

The sacrament
of the altar.

was nought, & that he did it by ignorance, & did not over-see his letters. The M^r. Nicholas Wilson amongst other talke as touching the sacrament of the altar, declared unto him that the church did beleue the very body of Christ to be in the Sacrament of the altar. Baynham answered: The bread is not Iesus Christ, for Christs body is not chewed with teeth, therefore it is but bread. Being further demanded whether in the sacrament of the altar, is the very body of Christ God and man in flesh and blood: after diuers doubtfull answers, Baynham answered thus: He is there very God and man in foyme of bread.

This done, the Official declared unto him the depositions of the witnesses which were come in agaynst him, & obiected unto him, that a litle before Easter he had abjured all heresies, as well particularly as generally. Then the sayd vicar generall, after he had take deliberation & advise with the learned his assistants, did proceed to the reading of the definitive sentence agaynst him, & also published the same in writing: whereby amongst other things besides his abjurcation, he pronounced & condemned him as a relapsed hereticke, damnable fallen into hundred heresies, & so to be left unto the secular power, that is to say, to one of the Sheriffs being there present. After the pronouncing of which sentence, M^r. Nicolas Wilson counselled & admonished the said James, that he would conforne himself unto the church. To whome he answered, that he trusted that he is the very childe of God, which ye blinde Asses (sayd he) doe not perceive. And last of al, departing fro his iudgement, he spake these wordes: M^r. Wilson, no you my Lord Chawncellor, shall not proue by scripture, that there is any Purgatorie. When the sentence of condemnation was geuen agaynst him, the which here to repeat word for word, is not necessary, for so much as the tenour thereof is all one with that which passed before in the story of Bayfeld, alias Somersham. Here also should ensue the letter of the Bishop of London, directed unto the Mayor and Sheriffs of the same city, for the receiuing of him into their power, & that putting of him to death, the tenor wherof is also of like effect to that before written in the story of Bayfeld. After this sentence geuen, James Baynham was deliuered into the handes of Syr Richard Bretham Sheriffe, then being present, who caused him by his Officers to be carryed unto Newgate, & the said James Baynham was burned in Smith-fielde the last day of Aprill, in the yeare aforesayd, at thre a clocke at afternone.

This M^r. Baynham during his imprisonment was very cruelly handled. For almost the space of a fournight he lay in the bishops colehouse in the stocks, with yrons upon his legs. The he was carryed to the Lord Chawncellors, and there chayned to a post 2. nightes. The he was carryed to Fulham, where he was cruelly handled by the space of a seuen nightes. The he to the Tower, where he lay a fournight scourged with whips, to make him renoue his opinions. Fro thence he was carryed to Barking, the to Chelsey, and there condemned, and so to Newgate to be burned.

The burning of Iames Baynham.

The death and
Martyrdome of
M. Iames
Baynham.

Iames Bayn-
ham.

{ Anno. }
{ 1532. }



At whose burning here is notoriously to be obserued, that as he was at the stake in the midst of the flaming fyre which fyre had halfe consumed his armes & legs, he spake these wordes: O ye Papistes, behold, ye looke for miracles, and here now you may see a myracle; for in this fyre I feele no more paine, then if I were in a bed of Downe: but it is to me as sweet as a bed of roses. These wordes spake he in the middelt of the flaming fyre, when his legges and hys armes (as I sayd) were halfe consumed.

A myracle
and awon-
derous worke
of God to
beholde.

John Bent Martyr.

At the writing hereof, came to our hands a certeyn notice of one Iohn Bent, who about this present time or not long before, being a Tailor, & dwelled in a village called Creche-naunt, was burnt in the Towne of the Deuises

Ioh. Bent,
Martyr.



Ioh. Bent,
burnt at
Deuise.

within the country of wilkesshire, for the denying of the sacrament of the altar, as they terme it.

One Trapnell Martyr.

Also much about the same tyme, was one Trapnell burned in a Towne called Brodford, within the same County.

Trapnell
Martyr,
burnt at
Brodford.

* The History of three men hanged for the burning of the Rood of Douercourt, collected out of a letter of Robert Gardner, which was one of the doers of the same.

In the same yeare of our Lord 1532. there was an Idoll named the Rood of Douercourt, whereunto was much and great resort of people. For at that time there was great rumour blowne abroad amonges the ignorant sort, that the power of the Idoll of Douercourt was so great, that no man had power to shutte the Church doore where he stood, and therefore they lette the Church doore bothe nyght and daye continually stand open, for the more credite vnto theyr blinde rumour. which once beyng conceyued in the heades of the vulgar sort, seemed a great marvell vnto many men; but to many agayne, whom God had blessed with his spirite, was greatly suspected, especially vnto these, whose names here follow, as Robert King of Wedham, Robert Debnam of Esbergholt, Nicholas Marthe of Wedham, and Robert Gardner of Wedham, whose consciences were sore burdened to see the honor and power of the almighty living God so to be blasphemed by such an Idoll. wherefore they were moued by the spirit of God, to trauell out of Wedham in a woodadrous godlye night, both hard frost and sayre moone shine, although the night before, and the night after were exceeding sonle and rayny. It was from the to wone of Wedham, to the place where the filthy Rood stood 1. miles. Notwithstanding they were so willing in that theyr enterprise, that they went these 1. myles without payne, and found the Church doore open, according to the blinde talke of the ignorant people: for there durst no unfaithful body shut it. which happened well

Out of a
letter of
Robert
Gardner,
written to
Chapman
Londoner,
and yet a
line.
The Rood
of Douercourt.

Rob. king,
Rob. Debnam,
Nicholas
Marthe,
Martyrs.

The blinde
opinions of
the people.