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to fol. 40^r (Qq. I–V). Thereafter, there are just two rubrics on 41^r and incomplete diagrams on fols. 42^v, 43^v, and 47^r (all in Q. VI), otherwise just empty spaces (there are faint notes in crayon in the spaces left for rubrics on fols. 77^v and 80^r—both in Q. X).

PROVENANCE

(1) Sir Thomas Pope (c.1507–59) (signature, 1^r, upper margin). Whence to (2) Trinity College. Bernard, p. 64, no. 1942 (as MS. 5). College shelfmarks: '8' on fore-edge; pencil '5', changed in ink to 'olim 5 nunc 1' on 1^r.

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Fig. 20

Clement of Lanthony, *Concordia quattuor euangelistarum*;
Peter Comestor, *Historia scholastica* (Maccabees–Gospels); etc.

England; s. XII / XIII

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Parchment: modest to low quality, slightly greasy aspect, hair sides very yellow; arranged HF, FH. Fols. i (modern parchment) + 178 + i (modern parchment, foliated '179'). Modern pencil foliation.

Size: 242 × 170 mm. Written area: 188 × 108 mm. Generally in long lines, but items (d)–(i) are set out in two columns or more ((e) in up to eight columns). Lines: 29 (space, 6 mm; height of minims, 2 mm). Pricking: awl and knife; prickings in both side margins. Ruling: lead and crayon. Two pairs of verticals define main text-block, with a third pair defining a 30 mm marginal column for apparatus. An upper horizontal ruling was supplied to support running headings. In the main grid, horizontals 1, 2, 5, 6, 14, 15, 24, 25, 28, and 29 are extended. Extra rulings were sometimes added in the subsidiary column to support the apparatus (gospel references in item (a), content cues in (c)). Fols. 90^r–93^r, item (e), were re-pricked and ruled with eight pairs of verticals and forty-eight horizontals.

Collation: I–V⁸; VI⁹ (= 8 + a singleton, fol. 43, after leaf 2); VII–XIII⁸; XIV³ (seemingly a bifolium, fols. 106+7, followed by a singleton, fol. 108); XV–XXII⁸; XXIII⁶ (= 8 with leaves 7 and 8 cancelled). No signatures or catchwords.

2^o folio: xi. Ypapanti domini

BINDING

Diced calf, s. xix; gold-tooled armorial book-stamp of Trinity College on both covers; gold-tooled turn-ins; titles of contents in gilt on spine; upper and lower edges gilded; 255 × 189 × 43 mm.

CONTENTS

(a) Fols. 1^r–81^r. Clement of Lanthony, *Concordia quattuor euangelistarum/Unum ex quattuor*. Fol. 1^r. *Prologus. Incipit prologus Clementis uiri illustrissimi et eximii doctoris, prioris Lanthoniensis ecclesie in opera sequenti. Clemens lanthoniensis ecclesie ... Huius operis filii karissime causam requires, et fructum ...* Fols. 1^v–7^r, *Capitula*. Fol. 7^r: *Expliciunt capitula. Incipit Concordia quattuor euangelistae, euangelice historie ordo, et euangeliorum manuale breuiarum. Incipit capitulum primum partis prime*. I^o. *In principio erat uerbum et uerbum erat apud deum ...* Fol. 81^r ... *nec ipsum arbitror mundum capere eos, qui scribendi sunt libros.*

S 1981; unprinted. In twelve parts. The source gospels are identified by red letters (Mt, Mk, etc.) within the text, plus apparatus of references (including parallel passages) in the margins. Fols. 7^v–10^v (Part I, chs. iii–xi) include interlinear and marginal glosses formally copied by the main text scribe; the first (on 'herodis regis') is 'Ecce iam alienigena regnat'. Regular nota marks in margins thereafter—seemingly copied formally as part of the apparatus.

(b) Fols. 81^r–87^r. Explanation of (a). *Incipit ratio ordinis partis prime*. *In principio erat uerbum et cetera. Ordo necessitatis est. Quod enim eternum est ... Undecim autem discipuli abierunt in galileam, et cetera. Ordinis ratio satis apparet.*

Starts on fol. 81^r, line 14, immediately after the end of (a) at line 13. Treats in turn all twelve parts of Clement's work, each section headed by its own rubric: *Ratio ordinis partis ij^e*, etc.

