foolish wyseman, or a wise foolishman, for un-doubtedly he beside his learnynge, had a great witte, but it was so myngled with tauntynge and mockynge, 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 gounne, and he answered, he should have it, and tooke him his cappe, saiynge 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 little while, for the kyng is good unto me that even within thys halfe houre he will discharge me of all busynesses, and helpe thee hymselfe. Also when he went up the stayer on the Skaffold, he desired one of the Shirifes 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
doune to him askynge him forgyvenes of his death (as the 
maner is) to whom he sayed I forgyve 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 havyng 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 hyss 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 solempe 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.

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 clerige 
of Louayn condemnde and burned in a toune besyde 
Bruxelles in Brabande called Vylford. This man trans-
tlated the New testament into Englishfe and fyrst put it in 
Prynt, and likewise he translated the v. booke of Moyses, 
Josua, Judicum, Ruth, the booke 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 booke, and gatte 
them condemnde and brent, aswell the Newe testament 
as other woorkes of his doynges. Such 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 
Oxford, and in lyfe and conversacion unreprouvable: and
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