

Anno 1555. July.

congregation hath forgiveness of sinnes thorough Christ, and shall enter without spotte before the face of God into his glory. For as Christ being their head, hath entered pure and cleane, so they entering by hym, shall be lyke hym in glory. And I am certaine and sure that all they which do dye, shall rise agayne and receive their bodies. In the which they see Christ come in his glory, to iudge the quicke and the dead. At whose coming all men shall appeare and geue a reckoning of their doings: he shall separate good from the bad, he shall say to the which are bys elect: come ye blessed of my father, inherite the kingdome prepared for you from the beginning: but to the other that have always resisted his will, he shall say: depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, which is prepared for the deuil and his angels.

Thus haue I briefly declared my sayth, which were no sayth at all if I were in doubt of it. This sayth therefore, I desire God to encrease in mee. Prayle God for his gyftes.

And thus haue you the Martyrdome with the confession of this blessed man and witness of the Lords truth, who for that, gaue his lyfe as is before declared.

Richard Hooke.

Likewise Richard Hooke about the same season, & for the same matter gaue his lyfe at Chichester.

The examinations, answers, and condemnation of William Coker, William Hopper, Henry Laurence, Rich. Colliar, Rich. Wright, William Stere, before the Bishop of Douer, and Harpsfield Archdeacon of Caunterbury.

Mention was made a little before in the story of M. Bland, and Rich. Sheterden, of certaine other Benedictine men, who being the same tyme with them called forth and examined by Hortonon Bisch. of Douer, M. Harpsfield, Rich. Faucet, and Rob. Collins: yet notwithstanding, because the condemnation and execution of the was differred a little longer, till the latter end of the moneth of Aug. coming thertoe now to the tyme of their suffering, we will briefly touch some part of their examinations and answers, as we find them in the Registers. The names of these were Wil. Coker, Wil. Hopper, Henry Laurence, Rich. Colliar, Rich. Wright, W. Stere. What the articles objected to M. Bland and them were, ye heard before. To the which Articles they answered for themselves severally in effect as followeth.

First Wil. Coker sayd, he would answer no otherwise then he had already answered: & being offered to haue longer respite of 6. dayes after, he refused to take it, and so vpon the same sentence of condemnation, was read against hym, the 11. of July.

W. Hopper first seemed to graunt to the sayth & determination of the Catholike church: after calling hymselfe better to mynd, constantly sticking to the truth, he was condemned the next weeke after, the 16. of July.

Henry Laurence examined the sayd 16. of July, & partly differred to the 2. of August, answered to the Articles objected against hym: first, denying auricular confession, and that he had not, nor would receive the Sacrament, because (sayth he) the order of the holy Scriptures is changed in the order of the Sacrament.

Moreover, the sayd Laurence was charged for not putting of his cap when the Suffragan made mention of the Sacrament & did reverence to the same, the sayd Laurence answering in these words: what, said he, ye shal not need to put of your cap: for it is not so holy that you need to put of your cap thereunto.

Further, being apposed concerning the veritie of the Sacrament geuen to Christs disciples, he affirmed, that euen as Christ gaue his very body to his disciples, and confessed it to be the same, so likewise Christ himselfe sayd, he was a doer, &c. adding moreover, that as he had sayde before, so he sayth still, that the Sacrament of the aultar is an Idole, and no remembrance of Christs passion, & contrary he knoweth not. At last being required to put to his hand in subscribing to his answers, he wrote these words vnder the bill of their examinations: Ye are all of Antichrist and hym ye fol. And here his hand was stayed to write any further: Where he would haue witten out (follow) &c. And so vpon the same sentence was read against hym the 2. of August.

Rich. Colliar of Ashford.

Richard Colliar about mentioned, hauing the 16. of August to appeare, examined of the Sacrament of the popish aultar, answered and sayd, that he did not beleue, that after the Consecration, there is the reall and substantiall body of Christ, but onely breade and wyne, and that it is most abhominable, most detestable, and most wicked to beleue otherwyse, &c. Vpon this the Sentence was read against hym, and he condemned the 16. of August. After bys condemnation he sang a Psalm. wherefore the Iudges and their officers rayled at hym, saying, he was out of hys wits.

Richard Colliar. The wordes of Richard Colliar. Onely in the substance he meant.

Richard Wright.

Richard Wright the same place and day, being the 16. of August, apperyng, and required of the Judge what he beleued of the reall presence in the Sacrament, answered agayne, that as touching the Sacrament of the aultar and the masse, he was ashamed to speake of it, nor to name it, and that he allowed it not as it was vsed in the church. Against whom the sentence also was read, the day & place aforesayd.

Richard Wright. Richard Wright ashamed to speake of the Sacrament of the aultar.

William Stere.

William Stere of the foresayd parish of Ashford, likewise detected and accused, was brought to appeare the sayd 16. day of August, where he in the sayd Chapterhouse of Caunterbury, being required to make answer to the positions sayd vnto hym by the Judge, made answer agayne, that he should command bys dogs and not him: and further declared, that Dicke of Douer had no authoritie to sit against hym in iudgement, and asked where his authoritie was, who then shewed him certaine Bills and writings from Rome, as he said, William Stere denying that to be of sufficient force, the sayd Dicke sayd also he had authoritie from the Queene. Then the Martyr alledging that the B. of Caunterbury (who then was in pryson) was bys Diocessan, vrged hym to shew bys authoritie from the Archbishop, or els he denied his authoritie to be sufficient. And as touching the Sacrament of the aultar, he found it not (he sayd) in the scripture, & therefore he would not answer thereunto.

William Stere Martyr. Dicke of Douer, so they termed then Richard Thornton B. of Douer.

And moreover, the Judge speaking of the Sacrament of the aultar, with reuerence thereof, and putting of his cappe, he sayd, that he needed not to reuerence that matter so highly. And thus saying to the Judge, that hee was a bloody man, &c. the sentence was pronounced against hym: after which sentence being read, he sayd, that the Sacrament of the aultar, was the most blasphemous Idoll that euer was, &c.

He meant D. Cranmer imprisoned at Oxford.

Sentence against William Stere.

The burnyng of sixe godly Martyrs in one fire.



The Martyrdome of 6. Martyrs, W. Coker, W. Hooper, Henry Laurence, Rich. Colliar, R. Wright, W. Stere, at Cant. Anno. 1555. August.

Richard Hooke Martyred at Chichester.

6. Martyrs in Kent. Thornton, Harpsfield, Richard Faucet, Robert Colzins perfectours.

William Coker condemned.

William Hooper condemned.

The wordes of Henry Laurence.

Ex Regist. Putting of his cap at the mention of the Sacrament.

Christ gaue his body, as he sayd he was a doer.

The subscription of Henry Laurence.