

The principal reproductions are in :

Westwood, *Anglo-Saxon and Irish MSS.*, pp. 49, 50.

„ *Palaeographia Sacra Pictoria*, pl. ii.

Goodwin, *Camb. Ant. Soc.* Alphabets, etc., 3 pages of text, painting I, and small scenes from painting II. In colours.

Palaeographical Society I, pl. 33, 34, 44.

Camb. Ant. Soc. *Proc.* Vol. II, pl. ix, painting II. In colours.

Garrucci, *Storia dell' arte Cristiana* III.

Mr H. J. White (Art. *Vulgate* in *Hastings' Dict. Bib.* IV 887) says of this MS. (according to tradition sent by Pope Gregory to Augustine) “the text does not bear out this supposition, it closely resembles that of the preceding MS. (Bodl. Auct. D. 2. 14) and is really Anglo-Saxon, though it has been corrected throughout in accordance with a MS. of the Amiatinus type.”

In spite of this complexion of the text it must be remembered that a large consensus of critics assign to the writing and paintings an Italian origin. It is of course possible that like the *Codex Amiatinus* this book may have been written by an Italian resident in England.

The latest discussion of the MS. which I have seen is that by Dom J. Chapman, *Early History of the Vulgate Gospels* (1908) 183 sqq., who disagrees with Mr White's conclusions. His final statement (p. 189) is: “The two noble volumes of Gospels [i.e. this MS. and the Bodleian Gospels, Auct. D. 2. 14] are old enough to be what they were believed to be; and I do not think the internal evidence of their readings can be shown to make this impossible.”

Traube (*Nomina Sacra*, p. 189, note 3) says: “Es hatten dñs die alten Handschriften, die aus Rom und Süditalien nach England durch Augustin und seine Nachfolger kamen, Handschriften, von denen wir selbst noch besitzen z. B. den Bonifatianus I in Fulda, die Evangelia S. Augustini Cambridge C. C. C. 286 und Würzburg Theol. Q. 2 (der Laudianus dagegen schreibt die Nomina sacra aus.)”

287. JOH. FLETE, ETC.

{ Q. 5
T. James 247

Codex membranaceus in 4^{to}, in quo continentur sequentia apographa,

1. Breve excerptum ex historia I. Marii Belgi de schismat. de Helena matre Constantini magni.

Vellum and paper, 10 × 7, ff. cir. 140, 31–34 lines to a page. Cent. xvi, in several fairly good hands.

Contents :

1. Ex historia J. Marii Belgi de schismat. p. 416 . . . f. i
Cum Cleol rex Britanniae.
(The reason why the Kings of England wear the Imperial crown.)

2. Epistola Michaelis Renigeri ad Mattheum Cantuariensem cum prefatione de autoritate argumento et summa libri sequentis.

3. Liber breuiter compilatus de fundatione et erectione ecclesie Westmonasteriensis, prout in chronicis et scriptis authenticis invenitur, autore Iohanne Flete.

Continet historiam monasterii et abbatum qui ibidem præfuerunt a prima fundatione ad annum 1386.

“XIX^o Juni A^o 1572.

“Hic liber transcriptus ex veteri quodam libro scripto de fundatione ecclesie Westmonasteriensis, qui liber jam remanet in custodia D. Goodman decani ejusdem ecclesie.”

4. Historia episcoporum Eliensium ab Harvæo primo episcopo ad mortem Philippi Morgan episcopi XXIII, anno 1434.

5. Catalogus episcoporum Eliensium ab Harvæo ad Ricardum Cox.

6. Epistola Nigelli [Wireker] monachi Cantuariensis ad Gulielmum de Longo-campo episcopum Eliensem de abusu rerum ecclesiasticarum.

2. Letter of Michael Renniger (Reniger) to Parker, dated Lambeth, 25 Oct.¹ f. ii

Preface, of the same date: signed in full.

Both these are copied out more clearly on ff. iii, iv: the signature here is only M. R.

The above are on a vellum leaf which has been folded into four.

3. Inc. prohemium libri breuiter compilati, etc. I
Quoniam utile est et honestum.

On f. 1 b is a reference in the text to ‘Cronica que liber Regius appellatur’: a footnote says: Cronica Regia ideo dicitur quia Rex Richardus secundus eam scribi fecit a monacho quodam cenobii S. Edmundi de Burye. See no. 251.

