

## FRA. NOE.

A little book of 192 pages, measuring 6 inches by  $4\frac{1}{2}$ , with rude woodcuts, bears the imprint of G. A. Remondini, Bassano, without date. The title runs *Piaggio da Venetia al S. Sepolcro, et al Monte Sinai....Composto dal R. P. Noe (Bianchi) dell'ordine di S. Francesco*. The British Museum possesses editions of 1500, 1519, 1546, 1555, 1563, 1587, 1640, 1647, 1680, and 1723; and others are known of Venice, 1566, 1614, Bologna, 1690, and Bassano, 1770. The phrasing is here and there so odd and disjointed as to be scarcely intelligible.

P. 25. We left Rhodes...and reached Cyprus. We passed by several cities, one of which was called Baffo. This was once large and strong, as its ruins testify. It is now all destroyed. And below is a church which once belonged to the Friars Minor, and a large prison with seven different cells, in which S. Paul was for some time confined, and S. Barnabas the Apostle. In this place under another church runs a wonder-working spring, which is drunk as a sovereign remedy for fever. In this place are seven little rooms where it is said the seven sleepers slept, but not those who slept in the Coelic hill. From this city we came to another, also in ruins, and leaving this we came to Limisso, which a sultan raised to the foundations. Here wherever you dig you find sweet waters...Cyprus is 300 miles from Rhodes, 165 miles long and broad. Mutton is very cheap, but not very good. Sometimes you can get nine sheep for a ducat.

P. 178. How we left Egypt...and arrived in no long time at the island of Cyprus, at the city of Famagosta, a seaport. I left that city and went by land to the place where king Costa once lived, who was father to the holy virgin Catherine. The place is called Salamina, and the city Constantia, but the city is quite destroyed, yet one may see the walls of the castle in which king Costa lived. Where S. Catherine was born is a little church outside the city in the hands of the Greeks. There is a little chapel to mark the spot where S. Catherine was beheaded, and the Apostle Barnabas. And there are many indulgences: and in the same city is the body of S. Epiphanius, which is shown entire and uncorrupt...

We left Beffania, and passed the island of Beffania, and in a few days found ourselves at Nicosia, where the king of Cyprus lives, and we went to get his leave, for no one can quit his kingdom without leave, so that one must get his seal, and so we went to the port of Famagosta [whence we sailed for Venice].