

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 Iune was thre Monkes of the Charterhouse hanged, drawn, and quartred at Tyborne and their quarters set vp about Lōdon for denyng the kyng to be supreme head of the Church. Their names were Exmewe, Myddlemore, and Nudigate. These men when they wer arreigned at Westminster, behaued thēm selves very stiffly & stubbornly, for hearyng their inditement red how trayterously they had spoken against the kynges Maiestie his crowne and dignitie, they neither blushed nor bashed at it, but very folishly & hipocritically knowleged their treason whiche maliciously they auouched, hauyng no lernyng for their defēce, but rather beyng asked dyuers questions, they vsed a malicious silence, thinkyng as by their examinacions afterward in the Tower of London it did appeare, for so they sayd, ȳ they thought those men which was ȳ lorde Crumwel & other that there satte vpon them in iudgement to be heretiques and not of the Church of God, and therefore not worthy to be either aunswered or spoken vnto. And therefore as they deserued, they receiued as you haue heard before.

Also the xxii. day of thesame moneth Ihon Fysher bishop of Rochester was beheaded, and his head set vpon 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 deceiued, for he maintained the Pope to be supreme head of ȳ Church, and very maliciously refused the kynges tyle of supreme head. It was sayd that the Pope, for that he helde so manfully with him and stode so stiffly in his cause, did elect him a Cardinal, and sent the Cardinalles hat as farre as Caleys, but the head it should haue stande on, was as high as Lōdon bridge or euer the hat could come to Bishop Fysher, & then it was to late and therefore he neither ware it nor enioyed his office. This man as I sayd was accoumpted learned, yea, and that very notably learned, and yet haue you heard howe he was deceiued with Elizabeth Barton that called herself the holy mayd of Kent, and no doubt so was he in the defence of that vsurped authoritie, the more pitie: wonderfull it is that a man beyng lerned should be so blind in the scriptures of God that proueth the supreme authoritic of princes so manifestly. Also the vi. day of Iulye was sir Thomas More beheaded for the like treason before rehersed, which as you haue heard was for the denyng of the kynges Maiesties supremitie. This manne was also coumpted learned, & as you haue heard before he was lorde Chauncelor of England, and in that tyme a great persecutor of suche as detested the supremacy of the bishop of Rome, whiche he himselfe so highly fauored that he stode to it till he was brought to the Skaffolde on the Tower hill where on a blocke his head was stricken from his shoulders and had no more harme. I cannot tell whether I should call him a foolishhe wyseman, or a wyse foolishman, for vndoubtedly he beside his learnyng, had a great witte, but it was so mingled with tauntyng and mockyng, that it semed to them that best knew him, that he thought nothing to be wel spoken except he had ministered some mocke in the communcacion insomuche as at is comyng to the Tower, one of the officers demaūded his vpper garment for his fee, meanyng his goune, and he answered, he should haue it, and tooke him his cappe, sayng it was the vppermoste garment that he had. Likewise, euen goyng to his death at the Tower gate, a poore woman called vnto him and besought him to declare that he had certain euidences of hers in the tyme that he was in office (which after he was apprehēded she could not come by) and that he would intreate she might haue them agayn, or els she was vndone. He answered, good woman haue pacience a litle while, for the kyng is so good vnto me that euen within this halfe houre he will discharge me of all busynesses, and helpe thee himselfe. Also when he went vp the stayer on the Skaffolde, he desired one of the Shiriffes officers to geue him his hand to helpe him vp, and sayd, when I come doune againe, let me shift for my selfe aswell as I can. Also the hāgman kneled

Ihon Fisher
bishop of
Rochester.

Sir Thomas
Moore be-
headed.