- (c) Fols. 87^r–90^r. Expositions of Canon Tables. Fol. 87^r. *Incipit tractatus de canonibus euangeliorum*. Ammonius quidam alexandrinus distinctiones canonum adinuenit et post eum eusebius cesariensis ampliauit ... Intentio, auctoris, et utilitas, multiformis. Fol. 88^r. *Quid sit canon, et quot, et qualiter distincti*. Est igitur canon, regula, seu institutio, et singulas euangeliorum sententias canones uocamus ... Fol. 89^r. *De compositione autem tabule ...* Fol. 90^r ... et omnia in quibus conuenientia cum aliis reperiri potest.
Starts immediately after—with the first word of rubric on the same line as—the end of (b).
- (d) Fol. 90^r. Ailerán the Wise/Sapiens, Verses on Canon Tables. *Item de canonibus*. .i. Quam in primo speciosa quadriga, / Septuaginta unum per capitula ... Nonagies loqui atque septies. *xcvii*.
Starts on the very next line after the end of (c), exactly filling the rest of the page. Set out in two columns. *CPL* 1121; *W* 15142; *S* 843. Printed: *PL* ci, col. 729; also N. Netzer, *Cultural Interplay in the Eighth Century* (Cambridge, 1995), Appendix Q; D. Howlett, 'Seven Studies in Seventh-Century Texts', *Peritia*, 10 (1996), pp. 1–70.
- (e) Fols. 90^v–93^f. Canon Tables. *Canon primus in quo hii quatuor conueniunt ...*
Arranged over five and a half pages: page 1 contains Canon I; p. 2, Canon II; p. 3, Canons II cont. to IV; p. 4, Canons V to VI; p. 5, Canons VI cont. to X Luke; p. 6, Canon X Luke cont. to X John. The individual blocks of number are separated by blank lines.
- (f) Fol. 93^f. Verses on Canon Tables. *Item uersus de canonibus*. i. Primum concordans canonem Faciunt simul omnes ...
W 14633. One verse for each of the ten tables, duly numbered I–X in red. Fitted into the outer column beside (e).
- (g) Fol. 93^r. Listing of the number of Old Testament prophecies in each gospel. *De testimoniis prophetarum in euangeliiis*. Matheus habet testimonia prophetarum xxxiii. *De numero canonum*. Canones ccclv ...
Immediately below (f). Set out in two columns: the first for the testimonia, the second for the Canons: *Matt.* 33, 355; *Mark* 17, 234; *Luke* 16, 42; *John* 14, 234.
- (h) Fols. 93^v–105^v. Schedule of the Eusebian sections in each gospel. *Incipit secundum matheum. Capitulum I. Mt. Iⁱⁱⁱ*. Liber generationis Christi filii dauid ... iunior cingebas te. *Explicit secundum Iohannem*.
Listed in full, in order, with incipits: *Matt.* 355, *Mark* 234, *Luke* 342, *John* 232 sections.
- (i) Fols. 105^v–108^r. [Early addition:] Chapter lists for *Historia scholastica*. *Incipiunt ystorie petri commestoris ante euangelium usque ad conceptionem sancti iohannis baptiste*. [D]e commendatione iohannis hircam ... ad euangelium.
Chapter lists for 2 Macc., *Evang.*, and the three further tracts; added to introduce items (j)–(k) when they were joined to fols. 1–105, necessitating the insertion of the short supplementary quire XIV (fols. 106–8). Starts immediately after (h).
Fol. 108^v blank.
- (j) Fols. 109^f–177^v. Peter Comestor, *Historia scholastica Libri II Machabeorum, In Euangelia*. *Incipiunt ystorie euangeliorum*. *De commendatione iohannis hircani. Primum capitulum*. Mortuo symone qui ultimus v [= 'quinque'] filiorum matathie asmonei dux et sacerdos fuerat in iudea ... ascendit iesus propria scilicet uirtute.
S 6563; *PL* cxviii, cols. 1525–1644. Extensive apparatus of interlinear and marginal explanatory notes, including: lists of rulers; types of martyrdom; witnesses to Christ; table of the forms and meanings of Christ's name and title in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin; nota signs, etc.—all formally copied by the main scribe.
- (k) Fols. 177^v–178^v. Johannes Belethus/Jean Belet, *Rationale diuinorum officiorum*, extracts (c. 39). 1. *Item de euangeliiis*. Sciendum est quod quandoque legitur euangelium in ecclesia, secundum ystoriā ... [Presented without a break, as if the next section of item (j). Cf. *PL* ccii, col. 47.] 2. Fol. 178^r, *De signo crucis*. *Ad Gloria tibi domine*. Illud quoque notandum est quod quam cito inchoatur euangelium, tam cito, tam clericus quam laicus, tam proferens, quam audiens, debet facere signum crucis in fronte, in pectore, in ore ... Hic est liber crucifixi. [Cf. *PL* ccii, col. 47.] 3. *Qualiter debeat fieri signum crucis*. Queritur qualiter debeat fieri signum crucis uel a dextra in sinistram, uel a sinistra in dextram ... Alii dicunt, quod a dextra in sinistram debeat fieri, quia christus a dextra ueniens diabolum per crucem repulit qui per sinistram significatur. [Cf. *PL* ccii, col. 48.] 4. Fol. 178^v. *De Gloria tibi domine ad euangelium*. Dicto titulo euangelii, respondetur ab omnibus, gloria tibi domine. Preposito nanque euangelio ad legendum ... Erecti stamus, inclinatio tunc capite. Non debemus nos apodiare, nisi necessitate cogente. [Cf. *PL* ccii, col. 48.]

