

**Eadmer of Canterbury OSB, Opuscula****Eadmeri Opuscula**

**Codicology:** Vellum, mm 226 x 155 (9 x 6 in.), ff. 11 + 219, 33 lines to a page. Cent. **xi-xii**, in an excellent Christ Church<sup>1</sup> hand.

**Collation:** I<sup>s</sup> (1 canc.) II<sup>4</sup> || I<sup>s</sup>-V<sup>s</sup> (+1) VI<sup>s</sup>-XIII<sup>s</sup> (+ slip after 2) XIV<sup>s</sup>-XXIV<sup>s</sup> XXV<sup>10</sup> XXVI<sup>s</sup> XXVII<sup>s</sup>. On the numbering of the quires (which is incorrect from XVII onwards), and the structure generally, see Rule's Preface to Eadmer's *Historia Novorum*, pp. lxxix, lxxx<sup>[Rule 1884]</sup>.

**Provenance:** From Christ Church, Canterbury<sup>1</sup>, *Ancient Libraries*, p.46, no. 257<sup>[James 1903]</sup>.

**Additions:** On p. 1 (f. ð, |1r) in the original hand, in capitals: Opuscula Eadmeri<sup>1</sup> Cantoris. Gervase of Canterbury<sup>1</sup>, *Rolls* ed. II 374<sup>[Stubbs 1880]</sup>, alludes to this title, probably, in the words: Legat Eadmeri<sup>1</sup> Cantoris opuscula ... qui ... plenius nosse uoluerit.

**Additions:** Verses (**xiv**)

a. Anglia<sup>1</sup> terra ferax, etc. (2).

b. Si canis applaudit meretrix hillarem tibi vultum.

Prebeat (4).

c. Scire nichil quondam vicium fuit est modo virtus

nunc nichil est vicium preter habere nichil.

d. Quatuor ecclesias hiis portis itur in omnes

Cesaris aut Simonis sanguinis atque dei,

Prima patet magnis nummos altera, caris

Tercia sed paucis ianua quarta patet.

**Additions:** List of contents (p. 2, |1v|), printed by Rule, l. c., p. lxxix<sup>[Rule 1884]</sup>

**Research:** The value and interest of this volume are well brought out by Mr Martin Rule<sup>1</sup> in his Preface to the *Rolls* edition of the *Historia Novorum*, pp. lxxviii-lxxxiv<sup>[Rule 1884]</sup>.

**Foliation:** ff. i-ii + 1-231 + iii-iv.

**Language:** Latin.

**Contents:**

1.
  - 2r-2r **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, Hymn for St Dunstan<sup>1</sup>**  
*Versus de sancto Dunstano<sup>1</sup>*  
 2r (3) *Rubric:* Versus de Sancto Dunstano<sup>1</sup>  
 Not the same hand as the main text  
 2r (0) *Incipit:* Salue sancta dies  
 Stubbs, *Memorials of S. Dunstan*, 424<sup>[Stubbs 1874]</sup>  
 4, |2v| blank
2.
  - 3r-3v **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, Hymn for St Edward king and martyr**  
*Hymnus de sancto Edwardo<sup>1</sup> rege et martire*  
 3r (5) *Rubric:* Ymnus de Sancto Eadwardo<sup>1</sup> Rege et martire  
 3r (0) At the top of the page is the music (four-line stave ruled with dry point)  
 3r (0) *Incipit:* Aue dies prefulgida in qua superna curia congaudet et dignissimam
3.
  - 3v-4r **Nicholas of Worcester OSB<sup>1</sup>, Epistola de matre Sancti Eadwardi martyris<sup>1</sup>**  
*Epistola Nicolai<sup>1</sup> ad Eadmerum<sup>1</sup> de matre sancti Edwardi<sup>1</sup>*  
 [Nasmith:] Annotavit Jocelinus<sup>1</sup>, "Hujus epistolae descriptionem improbat antiquior chronographus Osbernus Cantuar.<sup>1</sup> in vita Dunstani<sup>1</sup>."  
 3v (6) *Incipit:* Domno Eadmero<sup>1</sup> suus Nicolaus<sup>1</sup>  
 3v (0) Purple initial  
 Stubbs, l. c., p. 422<sup>[Stubbs 1874]</sup>. Rule, *Eadmeri Historia Novorum*, p. cxxvi<sup>[Rule 1884]</sup>
4.
  - 4r-5r **Nicholas of Worcester OSB<sup>1</sup>, Epistola de primatu sedis Eboracensis in Scotia<sup>1</sup>**  
*Epistola Nicolai<sup>1</sup> ad Eadmerum<sup>1</sup> sancti Andreae electum quod archiepiscopus Eboracensis nullum habet jus primatus in Scotos*

