

College, or Guild, at Thetford, in Norfolk.

SPEED and Weever, says Tanner, mention a College here of a Master and Fellows, dedicated to St. Mary, and valued at 109*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*;^a but at no more than 5*l.* 9*s.* 7*d.* *per annum*, as Dugdale:^b but it was more properly a Free Chapel, wherein was a Guild, consisting of members of both sexes, who maintained a Master and two Priests to celebrate divine offices. It was situated in the Bayly-end, and was first founded, *temp. Edw. I.*, by Sir Gilbert de Pykenham, senior. By subsequent benefactions, the annual revenues amounted, 25th Hen. V., to about 40*l.*; but being under the management of its lay members, the mayor and principal inhabitants, they were misapplied and alienated. It was resigned, A. D. 1547, into King Edward's hands, and the next year the demesnes belonging to it were granted to the Duke of Norfolk, and on his forfeiture to Sir Richard Fulmerstone,

who sold the Site to Nicholas Wood, and, 7 *Jac. I.*, it was granted to Francis Morice and Francis Philips, gent.

Martin is minute upon the benefactions to this College in his History of Thetford, p. 203—213, subsequent to which he gives a curious detail from "the original MS. penes J. Worth," of an attempt of the Mayor and burgesses in Henry the Eighth's time to purchase a charter for their fresh incorporation by the sale of the College plate.^c

The Collegiate Chapel and Buildings of this House were pulled down at the Dissolution. The present owner of the Site is George Beauchamp Proctor, Esq.

Taylor, Index Monast. p. 50, describes the SEAL of this College. Oval, 2½ inches long; the area representing the Annunciation. Inscr. SIGILLVM . FRATERNITATIS . GILDE . BEATE . MARIE . IN . THETFORD.

College of Thomeston, or Tompson, in Norfolk.

IN the 23d Edw. III., says Tanner, Sir Thomas de Shardelow, Knt., and his brother John established and endowed a perpetual Chantry or College of a Master and five Chaplains^d in the Parish Church of this place, to the honour of the blessed Virgin and All Saints.^e It had yearly revenues valued, 26th Hen. VIII., at 52*l.* 15*s.* 7½*d.*, and was granted, 32d Hen. VIII., to Sir Edmund Knyvet.^f

Blomfield gives the Names of the MASTERS of this COLLEGE: JOHN GRENE, 1353. STEPHEN FELTHAM, 1356. JOHN GRENE, rechosen, 1368. ALEX. DE HORSTED, 1378. THOMAS BUSHELL, 14th Sept. 1419. JOHN MAYS-TER, 6th Jan. 1425. ROB. SWETENHAM. ROGER PHILPOT, 17th March, 1432. WILLIAM BETTYS, 18th March, 1439.

PETER LOCK, 27th Oct. 1474. JOHN WHITTERT, 22d Sept. 1487. AMBROSE EDE, 28th Aug. 1490. JOHN WYATT, July 16th, 1503. RICH. ALDY, *alias* HOKE, 21st May, 1518. ROBERT DIKAR, 19th March, 1519. ROGER RAWLINS, 12th July, 1524. ROBERT AUDLEY, who resigned his College with its revenues to the King, occurs 1534.

For the endowment and rules of this College, see Blomfield, vol. i. p. 627. The ARMS were those of Shardelow the founder.^g The SEAL of this House is engraved in Blomfield, vol. i. p. 630. The present owner is John Basely Tooke, Esq.

College of Barnacke, in Northamptonshire.

TANNER calls this "A College, the possessions whereof lying and being in Bernack, Southorpe, Walcote, Baddington, and Pillesgate, were granted, 6th Edw. VI., to

David Vincent." He says, "*Vide* the Patents for that year" and adds, "This is all the authority I have for this College, unless Pat. 1 Edw. III. p. 2, n. 16 vel 17. belongs to it."

College of Luttwick, in Northamptonshire.

TANNER'S is the only notice we have to give of this College. He says, "In the Parish Church of St. Peter here was a College of Secular Priests, or rather a Chantry, dedicated to the blessed Virgin, which owed its foundation to some of the ancestors of . . . Stafford, Earl of Wiltshire,

in or before the reign of King Edward the Second. It was granted, 38th Hen. VIIIth, to Sir Edward Montague, Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas." He adds, "*Vide* Pat. 11 Edw. II. p. 1, m. 25."

College of All Saints, in Northampton.

THIS College was founded in the 38th of Henry the Sixth,^h and consisted of two Fellows only. In the 26th Hen. VIIIth, it was valued at 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per annum* in the

whole, and at 1*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.* clear. The Site was granted in the 2d of Edw. VIth, to William Ward and Richard Venables.ⁱ

College at Towcester, in Northamptonshire.

THIS College, or rather Chantry, was founded in the time of King Henry the Sixth, by William Sponne, D.D., Archdeacon of Norfolk, and Rector of Towcester.^k John

Chedworth, Bishop of Lincoln, confirmed the foundation in 1457. It was for two Chaplains, and was valued at the Dissolution at the sum of 19*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* *per annum*. This

^a Weever saith, 109*l.* 7*s.*; Speed, 109*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*

^b If we may suppose that the Valuation of this College in the MS. used by Mr. Speed and Mr. Weever, was written 109*s.* 7*d.*, the difference may easily be accounted for; though I have seen in the Bishop's Registry at Norwich another Valuation of it at 17*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*, viz. the Master's portion, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, and the two Chaplains, 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* each. Tann.

^c See also Blomf. Hist. Norf. vol. i. p. 425.

^d Thus in the foundation, and so many appeared in the Bishop of Norwich's Visitation of this College, A. D. 1514. But Leland, Collect. tom. i. p. 61, says here were but a Master and two brethren. Tann.

^e So in the recital of the foundation, Lib. Instit. Norvic. iv. 24;

but lib. vi. p. 237. expressly called "Collegium S. Martini de Towcester." Tann.

^f Blomfield, vol. i. p. 626, says that in 1369, April 28th, Jan widow of Sir John de Shardelow, one of the founders of this House, took upon her the vow of chastity, and became a religious votary in this College, where she died. He gives the Form of Admission, and the Copy of her Vow, which was made in French.

^g *Argent*, a chevron *Gules*, between three cross-crosslets *fitché Azure*. Carved upon the old stalls upon which the Master and Fellows used to sit.

^h Pat. 38 Hen. VI. p. 2, m. 1.

ⁱ Compare Brydges's Northampt. vol. i. p. 458.

^k Pat. 27 Hen. VI. p. 1, m. 27 vel 28.