

## 296. TRACTS BY WYCLIF.

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A parchment book in 4<sup>to</sup>, written in the xivth century, containing,  
Several treatises written by Wickliff.

“In this booke be gathered together all the sharpe treatises concernynge the  
erroures and defaults which John Wickliff did fynde in his tyme specially in the  
clergie and religieuse and in other estates of the worlde.”

The titles of the several treatises are as follows:

1. Attendite a fermento phariseorum quod est hypocrisis, *p.* 1.  
A discourse in xii chapters against the hypocrisy of the clergy.
2. Hou men owen obesche to prelati drede curs and kepe law, ch. iii, *p.* 23.
3. The reule of seynt Fraunseis, *p.* 29.
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5. Objections against the Franciscans for not observing this testament under  
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6. Articles against the friers, *p.* 39.
7. Articles against prelates, *p.* 65.
8. How Anticriste and his clerkis feren trewe prestis fro prechynge of Cristis  
gospel bi foure disceitis, *p.* 103.
9. Of clerkis possessioneris, *p.* 107.
10. Hou the office of curatis is ordeyned of God, *p.* 123.
11. For the ordre of presthod, *p.* 136.
12. Hou men schullen fynde prestis, *p.* 144.

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late, clearly written.

*Collation*: (3 flyleaves) a<sup>8</sup>-r<sup>8</sup> s<sup>10</sup> t<sup>4</sup>: old pagination incorrect but used here.

i *b.* Extract from letter of Melanchthon to Fred. Miconius: *Inspexi  
Wiclfum sed deprehendi*, etc. (cf. 103. 5).

ii. List of contents (xvi). iii *b.* Note given by Nasmith.

The volume is a leading authority for many of the Wycliffite tracts, and  
was extensively used by F. D. Matthew, *English Works of Wyclif* (E. E. T. S.  
1880) and by T. Arnold, *Select English Works of W.*, vol. III.

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