- 4r (7) *Incipit*: Electo per dei gratiam in S. Andree cathedram<sup>¶</sup>
5.  
5v-9r **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>¶</sup>, *Epistola ad Glastonienses***  
*Quale sit quod Glastonienses asserunt se corpus beati Dunstani<sup>¶</sup> habere*
- 5v (10) *Incipit*: Quale sit quod Glastonienses  
Stubbs, l. c., p. 412<sup>[Stubbs 1874]</sup>
6.  
9v-11v ***Letter from the archbishop of York<sup>¶</sup> to the pope<sup>¶</sup> concerning the bishop of Durham<sup>¶</sup>***  
*Epistola ad summum pontificem contra episcopum Dunelmensem per archiepiscopum Eboracensem*  
[Nasmith:] duabus paginis antea vacuis inscripta a Mattheo Parker<sup>¶</sup>, ex libro qui dicitur forma componendi epistolas  
In Parkerian<sup>¶</sup> hand
- 10r (18) *Rubric*: Hec e libro qui dicitur forma componendi epistolas in quaternione G.  
(no. 358<sup>[CC358]</sup>)  
20, |10v|-22, |11v| blank, ruled
7.  
12r-39v **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>¶</sup>, *Vita Sancti Wilfridi Eboracensis<sup>¶</sup>***  
*Vita sancti Wilfridi<sup>¶</sup> Eboracensis archiepiscopi et confessoris*
- 12r (23) *Incipit*: Britannia<sup>¶</sup> quam angli victis a se  
Raine, *Historians of Church of York*, Rolls I 161<sup>[Raine 1879]</sup>
8.  
39v-44r **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>¶</sup>, *Breviloquium uitae Sancti Wilfridi***  
*Breviloquium uitae ejusdem patris*
- 39v (78) *Incipit*: Spero fratres karissimi sanctitatem uestram non latere  
Raine, l. c., p. 227<sup>[Raine 1879]</sup>
9.  
44r-51v **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>¶</sup>, *Vita Sancti Odonis Cantuariensis<sup>¶</sup>***  
*Vita sancti Odonis<sup>¶</sup> archiepiscopi et confessoris*
- 44r (87) *Incipit*: Venerabilis Christi confessor odo<sup>¶</sup> nobilibus sed paganis parentibus  
Hardy I 568<sup>[Hardy 1862b]</sup>. Wharton, *Anglia Sacra* I 78<sup>[Wharton 1691a]</sup>. Acta Sanctorum 4 July (II  
67)<sup>[Janningus, Sollerius and Pinus 1721]</sup>. P. L. CXXXIII 931<sup>[Migne 133]</sup>, etc.
10.  
51v-77v **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>¶</sup>, *Vita Sancti Dunstani<sup>¶</sup>***  
*Vita sancti Dunstani<sup>¶</sup> archiepiscopi et confessoris*
- 51v (102) *Incipit*: Quia Deum in sanctis suis mirabilem  
Stubbs, l. c., p. 162<sup>[Stubbs 1874]</sup>
11.  
77v-88r **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>¶</sup>, *Miracula Sancti Dunstani<sup>¶</sup>***  
*De miraculis quae idem pater mundo exemptus fecit in mundo*
- 77v (154) *Incipit*: Nonnulla que de uita beati dunstani<sup>¶</sup>  
Stubbs, l. c., p. 223<sup>[Stubbs 1874]</sup>
12.  
88v-95v **Anselm of Canterbury OSB (attrib.)<sup>¶</sup>, *De ordinatione beati Gregorii<sup>¶</sup> Anglorum apostoli***  
*Scriptum de ordinatione beati Gregorii<sup>¶</sup> Anglorum apostoli*
- 88v (176) *Incipit*: Ad gloriam beati patris Gregorii<sup>¶</sup> audientium mentibus commendandam affectum nostrum hodieerne diei solemnitas excitauit
- 95v () *Explicit*gratiosos et exultantes deo perspexerit. ipso eodem deo donante qui semper idem existens eternaliter uiuit uincit regnat et imperat. Amen

95v () *Rubric*: Scriptum de ordinatione beati Gregorii<sup>1</sup> explicit  
Rule. Eadmer, *Historia Novorum LXXIX* note<sup>[Rule 1884]</sup>

13.

