

28. ORIGENIS HOMILIAE IN LIB. NUMERORUM. { L. 7  
T. James 128

Vellum,  $13\frac{3}{8} \times 8\frac{1}{8}$ , ff. 84 + 1, double columns of 37 lines. Cent. xii, in a very fine upright round hand. Initials mostly in plain colour, but, at the beginning, variegated.

*Collation*: 1<sup>8</sup>-11<sup>8</sup> (wants 5-8): 1 flyleaf of MS. at end covered with paper. From Abingdon. On f. 1 in small hand xii-xiii:

liber sancte marie Abbendonie quicumque ipsum ali(e)nauerit anathema sit. Amen.

In old pencil:

(Omelie) Origenis xxv(iii).

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| Inc. Prol. Rufini In libro numeri ad Ursatium . . . . .   | f. 1 |
| Ut uerbis tibi pater beati martiris loquar ( <i>P. G.</i> XII 583)                                    |      |
| —in profectum legentium promat.   |      |
| Inc. de Principio numerorum . . . . .   | 1 b  |
| Diuinis numeris non omnes digni.  |      |
| Hom. xxviii ends f. 83 a: etiam capilli capitis numerati sunt per                                     |      |
| I. C. d. n. cui est gloria et imperium in sec. sec. Amen.   |      |
| 83 b, 84 blank.   |      |
| Cf. Harnack, <i>Gesch. d. Altchr. Litt.</i> I 356. Bardenhewer, <i>Gesch. d. Altchr. Litt.</i> II 95. |      |

29. PETRI COMESTORIS HISTORIA SCHOLASTICA. { B. I  
T. James 13

Vellum,  $13\frac{3}{8} \times 10\frac{1}{10}$ , ff. 158 + 11, double columns of 49 lines. Cent. xiii early, in two main hands, both very good.

*Collation*: 3 flyleaves, a<sup>22</sup> b<sup>6</sup>, 1<sup>8</sup>-20<sup>8</sup> (wants 7-8). One page at each end covered with paper. 2 fo. considerans or uocat.

Three flyleaves at the beginning are from a xiii<sup>th</sup> cent. MS. of decretals in small hand. Then a blank leaf (i).

f. ii a has xv<sup>th</sup> cent. note and title.

On ii b a drawing of the seven-branched candlestick with allegorical explanation, and diagram of 'transitus filiorum israel per mare rubrum.'

ff. iii-viii have the compendium of sacred history up to the time of Christ which is often found written on rolls and attributed to Petrus Pictavensis:

Considerans hystorie sacre prolixitatem

with genealogical tables.

On viii b a drawing of a seraph, with the allegorical significance of the six wings and feathers.

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| Petri Comestoris Historia Scholastica.  |      |
| Inc. prol. epistolaris . . . . .  | f. 1 |
| Reuerendo patri et domino suo Willelmo<br>—per omnia benedictus deus. Amen.   |      |
| Capitula.   |      |
| Inc. prefatio. Imperatorie maiestatis ( <i>P. L. CXCVIII 1053</i> ) . . . . . | 1 b  |
| —princeps est et principium.  |      |
| Inc. hyst. scolastica de creatione . . . . .                                  | 1 b  |
| In principio erat uerbum.   |      |
| Hand changes at f. 66.  |      |
| Text ends 157 b: in catacumbis.   |      |
| Epitaph of P. Comestor in a later hand.                                       |      |
| 158 a blank. Verso covered with paper.  |      |

There are some very handsome decorative initials containing grotesque figures, e.g. Genesis, 1 b; Exodus (a centaur); Numbers (retaining its cloth guard); Joshua, curious figure.

**30. ANDREAS VICTORINUS IN HEPTATEUCHUM  
ET XII PROPHEAS.  
BEDA SUPER PARABOLAS.  
HIERONYMUS IN ECCLESIASTEN.**

M. 9  
T. James 144

Vellum,  $14\frac{1}{10} \times 9\frac{3}{10}$ , ff. 245 + 4, double columns of 43 lines. Cent. xiii, very well written. Initials in blue and red. 2 fo. dicendo lucem.

*Collation*: 4 flyleaves, 1<sup>s</sup>–20<sup>s</sup> (5 canc.) 21<sup>s</sup>–30<sup>s</sup> 31<sup>e</sup>.

Perhaps from Coggeshall Priory in Essex. On the middle of f. ii in large red letters is a title not unlike those which occur in other Coggeshall books :

¶ Historica expositio Andree super Eptaticum et super Regum et super Paralipomenon et super parabolas et Ecclesiasten ¶ Et Beda super parabolas ¶ Jeronimus super ecclesiasten ¶ Andreas super xii prophetas.

But on the same page in black ink xv or xvi is a scratched out mark B. 63. Such a mark sometimes points to Norwich.

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| 1. Expositio Andree abbatis hystorica super Eptaticum . . . . .                   | f. 1 |
| Difficile <i>quod</i> durum <i>quod</i> graue <i>quod</i> asperum est obseruatur. |      |
| Super Exodum. Iste secundus liber moysi hebraice hellesmoth                       | 19   |
| Super Leuit. Liber Leuiticus hebraice vagecra . . . . .                           | 33 b |
| Super Num. Quoniam multitudinis israelitice . . . . .                             | 39 b |
| Super Deut. Deuteronomii scribendi hec precipue causa . . . . .                   | 43   |
| Super Ios. A nomine auctoris dicitur liber iste . . . . .                         | 47   |
| Super Iud. Tempora iudicum liber iste describit . . . . .                         | 48 b |
| Ends 50 b. pro illo commemoratis.   |      |