Text ends f. 59 b: per tria quarteria anni et duas septimanas et amplius.

f. 60 blank.

The manuscript of Flete’s History from which this is copied is still at Westminster in the Library of the Dean and Chapter.

See the edition by Dr J. Armitage Robinson, Dean of Westminster (1909).

4. Another hand begins, and the *foliation* is changed for pagination. *Herveus 1 Ep.* Post mortem Richardi abbatis mittitur a rege henr. 62

Ends p. 142 on Philip Morgan.
Sedit annis ix sept. xxvj dies iii^{or}.

5. On 143 is a list of Bishops with duration of their pontificates from Herveus to Richard Coxe.

6. Reuerendo patri et d. W., etc. fr. Nigellus 144
pp. 179–202 are paper. Ends p. 204:
ex negligentia securi.

Versificator quidam Cantuariensis qui scripsit carmine Archiep^{os} Cant. sic desinit in Richardo.

¹ He says of the book: Erat in arca quadam libraria longe a me dissita inter alios domini Hugonis Latimer libros retrusus. (See Robinson, p. 32.) Renniger or Rhanger died in 1609.

Richardus. Inde gradu functus est pre consortibus unctus
Presul Richardus vir mitis et ad mala tardus
etc.

Sic miserando tamen ut quod dedit auferat. Amen.

Hic uir timuit ne Nigellus Wireker monachus succederet ad
Archiep^{atum} Cant. post Richardum.

Baleus de eo scribit, p. 245.

See Wright's *Satirical Poets of the twelfth century*, Rolls Series I 153.

288. ALANI CANTUAR. EPISTOLAE.
GESTA SALVATORIS.
INFANTIA SALVATORIS, ETC.

} O. II
} T. James 216

Codex membranaceus in 4^{to}, a diversis scriptoribus et diversis temporibus
exaratus, in quo continentur,

1. Alani prioris ecclesie Christi Cantuarie epistolae ad Henricum III. ad regem
Francie et alios; praesertim de translatione corporis Thomae Becket; — et ad Baldwinum
archiepiscopum de iure et potestate sedis metropolitanae in episcopum et sedem Roffen-
sem, nempe quod episcopus Rossensis in capitulo ecclesie Cantuarie eligi debet, ibique
spiritualia et temporalia a manu archiepiscopi accipere; et quod monachi Roffenses
mortuo episcopo suo baculum ejus pastorem apud Cantuariam portare tenentur, — item
una vel altera epistola ad Alanum.

Vellum, 9⁹/₁₀ × 7³/₁₀, ff. I + 124 + I, several volumes of cent. xii–xiii.

Collation: I flyleaf, I¹⁰ (wants 10) | 2²–4⁸ | 5⁴ | 6¹⁴ (14 canc.) 7¹⁴ 8¹²–10¹²
11⁸ 12² | 13¹⁰ 14⁴, I flyleaf.

From Christ Church, Canterbury, *Anc. Libr.*, p. 118.

On the flyleaf (xiv):

Liber N. de Sandwyco. In quo scilicet(?) hec uolumina continentur.

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| (1) [Epp. Alani Prioris, etc.: added xvi.] | (2) Liber de officiis ecclesiasticis. |
| (3) Euangelium Nazareorum. | (4) Infancia Saluatoris. |
| (5) Liber Asenech. | (6) Item liber Methodii (over erasure). |

Other articles added xvi. f. i b blank. N. de Sandwich was Prior
1255–1280.

In the old catalogue the contents are thus given :

Liber offic. eccl.	Methodius.
Glose super Osee.	Proph. Hildegardi(s).
Infancia Saluatoris.	Epp. Frederici Imp.
Euang. Nazareorum.	Libellus qualiter Tartari inuaserunt regna Christianorum.
Asseneth.	

Contents:

I. 1. 30 lines to a page. Cent. xiii(?) early, in a fine hand.

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| Alani Epistolae. | 1. Philippo...francorum regi I, f. 1. | |
| | 2. Alanus...priori Wintonie, f. 1 b. | 4. Henrico regi anglorum, f. 2 b. |
| | 3. B. Cant. archiep., 2. | 5. Benedicto abb. de Burgo, 3. |