95v-107v *Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, De excellentia uirginis Mariae<sup>1</sup>*

*Consideratio Eadmeri<sup>1</sup> peccatoris et pauperis Dei de excellentia gloriosissimae virginis matris Dei*

95v (190) *Incipit*: Supereminentem omni quod post hominem deum creatum est

107v () *Explicit* iugi deuotione famuletur qui cum deo patre et spiritu sancto uiuit dominatur et regnat per infinita secula deus. AMHN

107v () *Rubric*: Scriptum Edmeri<sup>1</sup> peccatoris de piissima matre domini saluatoris explicit

14.

107v-123v *Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, Vita Sancti Oswaldi<sup>1</sup>*

*Vita sancti Oswaldi<sup>1</sup> Eboracensis archiepiscopi et confessoris*

107v (214) *Incipit*: Secundum propositum gratie dei uenerandus eboracensis antistes

Raine, l. c. II 1<sup>[Raine 1886]</sup>. P. L. CLIX<sup>[Migne 159]</sup>

221, |111r|-222, |111v| form a slip (221, |111r| blank) of smaller size, in another hand, supplying an omission

15.

123v-130v *Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, Miracula Sancti Oswaldi<sup>1</sup>*

*De miraculis ejusdem patris*

123v (246) *Incipit*: Transcursis iuxta quod deus dare dignatus est

Raine, l. c. II 41<sup>[Raine 1886]</sup>

16.

130v-141r *Anselm of Canterbury OSB (attrib.)<sup>1</sup>, De beatitudine perennis uitae*

*Scriptum de beatitudine uitae perennis, desumptum ex sermone habito ab Anselmo Cantuariensi<sup>1</sup> in cenobio Cluniacensi<sup>1</sup>*

130v () Prologue

131r (261) *Incipit*: Reuerendo domino et fratri et amico suo Gulielmo<sup>1</sup> monacho ... Eadmerus<sup>1</sup>

131r () *Explicit* recordari ualebam. Ualeat sanctitas tua et oret pro me

131r () *Rubric*: E(x)plicit prologus

131r () *Rubric*: Incipit scriptum quoddam de beatitudine perennis uite

131r () *Incipit*: Multi homines quibus nonnumquam boni mores

(P. L. CLIX 587<sup>[Migne 159]</sup>)

141r () *Explicit* Sit igitur deus benedictus in omnibus. Amen

141r () *Rubric*: Explicit scriptum de beatitudine perennis uite sumptum de uerbis beati patris

Anselmi<sup>1</sup> Cantuariensis archiepiscopi

Cf. MS 135<sup>[CCC135]</sup> etc.

17.

141r-146v *Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, Vita Sancti Bregowini archiepiscopi<sup>1</sup>*

*Vita beati Bregowini<sup>1</sup> Cantuariensis archiepiscopi et confessoris*

141r (281) *Incipit*: Exordium propositi mei atque procursum

146v () *Explicit* benedictus in secula seculorum et ultra amen

Hardy I 483<sup>[Hardy 1862b]</sup>. Wharton, *Anglia Sacra* II 184<sup>[Wharton 1691b]</sup>. Acta Sanctorum 26 Aug. (V 831)<sup>[Pinius, Cuperus and Stilingus 1741]</sup>. P. L. CLIX 753<sup>[Migne 159]</sup>

18.

147r-189v *Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, Vita Sancti Anselmi<sup>1</sup>*

*Vita Anselmi<sup>1</sup> Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, libri ii*

147r (293) *Rubric*: Incipiunt capitula in vitam Anselmi<sup>1</sup> archiepiscopi  
Paler ink

150r (299) *Rubric*: Incipit Prefatio sequentis operis

150r () *Incipit*: Quoniam multas et antecessorum

150r () A gay initial in red, green and purple

167r () Liber II, 333, |167r|

Ends 377, |189r|. 378, |189v| blank

Rule, l. c. p. 303 sqq.<sup>[Rule 1884]</sup> P. L. CLVIII 49<sup>[Migne 158]</sup>

19.

**190r-197v** **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, *Miracula Sancti Anselmi*<sup>1</sup>**

*Descriptio quorundam miraculorum gloriosi patris Anselmi<sup>1</sup> archiepiscopi*

- 190r () Prologue  
190r (379) *Incipit*: Cum uitam uenerandi patris  
Text  
190v (380) *Incipit*: Helias<sup>1</sup> quidam nomine monachus fuit  
195v () *Explicit* Ego hic finem imposui  
391, |196r|394, |197v| blank  
Rule, p. 425<sup>[Rule 1884]</sup>. Liebermann, *Ungedruckte Anglonormannische Geschichtsquellen* no. XVI (p. 302, 3)<sup>[Liebermann 1879b]</sup>

20.

