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(b) Fols. 89^r–92^v. Precedents of Returns of writs (in Latin and French). *Retorna Breuium*. En ?chacc Breff original lon somonz ...

DECORATION

None.

SCRIBES AND SCRIPT

One hand (84^r–87^v; 89^r–92^v). Secretary, flowing, informal, gradually becoming smaller and tighter. A larger, bolder version used for marginal headings and incipits. Very similar to, possibly the same as, that of Part C.

GENERAL PROVENANCE

(1) S. xv^{3/3}, Part A alone: ?Monkton Farleigh, Wilts (*teste* content). (2) Whole volume: Thomas Unton (d. 1693) (no. 10 on the list of his MSS: see Appendix II). Whence to (3) Trinity College in 1694. Bernard, p. 66, no. 2017 (as MS. 80). College shelfmarks: 2^r, pencil '80'; ink '30'.

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Isidore, *Quaestiones in Vetus Testamentum*.

Sententiae on Old Testament Texts

England; s. XII^{2/3}Pl. VIII
Fig. 43

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Parchment: reasonable but uneven quality, with a noticeable H/F contrast. Arranged HF, FH throughout. Fol. 17 made good with a well bonded original patch. A wax blob on 36^v. Fols. i (modern paper flyleaf, foliated '1') + 104 (foliated '2'–'105') + i (modern paper, foliated '106'). One continuous modern pencil foliation (followed here); occasional second numbers, one behind the others from 84 onwards.

Size: 275 × 176 mm. Written area: 196 × 126 mm. Two columns (column width: 56 mm). Lines: 35 (space, 5 mm; height of minims, 2 mm). Pricking: awl; pricking for horizontals in both side margins (only survives in the inner one). Ruling: lead. Single vertical boundaries for both columns; the first and last horizontals are always extended; sometimes the third and antepenultimate as well, other times the first three and the last three.

Collation: I–XIII⁸. Contemporary signatures (final verso, centre of lower margin; only 'V', 'VIII', 'IX', 'X', and 'XII' survive: 41^v, 65^v, 73^v, 81^v, 97^v) and catchwords (surviving on every quire except IV).

2^o folio: Premissio operis (3^r: second page, first recto, of text); -signis uirtutum (4^r: second folio, fourth page, of text)

BINDING

Panelled style, s. xviii, probably by Sedgley; blind-tooled mottled and plain calf, a fleuron at each corner of the inner compartment, and two decorative rolls; gold-tooled armorial book-stamp of Trinity College on both covers; MS. number in gilt on spine; 284 × 188 × 35 mm.

CONTENTS

Fol. 2^r. Blank bar later inscriptions (see Provenance). (a) Fols. 2^v–84^v. Isidore, *Quaestiones in Vetus Testamentum*. Fol. 2^v. *Incipit liber ysidori yspalensis episcopi super eptaticum*. Hystoria sacre legis non sine aliqua prenuntiatione futurorum gesta atque conscripta est ... eloquenti Gregorio. *Explicit prothologus id est primus sermo*. 1. *Incipiunt capitula super Genesim*. [Fol. 3^r] *Premissio operis ab exordio I* ... [No rubric—nor most of the first word—supplied for text proper:] C[reatura] celi et terre quomodo hystorialiter ab exordio ... Fol. 33^r ... *de spiritu meo super omnem carnem* [S 5233]. 2. Fol. 33^r. *Capitula then Prologus super Exodum*. Fol. 33^v. *Incipit tractatus ysidori episcopi super exodum*. Primum omnium septuaginta ... Fol. 45^r ... *in se credentibus* [S 5326; on fol. 34^r, alternative reading noted in margin by

