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## WRIOTHESLEY'S CHRONICLE.

ANNO EDWARDI SEXTI PRIMO.

The sixteenth daie of Nouember the Kinges Maiesties visitors<sup>a</sup> [A.D. 1547.]  
beganne that night to take downe the roode with all the images in Poules Church, which were cleue taken awaie, and by negligence of the laborers certaine persons were hurt and one slaiue in the falling downe of the great crosse in the roode loft, which the papish priestes said was the will of God for the pulling downe of the said idolls. Likewise all images in enerie parish church in London were pulled downe and broken by the commandment of the said visitors.

The xxvii<sup>th</sup> daie of November, being the first Soundaie of Advent, preched at Poules Crosse Doctor Barlowe, Bishopp of Saint Davides, where he shewed a picture of the resurrection of our Lord made with vices,<sup>b</sup> which putt out his legges of sepulchree and blessed with his hand, and turned his heade; and their stode afore the pilpitt the imag of our Ladie which they of Poules had lapped in seerecloth, which was hid in a corner of Poules Church, and found by the visitors in their visitation. And in his sermon he declared the great abhominacion of idolatrie in images, with other fayned ceremonies contrarie to scripture, to the extolling of Godes glorie, and to the great comfort of the awdiencie. After the sermon the boyes brooke the idolls in peaces.

<sup>a</sup> The kingdom was divided into six circuits, to each of which were appointed three or four visitors, in most cases partly clergymen, partly laymen. They began their visitation in August.—Burnet, ii. pp. 28, 31.

<sup>b</sup> Moveable joints.

A.D. 1547.

The sacrament of the  
aulter receaved under  
booth kindes.

The xxiii<sup>th</sup> daie of December the Parliament was proroged, in the which Parliament was granted to the Kinges Maiestie all chauntries, free chapelles, and brotherhoodes, and another act for receaving the sacrament of the aulter under booth kindes of breade and wyne.

[Anno Reg. 2.]

[A.D. 1548.]

Spiritual landes  
surveyed by the  
Kinges commission.

A proclamation for  
receuing the sacra-  
ment at Easter.

Memorandum: in the beginning of March the Kinge sent his Commissioners into euerie shire in England, to surveye all colleges, free chappells, and chauntries.

The said moneth of March the Kinges Maiestie sent his proclamation with a booke for the [order of] <sup>a</sup> receaving of the holie communion of the bodie and bloude of Christ under booth kindes of bread and wyne, which shal be ministred by the priest to all persons at Easter, and at all tymes after when the people will require the same.

The sermise song in  
English.

Memorandum: in Maye Poules quire with diuers other parishcs in London song all the service in English, both mattens, masse, and even-songe; and kept no masse, without some receaved the communion with the priest.

King Henrie the  
Seauenthis anniversary.

The xii<sup>th</sup> daie of Maie, 1548, King Henrie the seauenth anniversary was kept at Westminster, the masse song all in English, with the consecration of the sacrament also spoken in English, the priest leauing out all the canon after the creede sauc the "Pater noster," and then ministering the communion after the Kinges booke;<sup>b</sup> at which masse was a sermon made by Mr. Tong, the Kinges chaplaine.

Sermons for the  
sensings.

This yeare in the Whitson holidais my Lord Maior <sup>c</sup> caused three notable sermons to be made at Saint Marie Spittell, according as they are kept at Easter. The Moundaie preached

<sup>a</sup> Supplied from Stow.

<sup>b</sup> The Reformed Communion Service was printed in 1547 before the rest of the Liturgy had been drawn up by the Committee of selected bishops and divines. It was first published 8 March, 1547-8, and may be seen in its original form in Sparrow's Collection of Canons, &c., and Collier's Eccles. Hist., Appen. of Records, No. 59.

<sup>c</sup> Sir John Gresham.

Doctor Tonge, the Kinges chaplaine. Tweedaie Doctor Taylor, parson of Hadley, the Archbishopp of Canterberies chaplaine. Wednesdaie Mr. Cardmaker,<sup>a</sup> vicar of Saint Brides in Flecte Streete, and reader of Poules in the lecture. And the sensing in Poules cleene putt downe.

This month of Maie also the Kinges Maiestie sent letters under his priue signett to the Maior and Aldermen with diuers other head Comyners, to find men of armes with demilances and horses and light horsemen, some to finde sixe, some foure, some three, and some tow, after their sessing in the Kinges bookes, to the subsiede which should be readie the xii<sup>th</sup> daie of June next for the defence of this realme.

This yeare their was a great watch kept on Midsomer eaven<sup>b</sup> and Saint Peeters eaven,<sup>c</sup> by the Kinges counsells commandement, which had in it all the horsemen that should goe into Scotland<sup>d</sup> which were three hundred and more, and seaven hundreth gonners and Morris pikes all in one lyuerie with drummes and standerds, and thirtene hundreth armed men of the Lorde Maiors watch, the Kinges trumpeters blowing afore him booth nightes, and he had sixtene gentlemen of the mercers riding in veluett cotes and chaines of gold afore him, euerie man having three in a lyverie to wayte on them, which was at their owne charges, the sheriffes watch following after my Lord Maior; it was the goodliest sight.

On Saint Peters<sup>e</sup> daie in the afternonne the Bishopp of Wynchester<sup>f</sup> preached at Westminster in the Court<sup>g</sup> afore the Kinge, and the morrow after he was sent to the Towre of London.

<sup>a</sup> John Cardmaker, afterwards burnt in 1555.

<sup>b</sup> Midsummer or St. John's Eve, June 23.

<sup>c</sup> St. Peter's Eve, June 28.

<sup>d</sup> "Which watch was greatly beautified by the number of more than 300 demilances and light horsemen that were prepared by the citizens, to be sent into Scotland for the rescue of the town of Haddington." Stow, p. 595.

<sup>e</sup> June 29.

<sup>f</sup> As Stephen Gardiner was not in the Tower when the Parliament ended, he enjoyed the benefit of the general pardon then proclaimed.—Strype.

<sup>g</sup> In the palace of Whitehall.—Stow.