

Bethlemite Friars.

CAMBRIDGE.

TANNER says, "Another sort of Mendicant Friars, called Bethleemites, fixed themselves, A. D. 1257, in a House in Trumpington Street," in Cambridge. His authority for this assertion is in the following passage of Matthew Paris, *sub anno*. "Concessa est mansio fratribus Bethleemitis in

Cantabrigia, scilicet in vico qui ducit versus Trumpintonam, quorum habitus similis est habitui Prædicatorum. Signatur autem capa eorum in pectore quadam stella rubra quinque radiis crinita, in cujus medio quædam rotunditas est aërei coloris, propter stellam quæ apparuit in Bethlehem nato Domino."^a

Fratres de Pica, or Pied Friars.

NORWICH.

BLOMFIELD, in his Account of the Church of St. Peter per Mountergate at Norwich, gives the following Account of this House, which stood at the north-east corner of the Churchyard. He says, it was "first given to the Fratres de Pica, or Pied Friars, so called from their outward garment, which was black and white like a magpie; and after they had quitted it, which was when they were obliged to join one of the four principal Orders, it came to the Hospital of Bek in Billingsford in Norfolk, the Master of which made it his City House, and entertained such Chantry or Soul Priests, or Secular Chaplains as served in this Church, or any where else, where they paid for their com-

mons, and lived together in a collegiate manner, each having his stall here; which, by the number, appear to have been twenty-four complete, and no more; but it having no endowment, and being solely dependent on the will of the Master, whose House it was, there is no mention of it in the public evidences of the See, though they lived together in that manner to the Dissolution. It seems they were dedicated to the Holy Trinity, the emblem of which is on the Master's stall, and a Shield of Spencer's Arms in a Bordure adorned with Crowns."^b

Tanner says, there is no mention of these Friars in any public Record: and Taylor, in his *Index Monasticus*, gives no new information concerning them.

Friars de Areno.

WESTMINSTER.

THE Friars of the Order of St. Mary de Areno, says Tanner, had (near Durham House probably) a habitation by the gift of Sir William de Arnaud, or Amand, kn^t, 51

Hen. III., where they continued after the suppression of the lesser Mendicant Orders, in A. D. 1307, till the death of Hugh de Ebor, the last friar of this kind here, 10 Edw. II.^c

Fratres de Domina, or Friars of the Order of Our Lady.

CAMBRIDGE.

TANNER says, "In the parish of All Saints, near the Castle at Cambridge, was the House 'Fratrum S. Mariæ,' who were fixed here in the time of Hugh de Balsham, bishop of Ely, and before 3 Edw. I." He adds, "*Vide Collect. amicissimi Tho. Bakeri ex libro Bernwellensi. Inquis. 3 Edw. I. inter Collect. Roberti Hare. MS. Cole, vol. lx. p. 159.*"

NORWICH.

THE Friars de Domina of Norwich, says Tanner, were settled here before 1290. Blomfield says, Roger de Tybham gave a legacy to them in that year. Their House stood on the south side of the Churchyard of St. Julian, the east end abutting on the street. "They continued here," Blomfield adds, "till Edward the Third's time, and then dying in the great Pestilence, their House became afterwards a private property, and as such hath continued ever since."^d

^a Mat. Par. Hist. Angl. edit. 1684, p. 815.

^b Blomf. Hist. Norf. vol. ii. pp. 556, 557.

^c Tanner, Notit. Monast. *Midd.* xii. 6. His References are to Pat. 54 Hen. III. n. 30. and Claus. 11 Edw. II. m. 19. de manso quondam Prioris et Fratrum Ordinis S. Mariæ de Areno, apud Westmonast. relinquendo tanquam Escaet. pro eo quod fratres prædicti ces-

Taylor says, The Site of this House now belongs to sundry persons.^e

THERE was another Friary in Norwich, apparently of the same Order as the last, called the House of

FRIARS of ST. MARY.

This House was situated in the churchyard of St. Martin in the Bailey, where its inhabitants dwelt till they were obliged to join one of the four principal Orders, and then they were united to the White Friars or Carmelites. Blomfield says, "There is a deed in the guild-hall made in 1253, by which Nicholas the blacksmith of Berstrete, and Cecily his wife, sold a stall in the market for xxiv^s., to the Prior and Brethren of the Fraternity of the blessed Mary and St. Nicholas, and All the Saints, then inhabiting in the Church of St. Martin in the Baile, in Norwich."^f

sarunt; et de quodam redditu inde solvendo episcopo Dunelm. et Priorissæ de Kilborn.

^d Hist. Norf. vol. ii. p. 547.

^e Index Monast. p. 45.

^f Hist. Norf. vol. ii. p. 573.