

Thomas Becket, Epistolae (Alan of Tewkesbury's Collection, Recension III)**Epistolae Thomae Becket**

Codicology: Vellum, mm 252 x 172, (9.9 x 7 in.), ff. 1 + 7 + 207 + 1, double columns of 46 lines. Cent. **xiii early**, very finely written.

Collation: 1 flyleaf, I^s (wants 8) II^s-8^s (wants 6) 9^s 10^s 11¹⁰ 12^s-20^s 21¹⁰ 22^s 23^s 24¹² 25^s (wants 8), 1 flyleaf.

Provenance: From Christ Church, Canterbury[¶]. See Ancient Libraries^[James 1903], p. 52, no. 358. I take this to be probably the copy there mentioned as Epistola(-e) S. Thome Alani Prioris belonging to the Cloister.

Additions: On f. ir at top is an erased inscription which began: "Ep. (sancti Tho-)me". Considerably to the R. are legible the letters Ria. Below this in black Lombardic capitals is:

¶ Ep'le . sci . Thome . mris
Ecclie . xpi . cantuar'.

Below this again a name scribbled over in ink. On ~~iv~~, iv Parkerian[¶] references to some of the Epistles.

Additions: The last leaf (f. 208r) has on recto at bottom a late xvth cent. inscription: "Iste liber pertinet ad ecclesiam Blavnsom[¶] teste m george smith[¶] W austin[¶] H berliman[¶] et omnes stulti in ista villa Iohannes bocher[¶]. Amen."

Additions: On verso of last leaf (f. 208v) in a xiiith cent. hand a list of questiones in two columns and some notes.

Additions: On last flyleaf (ixr) a slip with a list of books (xvi):

1. Beckett.
2. Manipulus curatorum.
3. Stella clericorum.
4. Summula raymundi.
- 5, 6. duo libri cartacei.
7. tavernerus de euch.
8. Veron de p'best.
9. lex mahometica.
10. fabulae seu facetiae.
11. inuitato ciceroniana.
12. potestas ecclesiastica.
13. perionii dialectica.
- (14), 15. so: libri gallice duo.
16. elegantiae valle.

This manuscript (not used, so far as I can see, by the editors of the Rolls Series Materials for the Life of Thomas^{[Robertson 1881][Robertson 1882][Robertson and Sheppard 1885]}) contains Alan of Tewkesbury[¶]'s collection with about 30 additional letters of John of Salisbury[¶]. Hardy II^[Hardy 1865], p. 314.

Foliation: ff. a-b + i-viii + 1-208 + ix + c-d

Language: Latin.

Contents:

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iiir-207v Thomas Becket[¶], Epistolae (Alan of Tewkesbury[¶]'s Collection, Recension III)

- iiir (1r) **Rubric:** Incipiunt capitula epistolarum beati thome martiris[¶]. Capitula primi libri epistolarum
iiir () **Incipit:** Incipit prologus in actus et exilium beati Thome martiris[¶]. Honor et gloria beati martyris
Liber I has 178 epistles. First words of each are given
ivir (3r) **Rubric:** Incipit Liber II a legatione Willelmi[¶] et Othonis[¶] cardinalium
112 epistles
vir () Liber III
vir (4r) **Rubric:** a legatione Gratiani[¶] et Viuiani[¶] cardinalium
126 epistles
viv () Liber IV
viv (5v) **Rubric:** a legatione Symonis de monte dei[¶] et Bernardo (!) de corilo[¶]
52 (51) epistles
viir () Liber V
viir (6r) **Rubric:** a legatione Rotrodi Rotomagensis archiepiscopi[¶]
97 epistles
~~7~~, viiiv blank
1r **Rubric:** Incipit prologus in actus et exilium beati martyris thome[¶]
1r () **Incipit:** Honor et gloria beati martyris
1r () **Explicit** qualiter fuerit agendum
(Prologue of Alan of Tewkesbury[¶]. Giles I^[Giles 1845a], 316)
1r **Rubric:** Incipiunt quedam explanationes subsequentium que minus expresse in epistolis continentur
(Alan of Tewkesbury[¶]. Giles I^[Giles 1845a], 339)

- 1r () *Incipit:* Gloriosus dei martyr thomas[¶] qualis et statutas in regno anglorum promulgaret
- 6r *Rubric:* Prima epistola. Thome cantuariensi archiepiscopo[¶] Johannes pictauensis episcopus[¶]
- 6r () *Incipit:* Reuerentissimo domino ... Thome[¶] ... suus Johannes[¶] ... Vix mihi domine uel unum diem
- 71v (70v) Liber II
- 114r (113r) Liber III
- 154r (153r) Liber IV
- 170v (169v) Liber V
- Last letter
- 207v () *Rubric:* Albertus[¶] et teodinus[¶] cardinales conuentui cantuar.
- 207v () *Incipit:* Albertus[¶] ... Letamur nos

CCC: space available for notes on the current status of the encoding

- text: copied from James.txt SP
- markup: SP
- markupCheck: checked by SP, CF
- msCheck: NJC 17/10/08
- remarks: