

WITERING.

TANNER speaks of a Priory here, as early as A. D. 1308. He says, "*Vide Pat. 2 Edw. I. m. 1. dorso, North-*

ampton. Gilbertus de Leuknore et Joannes de Metingham, constituti ad assisam novæ disseisinæ capiendam, quam Prior de Wytering arraiavit versus magistrum Henricum Samson de tenemento in Wytering."^a

Northumberland.

FORDUN, in his *Scotichronicon*, tells us that David King of Scotland (who died A. D. 1153) is said to have founded in or near South Berwick a Benedictine Nunnery.^b

GWYSNES, or GYSNES.

TANNER says, "In the Lincoln Taxation (meaning that of 1291) amongst the temporalities, there is 'Priorissa de Gwysnes, in archidiaconatu Northumbriæ lxx^l. iv^d.' and cart. 35 Edw. I. n. 35, 'Rex confirmat Abbati et Conventui de Alnwico communiam in tota mora et pastura de Ede-lingham, ad omnia averia sua, tam de Domo de Alwyk et grangiis suis, quam de Domo de Gynes.' But more of this House I cannot learn."

There can be no question, however, that this was a foreign House holding lands in England. Among the Writs issued 1 Edw. III. relating to lands of Alien Pories which the King had taken into his hands, we find one endorsed "Abbatissa de Gynes in Artois."

VEGNALECH.

TANNER calls this place Vegnalech, Pegnalech, or Womalet.^c Bede mentions it, *Hist. Eccles.* li. iii. ca. 27, as the place of burial of Tuda bishop of Lindisfurn, A. D. 664. "Qua plaga præfatus Domini Sacerdos Tuda raptus est de mundo, et in Monasterio quod dicitur Paegnalaech, honorifice sepultus."

Oxfordshire.

MILTON.

LELAND, in his *Itinerary*, vol. ii. p. 36, says, "From Haseley to Miltoun Village half a mile. At this Place, as I hard say, was manie yeres syns a Priorie of Monkes: a Selle, as one told me, to Abbingdon. The House of the Priorie was by likelihod wher the Farmer's House is now hard by the Chirch Yard. For ther appere Foundations of great Buildings. Sum say that Mounseir de Louche's House was wher the Farmer's House is."

ST. ALDATE'S, OXFORD.

TANNER, from Bryan Twynes's *Manuscripts*, preserves the following notice of a Monastery here:

"'Est in Civitate Oxenford Monasterium quoddam S. Aldati episcopi venerationi consecratum,' &c. inquit vetus MS. Codex Abendonensis, cujus principium 'Mons Abendonæ,' &c. idque sub A. D. 1122.

"Quamobrem Monasterium diceretur (nisi forte quod novitiis Abendonensis cœnobiî monachis illic in Academia recipiendis instituendisque de more inserviret) haud in promptu esse opinor."^d

Shropshire.

OSWESTRE, or OSWALDSTREET.

LELAND's mention of a Monastery here under the name of WHITE-MINSTER has been already noticed in the Account of the Abbey of Shrewsbury.^e

Tanner says "The Town called Album Monasterium seems different from Oswestre, in *Lel. Collect.* vol. ii. p. 105.

But perhaps that was Whitchurch; for the Candida Ecclesia built in honor of St. Oswald, was upon Maserfeld, wher that good King was killed, as Capgrave in *Vita S. Oswaldi Regis*. But if there ever was a Monastery here, it was in the Saxon times; for not long after the Conquest, this Church of St. Oswald was given to Shrewsbury."^f

Somersetshire.

BANWELL.

LELAND, *Itin.* vol. vii. p. 105, says, "There was at Banwelle in the tyme of Alfride King of the West Saxons a notable Monasterie of" It was about the year 880 given to the learned Asserius.^g Mr. Strachey, p. 644, seems to think it was upon the Site of the Bishop's Palace, which is now standing there.^h

BRENT, or EAST BRENT.

A CELL to Glaston. See Strachey's List, p. 657. *Tann. Somers.* vii.

ST. CROSS, in CHEWSTOKE.

"By tradition here was a little Cell for four Nuns, founded by Elizabeth de Sancta Cruce, whose family were lords of Moreton hard by, but I find no record of it, and it must have been suppressed before the general dissolution." Mr. Strachey's List, p. 654.ⁱ

DODELYNG, or DODELINCH.

CANONS Regular removed to Worspring.^k

^a Notit. Monast. *Northampt.* xxxviii.

^b *Scotichron.* edit. Hearne, p. 684. Append. p. 1559. Tanner, Notit. Monast. *Northumb.* iv. 1.

^c For this last name he cites Hen. Huntingdon, li. iii. *Tann. Notit. Monast. Northumb.* xxix.

^d Bryan Twyne, MS. Coll. o x o p. 1.

^e See the present Work, vol. iii. p. 517, note.

^f *Tann. Notit. Monast. Shropsh.*

^g Asserii *Annales de Gestis Ælfredi*, edit. Wise, p. 50.

^h See *Tann. Notit. Monast. Somers.* iii.

ⁱ See *Tann. Somers.* xvii.

^k *Tann. Somers.* xviii.