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THE CHURCH VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE.

During the reign of Henry IV., King of England, in the year 1407, Master William Thorpe, a follower of Wycliffe, witnessed a good confession for Jesus Christ before Thomas Arundel, the persecuting Archbishop of Canterbury. Some histories tell that he was burned, and others that he died in prison, or was there made away with. He held a doctrine of the Church which Romanists deny, and which he thus states in his written "Examination."

"The Archbishop asked me, what was Holy Church? I said, Sir, I told you before what was Holy Church. But since ye ask me this demand, I call Christ and his saints Holy Church.

"And the Archbishop said unto me, I know well that Christ and his saints are Holy Church in heaven, but what is Holy Church in earth?

"I said, Sir, though Holy Church be every one in charity, yet it hath two parts. The first and principal part hath perfectly overcome all the wretchedness of this life, and reigneth joyfully in heaven with Christ. And the other part is here yet in earth, busily and continually fighting day and night against temptations of the fiend, forsaking and hating the prosperity of this world, despising and withstanding their fleshy lusts, which only are the pilgrims of Christ, wandering toward heaven by steadfast faith, and grounded hope, and by perfect charity. For these heavenly pilgrims may not, and will not be hindered of their good purpose, by the reason of any doctors discording from Holy Scripture, nor by the floods of