

POWELL, EDWARD (1478? - 1540), Roman Catholic theologian

Name: Edward Powell Date of birth: 1478? Date of death: 1540 Gender: Male Occupation: Roman Catholic theologian Area of activity: Religion Author: Emyr Gwynne Jones

Born in Wales c. 1478 and educated at Oxford, where he graduated M.A., becoming a Fellow of Oriel College in 1495. In 1501 he was appointed rector of Bleadon in Somerset and later held livings at Salisbury, Carlton-cum-Thurlby, Lyme Regis, Bedminster, Bristol, and Sutton le Marsh. After Henry VIII's accession to the throne he preached a number of times at court. When Luther's doctrines spread to England they were fiercely opposed by Powell in a dissertation, *Propugnaculum summi Sacerdotii Evangelici*, published in 1523. He declared himself unequivocally opposed to Henry's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and to his marriage with Anne Boleyn. For this reason, and also because he was constantly preaching against the Protestant Movement, he lost favour at court, and when, in 1534, he refused to acknowledge the succession to the throne he was found guilty of high treason. He remained a prisoner in the Tower of London until July 1540 when he and five others were taken to Smithfield and executed.

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