

CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS

251. CHRONICON BURIENSE.

{ H. 7
{ T. James 89

Vellum, 11 × 7½, ff. 103, 34 lines to a page. Cent. xv early, very well written.

There is a quantity of unusual and pretty pen-work, in pink and green, on the margins of the earlier leaves.

Collation : a⁸ b⁸ (wants 8) | c⁸-n⁸.

The book is doubtless from Bury St Edmunds. On f. 1 is the pressmark E. 43¹. A long life of St Edmund is in the text, and there are notes relating to the Abbey at the end.

Contents :

1. Chronicle of the Popes (to Gregory IX, 1370), extracted from another Chronicle f. 1
 Petrus fuit primus papa post I. C. quo anno Petrus apud Romam duos ordinavit.
 There is a good blue initial and within it an outline drawing of Peter, throned as Pope, holding keys and book: outside, on *L.*, is St Paul.
 On f. 3a: Expl. de libro quarto. Inc. de libro quinto.
 (Cap. 1.) Hillarius post leonem successit.
 On 5b: Expl. de libro iii^{to}. Inc. de libro v^{to} (*sic*).
 (Cap. 2.) Martinus papa post Iohannem.
 On 8b: Expl. de libro sexto. Inc. de lib. septimo.
 Hildebrandus qui et Gregorius vii^{us}.
 Ends 12b (Cap. 46): Gregorius undecimus diaconus cardinalis prius Petrus Rogeri nuncupatus.
 ff. 13-15 blank.
2. Inc. historia de Bruto Rege Britonum cum aliis Regibus Anglie linealiter ab eo descendentibus usque ad Regem Ricardum

¹ It is not easy to see why this pressmark was given to this book. The letters of the pressmarks of Bury uniformly corresponded to the subjects of the books (e.g. B for Biblia): also, there is another extant volume marked E. 43 (*viz.* Lambeth MS. 218, Epistolae Alcuini). The proper letter for the present volume is C (=Chronica).

- secundum qui presentem fecit compilari historiam anno
Regni sui quarto decimo f.
- The initial has a seated king, crowned and robed, with shield
and bannered lance, in the same style as the other figured
initial.
- De Patre istius Bruti historie videntur dissonare. nam Britonum
historia dicit istum brutum fuisse filium Siluii.
- There are marginal references (not consecutive) to chapters
of a work unnamed.
- The account of St Edmund occupies ff. 32-43 *b*. It has a large
coloured initial and begins
- Sanctus Edmundus Alkamundi Regis Saxonie et Siware Regine
filius anno ab incarn. domini (*bis*) dcccxli^o.
- The last event recorded is Bishop Bateman's attempt on the
privileges of St Edmund (1344) and his death, with miraculous
signs accompanying. This ends 42 *b*:
- cotidie magnifice operatur in suo martire glorioso.
- An account of St Edwold follows:
- Postquam autem beatissimus rex Edmundus mutauit per
triumphum martirii.
- Ends f. 100 *a* with accession of Richard II.
- ac etiam voto communi singulorum in regnum successit
Anglorum anno etatis sue undecimo.
- 100 *b*-102 *a* blank.
- On 102 *b* a note on the old round chapel of St Edmund at Bury.
This note also occurs in the MS. Arundel xxx at the College
of Arms. See my *Essays on the Abbey of Bury St Edmunds*,
C. A. S., p. 188.
- A. d. m^{lo} cc^{mo} lxxv^o deposita est capella rotunda in cimiterio
monachorum in qua corpus S. Edmundi primo iacuit ante
translacionem suam
—ex parte australi ubi nunc est capella S. Botulphi et
ortus feretrariorum.
- On 103 *a*:
- Pensio scolarium.
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| In primis de feretrariis ad festum S. Michaelis | iii ^s vi ^d |
| Item de diuersis fratribus ad fest. S. Andree | xxii ^s |
| de celerario pro Abbate Will. | xviiij ^d |
| pro Will. Rowham | xii ^d |
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| pro priore Joh. Gofford | xx ^d |
| de Camerario pro Ed ^o Bokynham | xiiiij ^d |
| pro henr. de stablys | iiiiij ^d |
| de manerio de hesete ad fest. purif. | xx ^d |
| | |
| de thoma munchesey | xii ^d |
| de sacrista pro Abb. Will. cratfeld | iii ^s iiiij ^d |
| | |
| de magistro cripte | x ^d |
| etc. | |

No other proper names occur.

The "Cronica que liber Regius appellatur" is referred to in Flete's *History of Westminster Abbey* (see 287. 3)¹ (but the passage cited by him is not in the text of this MS.) with the note "Cronica Regia ideo dicitur quia Rex Richardus secundus eam scribi fecit a monacho quodam cenobii S. Edmundi de Burye." I think it possible that the present MS. contains a shortened text of this *Chronica Regia*.

252. STIMULUS AMORIS, ETC.

{ H. 5
T. James 86

Vellum, $11\frac{3}{10} \times 6\frac{4}{5}$, ff. 184 + 1, 38 lines to a page. Cent. xiv early, in a fine large script, by two scribes at least.

Collation: 1 flyleaf, 1^a-8^s 9¹⁰ 10¹⁰ 11^a-17^s 18¹⁰ 19¹⁰ 20^a-22^s.

From Norwich. On 183 *b* in a large hand is:

Liber fratris iohannis de Reynham monachi Norwici quem ipse in parte scripsit et in parte scribi fecit. cuius anime propicietur deus.

In another hand: In 7 14 and 4 (i.e. God) is al my loue.

On f. i *a* is an original list of contents headed:

Isti libri continentur in hoc uolumine.

Quedam consuetudines siue constitutiones quas habent prelati francie procedendi in negotio contra fratres predicatores et minores.

(This is not now in the volume: cf. the documents prefixed to no. 264.)

Liber de stimulo amoris, etc.

Contents:

1. Inc. libellus qui dicitur stimulus amoris diuini (wrongly ascribed to Bonaventura). Prol. f. 1
Liber iste qui stimulus, etc. Capitula.
Cap. 1. Currite gentes undique.
Pars II, 18 *b*. III, 30 *b*.
Hand changes on 41 *a*.
Ends 48 *b*: ut laudet deum omnis spiritus. Amen.
Expl. medit. cuiusdam simplicis cordati et pauperculi discalciati et contemptibilis denudati sapientissimorum ruditissimi electorum infimi et minorum minimi.
Deo gracias. Cf. 137. 3.
2. (Planctus B. V. M. de passione Christi). 48 *b*
Quis dabit capiti meo aquam
—puro et mundo corde. benedicti sint qui diligunt eam et super omnia sit benedictus filius eius I. C. d. n. qui cum, etc.
3. Inc. expositio super regulam b. benedicti edita a bernardo abbate cassinensi[s] 52

¹ See the edition by Dr J. Armitage Robinson, Dean of Westminster, 1909, p. 3.