

GLYN, WILLIAM (1504 - 1558), bishop

Name: William Glyn
Date of birth: 1504
Date of death: 1558
Child: Gruffydd Glyn
Parent: John Glyn
Gender: Male
Occupation: bishop
Area of activity: Religion
Author: Glyn Roberts

Born in 1504, son of John Glyn of Heneglwys, Anglesey, Glyn was educated at Queens' College, Cambridge (B.A. 1527, M.A. 1530, B.D. 1538, D.D. 1554); he became Fellow of Queens', 1530; was one of original Fellows of Trinity, 1546; and was vice-master of Trinity, 1546-51. Like his friend and contemporary, Thomas Thirlby (see *D.N.B.*), he seems to have accepted the religious changes of Henry VIII's reign, although remaining at heart a Catholic; and he was elected lady Margaret Professor of Divinity, 1544. He disapproved of the extreme Protestantism of Edward VI's reign, and he was one of the disputants who defended Transubstantiation before the Royal Commission of June, 1549; he resigned his chair in the same month. He later conformed and was instituted rector of S. Martin's, Ludgate, 1550, and of Heneglwys, Anglesey, 1552. On the accession of Mary, he was instituted to the livings of Cilrhedyn and Lampeter Velfrey (S. Davids). He was elected president of Queens' College in December 1553 and was one of the Cambridge delegates sent to Oxford to dispute with Latimer and Ridley in April, 1554. In 1554 he was made vice-chancellor, and in 1555 went on a diplomatic mission to Rome with Thirlby and others. Appointed bishop of Bangor, 1555, he enforced Catholic doctrines at regular synods of his clergy. There is no evidence of persecution in his diocese, and his tolerance towards married clergy may have been due to the fact that his own father and grandfather were priests; he himself had a son (Gruffydd Glyn of Pwllheli, sheriff of Caernarvonshire, 1563-1564). Glyn died 21 May 1558. His elder half-brother, JOHN GLYN, was dean of Bangor, 1505?-1534 and his brother, GEOFFREY GLYN (died 1557), founded Friars School, Bangor.

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