BIRTHS OF THE CHILDREN OF SIR JOHN GRESHAM, LORD MAYOR OF LONDON IN 1547, BY HIS FIRST WIFE MARY, DAUGHTER AND CO-HEIR OF THOMAS IPSWELL.

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✠ Jħus.

Wyll[a]m Gresham [a] was borne uppon saynt Markę the evangelyst daye the xxv daye of Apryll, An[o] dñj xv[c]xxij. And M[r] Willm̃ Buttry & Mr. John Gostwyck & Willm̃ Hardyng, they were his godfathers, and my lady Allen, [b] his grandame, was his godmother. And God make hym a good old man. Amen.

Uppon the Fryday.

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Mary Gresham [c] was borne the xvij daye of Auguste, callyd octava sancte Laurencij, A[o] dñj xv[c]xxiij, and my lady Allen & mystris Kyng[d] & mystrys Lock, thes were here godmothers, and m[r] John Worsop was here godffather.

Uppon the mondaye.

And God make her a good old woman.

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Kateryn Gresham [e] was borne uppon the thorsdaye the day of May A[o] dñj xv[c]xxiiij, & my lady Allen & mystris Lock they were here godmothers, & Philip Meredyth was here godffather, and Jħu have m[ꝯ]cy on here sowle. Amen.

[a] Ancestor of the family of Gresham, of Titsey, co. Surrey, Baronets.

[b] Sir John Allen, mercer, (son of Richard Allen of Thackstead, Essex,) was Lord Mayor in 1526 and 1536.

[c] Wife of Sir Thomas Rowe, Lord Mayor in 1568-9.

[d] Her aunt Margaret (Gresham) wife of Henry King of London, girdler.

[e] Katharine died young.

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James Gresham was borne the xviij day of Julij A° domini xv^{c}xxvj. and syr Thom^{s} Gresham,[f] & Hary Kyng, and Anthony Harding, thes were his godffathers, & my lady Allen was his godmother, and God make hym a good old man. Amen.

Uppon the wedensdaye.

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John Gresham[g] was borne the xiiij day off Marche, A° dñ. xv^{c}xxviij. And s̄ John Allen, & m^{r} Anthony Vyvold, and John Bakon, thes were hys godffathers, and my lady Baldry[h] was hys godmother. And God make hym a good old man. Amen.

Uppon the thursday.

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Edmond Gresham[i] was borne uppon saynt Clare day the vyrgen, the xij day of August, A° dñj xv^{c}xxx. John Malby, John Donstall, & Thom^{s} Ippeswell, thes were hys godffathers, & M^{r}. Willm̄ Gresham's wyff[k] was his godmother. And God make hym a good old man.

The Fridaye.

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Anthony Gresham was borne uppon saynt Julyan day the xxvij day of Janyuer, anno dñj 1531, m^{r}. Rychard Gresham, m^{r}. Anthony Vyuald, s^{r} James Page, were hys godfathers, and mystris Dalle his godmother. And God make hym a good old man. Amen.

The Saturday.

[f] This "Sir Thomas," an uncle to the infant, and also the same relation to the famous Sir Thomas the founder of the Royal Exchange, was not a knight, but a clerk in holy orders.

[g] See epitaph at Fulham in vol. I. p. 61.

[h] The wife of Sir Thomas Baldry, mercer, (son of Richard Baldry, of Stowmarket, Suffolk,) lord mayor of London 1523.

[i] Afterwards of Thorpe Market in Norfolk, and father of Sir Richard. See pedigree of Gresham in Burgon's Life and Times of Sir Thomas Gresham.

[k] Ellen, daughter of Richard Bodley and widow of ——— Copeland; wife of the child's uncle William Gresham, of London, mercer.

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Ellyn Gresham[l] was born on saynt Franc̨e day, the xxiiij day of May, A° dñj 1533, m^r. Wyllm̃ Gresham['s] wyff and M^rs Worsope & mistris Frances Gresham were godmothers, and Mathew Dale was her godffather, and God make her a good old woman. Amen

The Saterday.

Vrsule Gresham[m] was borne a-pon saynt Vrsulys daye the xxj daye off Octob^r, A°. 1534, m^r Wyllm̃ Gresham his godfather, and m^r Ric. Gresham['s] wyf^n and old mistris Hille and Christian Gresham were godmothers, and God make her a good old woman, and blyssyd saynt Vrsula.

The wedynsday.

Cyceley Gresham[o] was borne a-pon seynte Evlalys daye, whiche was the xij day of Feuerell, A° 1535, m^r Roger Barker her godfather, and mystris Marshe and mystris Hardyng were godmothers, and God make her a good old woman. Amen.

A-pon a sondaye.

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Elsabethe Gresham[p] was borne uppon seynte Frediswides day the xix day of November, Ano dñj 1537, and hir godfather was m^r Walter Marshe mercer, and m^r Humffrey Pakyngton's wife and m^r Rowland Hill's wiffe and m^rs were hir godmothers, and God and seinte Elsabethe make hir a good old woman. Amen.

Apon the Frydaye.

[l] Married to William Uvedale of Hampshire.

[m] Married to Thomas Leveson, of Kent, esq.

[n] Sir Richard Gresham, sheriff 1531, lord mayor 1537, the father of the great Sir Thomas Gresham by his first wife. He was not knighted until after 1534, as shown by this document. Mr. Burgon has contradictory statements on that point. His second wife here mentioned was Isabel, daughter of —— Worpfall and widow of —— Taverson.

[o] Married to German Cioll, a Spanish merchant, who resided at Crosby Place in Bishopsgate-street, and was buried at St. Michael Bassishaw. See particulars of him in Burgon's Gresham, vol. i. p. 419, ii. 455.

[p] Married to James Elliott.