y stonā

ab. fecit q̄ herodion. in quo ⁊ sepult⁹ ⁊. fecit ⁊ phateliū. in memo-
riam fr̄is. Reparauit sāmariā. qm̄ ⁊ sebastem noiāda. ū ⁊ templū
māximū cesari dedicauit. Auud q̄ templū cca iordā
nis fontē. candido marmore cesari posuit. P̄teritū n̄ erat

*fecit q̄ cesariā palestine. in q̄ turris stravit
⁊. in qua corā aduentū Augusti. e. portat de
candido marmore ⁊ stravit. in qua post. conu-
lit. tuncino erat ⁊ a petro. ep̄e.*

*In sup̄e hoz op̄. tradunt qd̄
cum ap̄tite unū de locut
ica rumulū dāno.*

idoneus regni locut. quē uacūū honore cesari relinq̄ret. Anno q̄
xv. regni sui. templū dñi magnifice deorauit ⁊ nec solū in regno
suo. s̄ ⁊ in adiacentib⁹ ciuitatib⁹ memoria sua lib̄tatis. ⁊ industrie

Post hec redierit *⁊ offensa herodi in filios. xv.* opa reliq̄t.
A studio filii ei. ⁊ erat alexander acerrim⁹ potator. Duoz un⁹ fili-
am salome amice sue dixit uxore. atq̄ filiā regis cappadoce.
Amq̄ uentū de successione regni. cū p̄re disceptabant. Ob h̄ pat̄
offensus. anticipatū n̄ p̄pone satagebat. In testam̄to q̄ apte iā
fuerat successor declarat. P̄inde p̄dicti fr̄i secū de monte p̄rit
occulte tractabant. Qd̄ pl̄ncient pat̄. a se eos reiecit. H̄n ū ro-
mā nauigauerū. ū p̄rit iniuriā deferrent ad cesarem. *Incipit*

Fuit in aū dieb⁹ he *cūnglica y stonā. Doceptione p̄arson. 1.*
rodit regis iudee. annis regni ei undex. x. sacerdos noiē za-
chariat de uice abia. ⁊ uxorei aaronita noiē elisabeth.
Dauid ampliāre uolens cultū dñi. xx. iij. instituit sūmos sa-
cerdotes. quoz un⁹ tū maior. qui dicebat p̄nceps sacerdotū. sta-
tuit aū. xvi. uiros de eleazar. ⁊ viii. de ytamar. ⁊ scdm̄ sortes
dedit uncuq̄ ebdomadā uicis sue. *A tabe usq̄ ad tabm̄.*
habuit aū abiat. viii. ebdom-
madam. de cui⁹ genē zachariat cū in die p̄piciationis incensū po-
nere. p̄dixit ei angl⁹ natatum sibi filiū de ux-
ore. At confidant sterilitatē uxoris. ⁊ uicūq̄

*Similita. t uico ministran
di. sed. uice sortis. viii.*

*In quo die hec tria festa concurrebant. festū p̄piciatio-
nis. dies afflictionis. dies stangonit. quo dāngēbant cum
coronā arcanis. in memoriā lib̄tationis y s̄ac. sup̄posito
arice ad sacrificiū p̄ eo.*

die septēbris. n̄ iugē.
n̄ iugē.

