

It is no. 116 in Forshall and Madden (1 p. lv).

There are marginal notes on the prologue by Geoffrey Blithe, Bp of Coventry and Lichfield (1503-33), adverse to Wycliffe. See especially 14 *b*, 15 *a*: on the latter page is a Parkerian note:

“This is the hand of notes of Galfride Blith sum-time Busshop of Lich. and Couentry as before.”

In Foxe *Acts and Mon.* IV 186 articles are cited which were produced against Richard Hun (1514): “Dr Hed did now also after his death collect certaine others out of the prologue of his English Bible remaining then in the Bishop’s hands” (Fitzjames of London).

Many or all of the passages in the Prologue to which these Articles refer are marked or annotated in our MS. by Blithe. It has been suggested that this may be Hun’s copy (cf. *Church Quarterly Review*, 1901, p. 292).

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Prologue . . . . .	f. 1
Tables of Epistles and Gospels . . . . .	18 <i>b</i>
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Five leaves in Judith, Esther and Job have been removed and replaced. Psalms, Prov.—Ecclus., Prophets, Maccabees.	
Evv. 371. Paul. Epp. 410. Acts, Cath. Epp. A leaf gone in 1, 2 Peter.	
Apoc. ends imperfectly in xxi 18: Of þe stoon iaspis and	

148. MEMORIALE PRESBYTERORUM.

{ D. 2  
T. James 33

Vellum,  $12\frac{1}{5} \times 7\frac{3}{8}$ , ff. 96 + 6, double columns of 36 lines. Cent. xiv early, in a good large hand.

*Collation*: a<sup>4</sup> 1<sup>12</sup>-8<sup>12</sup> b<sup>2</sup>.

From Norwich Cathedral Priory: on f. 1 of text is the mark P. viij. in the proper form.

On i *b*, ii *a* are many verses (cent. xv). They are chiefly moral. The principal items are:

a. A prophecy:

Anno cephas mille canus catulus et cocadrille  
Post binos quartos wlnera quinque sanis etc.

b. A collection of proverbs in metre:

Disce libens iuuenis puerilis dum sinit etas  
Ut sub nube senis semina multa metas  
Nnulla valet tantum virtus paciencia quantum  
Ut rosa flos florum sic est paciencia morum  
etc.

On ii *b* list of Tituli, ending iv *b* :

Inc. memoriale presbiterorum parochialium a diuersis doctorum tractatibus sub breuitate extractum.

Cum animaduertentem quamplurimos presbiteros parochiales grauitate errare in uia confessiones suorum subditorum audiendi

—primo cadet inde secutor.

I. Qualiter presbiter parochialis in audiendo confessionem alicuius se debet habere erga confitentem.

In primis oportebit te confessorem considerare.

This page has a very good initial of English work with gold ground, and a partial border ending in very pretty leaves.

The table divides the book into two parts, *a* of 97 and *b* of 98 chapters.

The latter ends f. 96 *b* : in scriptis domini hostiensis et aliis uariis modernorum doctorum si ea diligenter uolueris intueri.

On the last fly-leaves are the beginning of a table and some scribbles and an entry of price viii<sup>d</sup>.

Two forms of absolution and reconciliation are among the scribbles.

The MS. is noticed by Tanner, s.v. Grosseteste, but not assigned to any author. However, under Hanneya (Th. de) he assigns it to that writer, citing MS. Bodl. NE. E. I. 9, Mus. 91.

#### 149. EGESIPPUS.

{ E. 5  
T. James 47

Vellum, 12 $\frac{1}{8}$  × 7, ff. 135 + 3, 38 lines to a page. Cent. xi, in various good hands, rather rough and fluctuating.

*Collation* : a (three) i<sup>s</sup>-xvii<sup>s</sup> (wants 8).

At top of f. 1 (xiii) erased

Lib. sc̄i Andr' de...

Jo le(?)

The obvious churches of St Andrew are Rochester, Hexham, Wells.

The three flyleaves are from a very beautifully written Italian copy of the Digest of cent. xii, with interesting initials, birds, dragons, etc. outlined in red, washed with green and yellow : double columns of 49-50 lines. More leaves from the same book are at Pembroke College, taken from the binding of a book which was given to Bury Abbey by R. Grosseteste in exchange for another (no. 7. See my catalogue p. xl : cf. also MS. 285 at Gonville and Caius College). The marginal and interlinear notes are of exquisite delicacy.

Contents :

In hoc corpore continentur egisippi historie libri numero quinque  
cum dei adiutorio inc. prol. (*P. L.* xv 1965) . . . . f. 1

Quattuor libros regnorum quos scriptura complexa est

—hinc igitur sumam exordium. Expl. prol.

Inc. liber primus.