

- Legitur in prouerbiis doctrina prudentium facilis  
—petitionibus postulastis.
- Inc. prol. regule, etc. . . . . f. 53
- Ausculata. aliqua littera habet obsculata.
- Text of the Rule written in red.
- Ends 166*a*: regni sui perueniamus eternam. Amen.
- Expl. reg. S. Bened. sec. bernardum abbatem monasterii  
Cassinensis.
- Cf. 137. 2.
4. Inc. prol. in uitam S. Helene . . . . . 166*b*
- Licet protoparentalis preuaricacio  
—habet qui iudicet eum. Expl. prol.
- Inc. uita.
- Temporibus diocleciani et maximiani augustorum dominabatur  
dux quidam illustris Coel  
—regnum eternum transmigravit. Ad quod nos meritis  
et precibus sanctissime helene, etc.
- Expl. uita s. helene regine.
- Inc. de translacione ipsius . . . . . 180*b*
- Quidam sacerdos remensis dyocesis theogisus  
—inherentem funi piscator gratanter accepit.
- This is by Jocelin of Furness. Extracts from it are in MS.  
Bodl. 240. It is not noticed in BHL. Hardy I 34.  
183*a* and 184 blank.

**253.** AUGUSTINI CONFSSIONES.  
FERRANDUS.

{ L. 17  
{ T. James 137

Vellum, 11 $\frac{1}{5}$  × 7 $\frac{1}{5}$ , ff. I + I42, 32 and 38 lines to a page. Cent. xi (in the pointed hand characteristic of Christ Church, Canterbury) and xii.

*Collation*: I flyleaf, 1<sup>a</sup>–16<sup>s</sup> 17 (four) || 18<sup>o</sup>. 2 fo. funderis.

I have little doubt that this book belonged to Canterbury or Rochester, but I cannot trace it in the catalogues.

On i*a* in large capitals:

AUG DE CONF'

Contents:

- I. I. Retractatio in libris confessionum . . . . . f. I  
Confessionum mearum libri  
—sic incipit.  
Confessionum Aurel. Aug. Inc. liber primus (xxxii 659).  
Magnus es domine.

A good drawing forms the initial. Gold has been inserted for the nimbus, etc. but the rest remains in outline. Christ seated in *C.* blessing. On *R.* a man in a broad hat, and on *L.* a bishop with low mitre, crosier and chasuble with gold band hold the ends of a scroll which passes in front of Christ's figure.

Lib. II, fine outline initial. III, initial partly filled with red and green. Subsequent books have also excellent initials, nearly all in outline. Those of Libb. VII, X, XI, XII are perhaps the best.

Lib. XIII ends 130*b*: sic aperietur. Amen.

Aur. Aug. Confessionum Lib. Tercius decimus expl.

131, 132 blank.

II. In a narrow black hand of cent. xii.

2. In nomine S. Trinitatis inc. liber ferrandi cartaginiensis ecclesie  
diaconi de bono duce ad reginum comitem (LXVII 928) . f. 133  
Socialis uite laboribus exercendus  
—dabitur dicitur christianis perpetuus principatus. per  
d. n. I. C. qui cum patre et sp. s. ui. et regn. deus in sec.  
sec. Amen.

3. In a good hand of cent. xii: music on 3-line stave . . . 138*b*  
Hymn for St Augustine. Interni festi gaudia nostra sonet  
armonia  
—det nobis mater gratia. Amen.

4. In a hand of cent. xiv-xv current . . . . . 139*b*  
Cum beata virgo esset trium annorum a parentibus oblata fuit  
in templo et ibi fuit usque ad annum xiiij<sup>mum</sup>. Inter alia vero  
hec continentur. Dum inquit pater meus, et mater mea  
dimiserunt me in templo statim in corde meo posui deum  
habere in patrem et deuote ac frequenter cogitabam quid  
possem facerem deo gratum ut mihi dignaretur suam dare  
gratiam. Et feci mihi dari legem dei mei ac ex omnibus  
preceptis diuine legis tria precipue seruauit in corde meo s.  
diliges dominum deum tuum ex toto corde tuo et ex tota  
anima tua et ex tota mente tua et ex omnibus viribus tuis Item  
diliges proximum tuum sicut teipsum Item odio habebis  
inimicum tuum Ista seruauit in corde meo et statim omnes  
virtutes apprehendi que in ipsis continentur. anima autem  
habere aliquam virtutem non potest.

(Evidently medieval and probably from some one's Revelations.)

Ends: septimo petebam ut templum et uniuersum populum ad  
suum seruicium conseruaret.

Ieronimus ita scribit de vita ipsius. hanc regulam statuerat

—in opere dei et amore proficiebat.

On the last leaf (xvi):

Take heede whome thow trustiste  
Be suretie for no man.

and

Euer paye debte  
Seldome make debte  
Neuer be suertie for debte.