contemporary hand: 'al[iter] que in rubo' beside 'cuius figura in rubo'.] 3. Fol. 45^r. *Capitula* then fol. 45^v *Incipit expositio ysidori super leuiticum*. In exordio leuitici quatuor genera principalium oblationum describuntur que in odorem suauitatis domino offerri iubentur ... Fol. 51^r ... huius modi sacrificium ab ecclesia catholica non approbatur. [Not in S.] 5. Fol. 51^r. Prologus: Ideo hic liber ... *Capitula* then *Incipit expositio ysidori super numeri librum*. Cathalogus autem mansionem ... [Fol. 59^r] ... omnia etiam uicia extinguamus [S 5242]. 6. *Capitula* [no Prologue then] *Incipit expositio ysidori episcopi super deuteronomium*. Liber deuteronomium repetitio est ... Fol. 63^v ... illic sine peccato inueniemur [S 5245]. *Explicit expositio ysidori super eptaticum*. 7. *Capitula* then *Incipit expositio ysidori super libros iosue beth nun* ... Fol. 67^r ... quod ex se maiora non subiciat. *Explicit super Ihu nave*. [S 5247]. 8. Fol. 67^r. *Capitula* then [fol. 67^v] *Incipit expositio super librum iudicum*. Hystoria iudicum non parua ... Fol. 71^v ... de demonibus triumphauit. *Explicit expositio in librum iudicum* [S 5250]. 9. Fol. 71^v. *Incipit in Ruth*. Uideamus nunc de Ruth ... Fol. 72^r ... gloria et honor in secula seculorum amen. *Explicit in ruth explanatio*. 10. Fol. 72^r. *Capitula* then *Incipit explanatio Isidori ispalensis episcopi in primum librum regum*. Post librum iudicum ... Fol. 79^v ... montes. *Explicit de primo libro regum*. 11. Fol. 79^v. *Capitula* then *Incipit expositio ysidori super secundum*. Post mortem itaque ... Fol. 80^v ... inter filios dei. 12. Fol. 80^v. *Capitula* then *Incipit expositio [super tertium regum]*. Succedit deinde Salomon ... Fol. 82^v ... peccato mundaret. *Explicit de tercio libro regum*. 13. Fol. 82^v. *Capitula* then *Incipit expositio ysidori episcopi super quartum librum regum*. Mittit rex ... Fol. 84^r ... in celi uolatilibus requiescit. *Explicit expositio in iiii libro regum* [S 5255/6]. 14. *Capitula* then *Incipit expositio in esdram*. Nam quod etiam post septuaginta annos ... Fol. 84^v ... baptisma non iteramus [S 5259]. *Explicit de quarto regum*. 15. Fol. 84^v. *Incipit de libro machabeorum*. De machabeis autem ... cum patre et spiritu sancto in secula seculorum amen [S 5261]. *Explicit opusculum ysidori yspalensis episcopi in libros ueteris testamenti*. Followed by extra paragraph: Post Symonis Machabei discessum computantur anni usque ad natiuitatem christi cxxviii ... Post hunc alienigeni herode in regnum succedente tricesimo secundo anno regni eius χρς nascitur.

Running headings by original scribe up to 82^v–83^r. CPL no. 1195; PL lxxxiii, cols. 207–424. The extra final passage also follows the text in e.g. Hereford Cathedral Library, MS. O.III.6.

