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All material in italics, bold type, and within square brackets has been supplied. Points in square brackets – [...] – indicate either that the script is illegible or that there is a hole in the document. There are two types of notes to the texts: the footnotes, indicated by a superscript letter (^a), are textual notes, indicating for instance marginal notes made by the scribe. The endnotes, indicated by a superscript number (³²), offer explanatory material.

ABBREVIATIONS

- A&M* (1563) John Foxe, *Actes & monuments of these latter & perillous dayes, touching matters of the church* (London, 1563; STC 11222).
- A&M* (1570) John Foxe, *The first (second) volume of the ecclesiasticall history contaynyng the Actes and Monumentes, newly recognised and enlarged*, 2 vols continuously paginated (London, 1570; STC 11223).
- A&M* (1843) John Foxe, *Acts and Monuments*, 8 vols, George Townsend (ed.) (London, 1843).
- Bishop Blythe's Visitations* Peter Heath (ed.), *Bishop Geoffrey Blythe's Visitations c. 1515–1525*, Collections for a History of Staffordshire, Staffordshire Record Society, 4th series, 7 (1973).
- Blyth's visitation book Lichfield, Lichfield Record Office, MS B/V/1/1, Bishop Geoffrey Blyth's visitation book, 1515–1525.
- BRUC* A.B. Emden, *Biographical Register of the University of Cambridge to 1500* (Cambridge, 1963).
- BRUO to 1500* A.B. Emden, *Biographical Register of the University of Oxford to 1500*, 3 vols (Oxford, 1957–1959).
- Coventry Leet Book* *Coventry Leet Book, 1420–1555*, 4 pts, M.D. Harris (ed.), Early English Text Society, Original Series, 134, 135, 138, 146 (1907–1913).
- DNB* *Dictionary of National Biography*, Leslie Stephen (ed.) (London, 1886).
- Fines, 'Heresy trials' John Fines, 'Heresy trials in the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, 1511–1512', *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, 44 (1963), pp. 160–174.
- Greatrex Joan Greatrex, *Biographical Register of the English Cathedral Priories of the Province of Canterbury, c. 1066–1540* (Oxford and New York, 1997).
- Hudson, *Premature Reformation* Anne Hudson, *The Premature Reformation: Wycliffite Texts and Lollard History* (Oxford, 1988).
- Kent Heresy Proceedings* Norman P. Tanner (ed.), *Kent Heresy Proceedings 1511–12*, Kent Records 26 (Maidstone, 1997).
- Latham R.E. Latham, *Revised Medieval Latin Word-List from British and Irish Sources* (London, 1965).

- LCB Lichfield, Lichfield Record Office, MS B/C/13, Court Book of Bishop Geoffrey Blyth of Coventry and Lichfield, 1511–1512.
- Le Neve, *Cov. & Lich.* John Le Neve, *Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae, 1300–1541*, 12 vols (London, 1962–1967), X, *Coventry and Lichfield Diocese*.
- Luxton, ‘Postscript’ Imogen Luxton, ‘The Lichfield Court Book: a postscript’, *Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research*, 44 (1971), pp. 120–125.
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- Norwich Trials* Norman P. Tanner (ed.), *Heresy Trials in the Diocese of Norwich, 1428–31*, Camden Society, 4th series, XX (Cambridge, 1977).
- OED *Oxford English Dictionary Online* <<http://dictionary.oed.com>> (Oxford, 1992–2001).
- PCC Prerogative Court of Canterbury.
- Phythian-Adams, *Desolation* Charles Phythian-Adams, *Desolation of a City: Coventry and the Urban Crisis of the Late Middle Ages* (Cambridge, 1979).
- PRO London, Public Record Office.
- REED Coventry* R.W. Ingram (ed.), *Records of Early English Drama: Coventry* (Toronto, 1981).
- Reg. Blyth Lichfield, Lichfield Record Office, MS. B/A/1/14i, Register of Bishop Geoffrey Blyth of Coventry and Lichfield (1503–1531).
- Reg. Hales Lichfield, Lichfield Record Office, MS. B/A/1/12, Register of Bishop John Hales of Coventry and Lichfield (1459–1490).
- STC A.W. Pollard and G.R. Redgrave (eds), *A Short Title Catalogue of Books printed in England, Scotland and Ireland and of English Books printed abroad 1475–1640*, revised W.A. Jackson, F.S. Ferguson and K.F. Panzer, 2 vols (London, 1976 and 1986).
- Thomson, *Later Lollards* John A.F. Thomson, *The Later Lollards, 1414–1520* (London, 1965).
- VCH Warw.* H. Arthur Doubleday and William Page (eds), *The Victoria History of the County of Warwick*, 8 vols (London, 1904–1969).