

CHAPTER XIII.

FRA BARTOLOMMEO DELLA PORTA.

Fra Bartolommeo, who was called Bartolommeo di Pagholo del Fattorino, before he joined the Dominican order, was apprentice to Cosimo Rosselli. His uncles, Jacopo and Giusto di Jacopo settled in 1469—70 at Suffignano a village near Florence, and lived there as agricultural labourers; his father Pagholo, pursuing the restless calling of a muleteer.¹

Towards the close of 1478, Pagholo settled at Florence having saved a small competence with which he bought a house and garden in S. Pier' Gattolino.²

¹ These facts are made clear from the Portate al Catasto of Giusto in 1469 and 1487, from which, as well as from that of Paolo (1480—1), we take the following genealogy.

Piero begets Jacopo. Jacopo, by his second wife Margareta, b. 1499, begets Paolo, b. 1418, married to Andrea, b. 1448, died 1487; and Giusto, b. 1433; and Jacopo, b. 1435, married Maddalena, b. 1445. Paolo, muleteer, begets: Bartolommeo, b. 1475, died 1517; Piero, afterwards a priest, b. 1477; Domenico, b. 1479, d. 1486; and Michele, b. 1480 (favoured by Signor Gaetano Milanesi). Vasari is therefore wrong in stating that Fra Bartolommeo was born at Savignano (VII. 171)

in which place no trace of the family can be discovered; and it is more likely that he was of Suffignano where his uncles lived.

² In a "protocollo" drawn up by Ser Jacopo di Bartolommeo de' Camerotti (Archiv. gen. de' contratti di Firenze (1477. 80) we find the following:

"Anno 1478. die octava Sept. Andreas quondam Gabriellis Vichi, populi S. Petri in Selva de Castiglia, pro se atque suis heredibus dedit, vendidit, Paulo Jacobi Pieri vecturali, populi sancti felicitis in platea ementi pro se atque suis heredibus, unam domum cum palchissaliis, cameris, ethorto, puteo, trogolo &c. positam Florentie in populo S. Petri in Gattolino, cum a primo via &c. pro pretio et no-