

to a high crime against justice and righteousness. Latimer's appearance is thus described: "He held his hat in his hand, having a kerchief on his head, and upon it a great cap, such as townsmen use, with two broad flaps to button under the chin wearing an old threadbare Bristol frieze gown, girded to his body with a penny leather girdle, at which his Testament hung by a string of leather, and his spectacles, without case, depending about his neck upon his breast."

The Papal ecclesiastics accused him of want of learning, on which he emphatically replied, "Lo, you look for learning at my hands, who have gone so long to the school of oblivion, making the bare walls my library, keeping me so long in prison without book, or pen and ink, and now you let me loose to come and answer to articles."

But remonstrance was futile. He had only to hear sentence pronounced, to be degraded from office with puerile and insulting ceremonies, and be led away to be burned. In the public square in front of Balliol College the stakes were planted and the faggots piled. From a wooden pulpit a sermon was preached to the assembled multitude, aspersing the name and fame of the reformers, but they were not suffered to reply. "Well," said Latimer, appealing to the great tribunal and the last assize, "there is nothing hid but shall be opened."

The jailer then took off his prison clothes to prepare him for the stake, when it was seen that he had put on a shroud as an undergarment. Although an infirm old man, yet, divinely strengthened for this ordeal by