

ministers to apply to their books, which otherwise would give themselves to hawking, hunting, cards, tipping at the ale-house, and other such like vanities." But Elizabeth, being under the impression that they were conducted by unlearned persons, ordered Grindal to stop them. The Archbishop, however, owing to his sympathy for the Puritans, refused, and was suspended from his office, and died in 1583 in disgrace. "Prophesyings" were afterwards forbidden by royal proclamation.

(d) Grindal was succeeded by **John Whitgift**, who was a man of very different temper to his predecessor, and determined, with the assistance of the High Commission Court, to support the Queen, in enforcing uniformity. His high-handed proceedings against the Puritans called forth the "*Martin Marprelate Tracts*," a series of anonymous pamphlets, issued from a secret press, and full of the most virulent and libellous language against the Bishops. **John Penry**, a fanatical Welshman, was suspected of having a share in writing these tracts, and perished on the scaffold "for libel and inciting to rebellion."

(e) But there were many men of bolder spirit, who went a step further, and broke away from the Church altogether. Their leader was **Robert Brown**, a clergyman, who maintained that it was the duty of all true Christians to separate themselves from the Church, and to form separate and "independent" congregations of their own, which should not be subject to any outside control whatever. His followers were on this account called "*Independents*," but they were also known by the name of "*Brownists*," from their founder, and "*Sectaries*" or "*Separatists*." Another off-shoot of the Puritan body was the "*Anabaptists*," so called, because they held that those baptized as infants ought to be baptized over again as adults. Several Anabaptists were burnt in this reign for their opinions. But in spite of the most rigorous persecution, the Puritans proved themselves to be some of Elizabeth's most staunch supporters. A certain Puritan, whose hand had been cut off by royal order, waved the mutilated limb over his head, and cried out, "*God save Queen Elizabeth!*"