**198r-208r** **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, *De conceptione sanctae Mariae*<sup>1</sup>**

*De conceptione sanctae Mariae<sup>1</sup> editum ab Eadmero<sup>1</sup> monacho magno peccatore*

- 198r (395) *Incipit*: Principium quo salus mundo processit mihi considerare uolenti  
208r () *Explicit* sue carnis substantia uerum hominem genuisse. Amen  
208r () *Rubric*: Explicit de conceptione Sancte Marie<sup>1</sup>  
Ed. 1904 by Thurston and Slater (Freiburg, Herder)<sup>[Thurston and Slater 1904]</sup>: cf. P.L. CLIX 301<sup>[Migne 159]</sup>

21.

**208r-212r** **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, *Vita beati Petri*<sup>1</sup> primi abbatis**

*Vita beati Petri<sup>1</sup> primi abbatis cenobii gloriosorum apostolorum Petri et Pauli quod Cantuariae situm est*

- 208v (416) *Incipit*: Inter innumeras sue deitatis sententias summus et equo moderamine cuncta disponens  
212r () *Explicit* coheredes ipsi constituat per eum qui secum in unitate sancti spiritu per omnia secula uiuit et regnat. Amen  
Hardy I 206<sup>[Hardy 1862a]</sup>. Cf. Acta Sanctorum 6 Jan. (I 334)<sup>[Bollandus and Henschenius 1643]</sup>

22.

**212r-212v** **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, *De memoria sanctorum quos ueneraris***

*Sententia de memoria sanctorum quos ueneraris*

In three Lectiones

i.

- 212r (423) *Incipit*: Ex memoria sanctorum que a filiis sancte ecclesie  
ii.  
212r () *Incipit*: Cum enim isti diebus ac noctibus insistunt laudibus dei  
iii.  
212v (424) *Incipit*: Uult et precipit ut eos diligamus  
212v () *Explicit* misericorditer introducat

23.

**212v-220v**

**Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, *Scriptum Eadmeri*<sup>1</sup> peccatoris ad mouendam super se misericordiam beati Petri<sup>1</sup> ianitoris regni caelestis**

*Scriptum Eadmeri<sup>1</sup> peccatoris ad commouendam super se misericordiam beati Petri<sup>1</sup> ianitoris regni caelestis*

- 213r (425) *Incipit*: Eximium decus regni dei aliqua mei officii deuotione  
220v () *Explicit* et ad idem felici cursu peruenire. Amen  
220v () *Rubric*: Explicit scriptum Eadmeri<sup>1</sup> de memoria et prouocatione gratie beati Petri<sup>1</sup>

24.

**220v-225v** **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>1</sup>, *De reliquiis Sancti Audoeni*<sup>1</sup>**

*De reliquiis sancti Audoeni<sup>1</sup> et quorundam aliorum sanctorum quae Cantuariae in ecclesia Domini saluatoris<sup>1</sup> habentur*

- 221r (441) *Incipit*: Quoniam multas terrarum partes fama respersit reliquias beati Audoeni<sup>1</sup>  
225v () *Explicit* hominem omnino reliquit immunem. ubi ad uota precum eius dictum est a circumstantibus Amen Amen  
Rule, l. c. LXXIX note<sup>[Rule 1884]</sup>. E. Bishop, *Bosworth Psalter*, p. 64, note<sup>[Bishop and Gasquet 1908]</sup>

25.

226r-231v **Eadmer of Canterbury OSB<sup>II</sup>, *Consideratio de beatissimo Gabriele archangelo<sup>II</sup>***

*Inspida quaedam divinae dispensationis consideratio edita ab Eadmero<sup>II</sup> magno peccatore de beatissimo Gabriele<sup>II</sup> archangelo*

226r (451) *Rubric:* Inspida quedam diuine dispensationis consideratio

226r () *Incipit:* Quia me de nonnullis que corporeis sensibus subiacent

230v () *Explicit* ipso nuntiante in homine uenit. uiuens et regnans cum deo patre suo in unitate spiritu sancti unus solus et omnipotens deus per immortalia secula seculorum. Amen

~~461~~, |231r| blank. On ~~462~~, |231v| in a late hand: Liber de vitis aliquot sanctorum

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