- (b) Fols. 84^v–104^r. *Sententiae* on Old Testament Texts.
1. Fols. 84^v–85^v. Dixit David ad Saul, Pascebat seruus tuus gregem patris sui et ueniebat leo uel ursus tollebatque ... seruus tuus [1 Sam. 17: 34–6]. David significat christum. Per leonem autem et ursus persecutores ecclesiae sancte designantur. Per leonem imperatores et ceteri principes terre. Per ursum iudei designati sunt qui ecclesiam dei persecuti sunt. Per arietem uero martyres designantur ... [*Quaestiones super libros regum*, c. 16: PL xciii, col. 452.] 2. Fols. 85^v–86^v. In regum uolumine scriptum est quia cum cepisset rex israel achabet persequi heliam precipiente domino abiit in desertum et sedit iuxta torrentem charib ... Helias christum figurabat. Per torrentem autem charib legem debemus intelligere. Charib interpretatur mendacium ... [*Quaestiones super libros regum*, c. 14: PL xliii, col. 452 ff.]. 3. Fol. 86^v. Heliseus χρm figurauit naaman uero populum gentium ... 4. Fol. 87^r. Naaman iste syrus qui interpretatur fidelis uirtus eorum. Cor populi demonstrate nationum ... [*Quaestiones super libros regum*, ch. 16: PL xciii, col. 454.] 5. Fol. 87^r. Temporibus osee et ioathe ... [cf. S 507]. 6. Fol. 87^v. Sanctus Iohel apud hebreos post osee ponitur et ibi sub nomine ... [cf. S 511]. 7. Fol. 87^v. Iacob patriarcha fratrem habuit esau ... [cf. S 519]. 8. Fol. 88^r. Sanctum ionam hebrei affirmant ... [cf. S 524]. 9. Fol. 88^r. Temporibus ioathe et achaz ... [cf. S 507]. 10. Fol. 88^v. Naum prophetam ante aduentum ... [cf. S 528]. 11. Fol. 88^v. Quattuor prophete in duodecim prophetarum uolumine sunt ... [cf. S 531]. 12. Fol. 89^v. Tradunt hebrei cuiuscunque prophete ... [cf. S 534]. 13. Fol. 89^v. Secundo anno darii regis medonum ... [cf. S 539]. 14. Fol. 90^r. Deus per moysen populo israel preceperat ... [cf. S 543]. 15–20. Fols. 90^v–93^v. Ecce mulier occurrit illi ornatu meretricio preparata ... [Extracts from Proverbs (7: 10; 30: 18; 30: 21; 30: 29; 31: 4; 26: 8) with commentary from Bede, *In Proverbia*: S 1668; PL xci.] 16. Fol. 91^r. *De tribus difficilibus et quarto ignorato*. Tria sunt mihi difficilia et quartum penitus ignoro [Prov. 30: 18] ... 17. Fol. 92^r. *De tribus mouentibus terram et quarto intolerabili*. Per tria mouetur terra et quartum non potest sustinere [Prov. 30: 21] ... 18. Fol.

92^v. Tria sunt que bene gradiuntur et quartum quod incedit feliciter [Prov. 30: 29] ... 19. Fol. 93^r. Noli regibus o lamuel noli regibus dare uinum [Prov. 31: 4] ... 20. Fol. 93^v. Sicut qui mittit lapidem in aceruum mercurii [Prov. 26: 8] ... 21–42. Fols. 94^r–99^v. *Aleph*. Mulierem fortem quis inueniet ... Mulier fortis ecclesia catholica uocatur ... in presenti uita collaudare seruitiis. Amen. [Bede, *Libellus de muliere forti*: PL xci, cols. 1039–52]. 43. Fols. 99^v–101^r. Dum quietum silentium tenerent omnia ... [Wisd. 18: 14–16]. Alia translatio habet ‘medium silentium’, significans idem quod ‘quietum’ ... 44. Fol. 101^r. Cum quidam sapiens laudibus pro qualitate operum efferret architectos ... 45. Fol. 101^v. Quia diabolus membra christi in nocte item in die temptare non desinit testatur psalmista cum dicit, scuto circundabit te ueritas eius [Ps. 90: 5] ... 46. Fol. 102^r. Sapientia attingit a fine usque ad finem ... [Wisd. 8: 1]. Qui sunt isti fines et quod medium ... 47. Fol. 102^r. In humana anima triplex uis nature uigere dinoscitur. Est enim rationalis, concupiscibilis, irascibilis ... 48. Fol. 102^v. *Augustinus*. Iuuenca Ruffa carnem christi significat. Sexus femineus propter infirmitatem carnalem [Deut. 21: 15]. Ruffa propter cruentam domini passionem ... uel morticine uite caro mundatur. [Augustine, *Quaestiones in Heptateuchum*: IV, *In Numeros*: PL xxxiv, col. 733 ff.]. 49. Fol. 103^r. Homo qui uotum fecerit et uouerit et sponderit ... [Lev. 27: 2–3]. Tria uota necessaria ponit facere, uouere, spondere. Fit in primis uotum ... 50. Adducet uentum urentem dominus de deserto ascendentem ... [Hos. 13: 15] ... 51. Fols. 103^v–104^r. Si habuerit homo uxores duas unam dilectam et alteram odiosam [Deut. 21: 15] ... ends: Primogenito duplicia praebentur cum pro bono opere corpus et anima perhennis glorie corona sublimantur.

