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ABBREVIATIONS

A&M (1563) John Foxe, Acts & monuments of these latter & perilous dayes, touching matters of the church (London, 1563; STC 11222).


Blyth’s visitation book Lichfield, Lichfield Record Office, MS B/N/1/1; Bishop Geoffrey Blyth’s visitation book, 1515–1525.

BRUC A.B. Emden, Biographical Register of the University of Cambridge to 1500 (Cambridge, 1962).


ABBREVIATIONS

LCB  Lichfield, Lichfield Record Office, MS B/C/13, Court Book of Bishop Geoffrey Blyth of Coventry and Lichfield, 1511–1512.


PCC  Prerogative Court of Canterbury.

Phythian-Adams, Desolation  Charles Phythian-Adams, Desolation of a City: Coventry and the Urban Crisis of the Late Middle Ages (Cambridge, 1979).

PRO  London, Public Record Office.


Reg. Hales  Lichfield, Lichfield Record Office, MS. B/A/1/12, Register of Bishop John Hales of Coventry and Lichfield (1459–1490).