Qd̄ ūbo n̄ credidit. ūbū amito. senectutē. n̄ credidit. ⁊ ob h̄ obtinuit utq̄ in die partus. Nom̄ q̄
viii. kal. octobris. luna. vii. ip̄i. ⁊ magnificentiā cū abstinentiā indicauit. Concepit aū eli-
sabeth. ⁊ occultabat se mensib⁹. v. *Doceptione saluatiou. 1.*

Mense aū. vi. missus ⁊ gabriel in nazareth ad mariā. desponsa

q̄. unūda.

Angl⁹.



Fig. 20. MS. 2, fol. 116v (reproduced at 87%).

SCRIBES AND SCRIPT

Protogothic, approaching Textualis; formal in conception but written without undue care; the ink has sometimes bled. Probably by a single scribe, observable variations reflecting different phases of work. The latest phase is likely to have been (i), the capitula list inserted on fols. 105^v–108^r to link (j) to the rest of the book. The many marginal and interlinear glosses and notes, plus nota marks, are probably also by the main scribe, writing a smaller and less weighty version of the same script.

DECORATION

Hybrid arabesque-flourished initials, 4 lines high (red, blue, green), mark incipits in (j) (109^r, 116^v), with further

tri-colour flourished initials for chs. 2 (116^v), 30, and 31 (both 125^r). A flourished initial, 4 lines high, marks the incipit to (a), fol. 1^r. Part divisions in (a) are marked by an enlarged flourished initial. Other sections and subsections are marked by a coloured capital, 2 to 4 lines high, red, green, blue, sometimes flourished.

PROVENANCE

(1) Sir Thomas Pope (c.1507–59) (signatures, fols. 1^r and 178^v). Whence to (2) Trinity College. Bernard, p. 64, no. 1943 as MS. 6. College shelfmarks: 'S' plus illegible number on fore-edge; fol. 1^r, outer margin, pencil '6', changed in ink to 'olim 6 / Hodie 2'.

Fig. 21

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A. Hugo Ripelinus, *Summa theologiae veritatis*;Ps.-Methodius, *Revelationes*England; s. XIV^{ex}–XVⁱB. Albertus Magnus, *Compendium de negotio naturali*?France; s. XIII²

GENERAL

Fols. i (modern parchment) + 305 + i (modern parchment, foliated '306'). Modern pencil foliation. Upper fore-edges eroded (?rodent damage); first page very weathered; last pages (?damp) damaged, edges repaired. The volume comprises two separate items bound together by s. xvii at the latest: Part A, fols. 1–252; and Part B, fols. 253–305. Size: 171 × 112 mm.

BINDING

Diced calf, s. xix; gold-tooled armorial book-stamp of Trinity College on both covers; gold-tooled turn-ins; titles of contents in gilt on spine; upper and lower edges gilded, also three stripes of red on fore-edge; parchment pastedowns and endleaves, from rebinding; 180 × 131 × 63 mm. Rust stains from the fittings for a pair of clasps on an earlier binding appear towards the fore-edge of fols. 1 and 2.

Part A: fols. 1–252. Hugo Ripelinus;
Ps.-Methodius. s. XIV^{ex}–XVⁱ

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Parchment, low quality with some scars within text areas; arranged FH, HF. Fols. 252.

Text-block: 141 × 86 mm. Lines: 25 (space, 5–6 mm; height of minims, 2–2.5 mm). Pricking: awl; a few prickings preserved at outer edge. Ruling: lead. Single vertical bounding lines for the main text block; a further pair of vertical lines define a subsidiary column within the outer margin. No horizontal ruling is consistently extended, except that in the upper margin to support headings.

Collation: I–XX¹². Contemporary catchwords (only survive, cropped, in Qq. I and II: 12^v, 24^v).

2^o folio: quicquam de eo