No initial rubric; certain individual items have their own rubrics, as noted. Fols. 104^v–105^v blank.

SCRIBES AND SCRIPT

(1) Fols. 2^v–68^r. Protogothic, variable, of moderate regularity and neatness. (2) Fols. 68^v–84^r. Protogothic; more elongated, with longer ascenders and descenders, than that of scribe 1. (3) Fols. 84^r–104^r. Protogothic, midway

between the styles of 1 and 2. Also responsible for corrections to own stint. (4) Corrections: 32^r/col. 2, last 15 lines; 36^v/col. 1, line 16; 49^r/col. 2, fourth line from bottom. A less spiky Romanesque hand.

DECORATION

The main sections in item (a) are headed by 5- to 10-line-high initials, generally decorated, featuring foliate tendrils entwined around the letter shape, set against a coloured ground, often with areas of unburnished gold leaf applied over an orange-red ground: 2^v, ‘H’ decorated, with beast-head terminals, includes gold; 3^r, ‘C’, decorated, with gold; 33^v, ‘P’, decorated, with beast-head terminals, includes gold; 45^v, ‘I’ undecorated, green and gold; 51^v, ‘C’ decorated, including gold; 59^r, ‘L’ arabesque including gold; 63^v, ‘P’ arabesque; 67^v, ‘H’ arabesque; 71^v, ‘U’, plain ochre; 72^v, ‘P’ decorated, with beast-head terminal and including gold; 79^v, ‘P’, arabesque; 80^v, ‘S’, arabesque; fol. 82^v, ‘M’, undecorated green and gold; 84^r, ‘N’ arabesque; 84^v, ‘D’, ‘P’, ‘D’, plain coloured capitals—green, red, and blue respectively. Single-colour capitals, red, green, blue, or ochre, 2–6 lines high, generally plain, occasionally embellished, for subsections in item (a) and for each section within item (b); plain coloured capitals, 1–2 lines high, for the sections of *De muliere forti* within (b), 94^r–98^v. Colour notes in lead for these initials (especially visible on 51^v–52^r): ‘a’ for blue, ‘b’ for ochre, ‘r’ for red, and ‘v’ for green. Fol. 98^v. Undatable pencil sketch/doodle in margin, showing a profile head, perhaps tonsured.

PROVENANCE

(1) St Mary Overy, Southwark (‘Lib[er] b[ea]te Marie Ouery’, s. xv/xvi–xvi inscriptions, neatly written by a single hand on 2^v, 99^r, and 104^r); noted *MLGB*, p. 181. (2) Henry VIII, ?Westminster Library (s. xvi bold italic title akin to work of ‘Westminster cataloguer’, on 2^r: ‘Isidorus sup[er] pentateuchu[m]’); cf. Carley, *Libraries*, p. lxxv and n. 144. (3) Sir Thomas Pope (c.1507–59) (signatures on 2^r and 104^r). (4) Trinity College, by gift of Pope. Bernard, p. 64, no. 1940 (as MS. 3). College shelfmarks: ink ‘3’ on fore-edge; pencil ‘3’ crossed out, ink ‘31’ on 2^r.