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in littera. *Incipit textus*. Dicit ergo. *Hec sunt verba que locutus est Moyses* Hec sunt sequuntur. Domine deus noster, et notum quod populus in primo anno xii mansiones expleuit ... Fol. 292^r ... *menbris, manum robustam, operationem ualidam.*

S 7748; Glorieux 104. 15; unprinted.

(g) Fol. 292^r. List of biblical books. Explicit pentateuchus. Post pentateuchum sequuntur Iosue, Iudicum, Ruth, Regum, Paralipomenon, Esdras, Thobyas, Iudith, Hester, Iob, Psalterium, Parabole, Liber Sapientie, Cantica, Ecclesiastes, Ysaias, Ieremias, Baruch, Ezechiel, Daniel, Duodecim Prophete, Machabeorum libri duo, Matheus, Marcus, Lucas, Iohannes, Epistole pauli, Actus Apostolorum, Epistole Canonice, Apocalypsis. [Fol. 292^v, blank bar early modern note of the number of folios, supplemented in modern pencil.]

SCRIBES AND SCRIPT

(1) Fols. 1^r–54^v/i/l. 38. Textualis, semi-quadrata/libraria, modest quality, not very regular. (2) Fols. 54^v/i/l. 38–?154^v/i/l. 25. Textualis libraria, with elements that echo a good documentary script. Towards the end of the stint (139^v ff.) the scribe tended to write the first couple of lines on the versos of leaves to a larger gauge. (?3) Fols. 154^v/i/l. 25–174^v, [175 blank], 176^r–292^r. Same script type as 2, but a more fluid interpretation: sometimes more laterally compressed and more densely applied than 2's work, other times very close to its appearance, this is probably a different hand, but is possibly scribe 2 writing in a different

mode. Red running headings (stating the name of the biblical book) throughout. Numerous red marginal headings, flagging diverse themes, modes of interpretation—*mistiche, moraliter/moralitas, allegorice* etc.—cited authorities (Origen, Gregory, Augustine, etc.), and counter-points (*obicitur*); these were done by scribe 2 and/or 3. Scriptural quotations underlined in red throughout. + Fol. 130^r. Two marginal annotations in red semi-Italic, s. xv–xvi^{1/3}, flagging passages on 130^r. The first, 'Optimum dictum pro verbis Dei predicatoribus', relates to: 'Qui in sacra scriptura aliquid fingit ut auditoribus placeat sua verba loquitur non dei ...'. The second ('Moraliter') highlights a passage of interpretation that draws on Gregory the Great.

DECORATION

Incipits to books marked by bi-colour (red and blue) initials, 4–18 lines high, flourished in brown ink and then embellished with green, yellow, and ochre shading (1^r, 3^r, 86^r, 176^r, 214^r, 254^v). Incipits of biblical commentary proper in (a), (d), and (e) (3^v, 176^r, 214^v) marked by initials in red and blue, 2+ lines high, flourished in red and blue; all of rudimentary quality. Added medieval pointing hands of unusual finesse that feature knuckles, finger-nails, and sleeve folds (e.g. 9^r, 11^r, 109^v, 119^v, 120^v).

PROVENANCE

(1) Thomas Pope (signatures 1^r, 292^r). Whence to (2) Trinity College. Bernard, p. 65, no. 1971 (as MS. 34). College shelfmarks: 1^r, pencil '34', ink '65'.

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Stephen Langton, *Commentarii super prophetas XII minores*

England or France; s. XIII²

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Parchment: stout and doubtless fairly even toned; now badly damp damaged in lower margins throughout, especially at the beginning and end. Arranged: FH, HF. Fols. i (modern parchment) + 276 + i (modern parchment, foliated '276'). Modern pencil foliation: '1'–'243', '243*'–'275'.

Size: 312 × 262 mm (322 × 262 mm on leaves which preserve turn-ins). Text block: 248 × 150 mm. Two columns (74 mm). Written below top line. Lines: 48 (space between lines, 5 mm; height of minims, 2+ mm). Pricking: awl. Some quires have pricking in both margins for the horizontal ruling, some quires in the outer margin only (or possibly the prickings in inner margin

here are so close to the fold that they are completely hidden in the gutter). Ruling: lead. Double verticals flank both sides of text block, triple in intercolumnar space, extra single vertical in inner margin, extra pair of verticals in outer margin; first three and last three horizontals generally extended (the number extended at the top occasionally varies).

Collation: frontleaf (fol. 1) now remounted on modern parchment support. I–III¹²; IV⁷¹¹ (fols. 38–48; structure unclear, possibly 1+10); V–VI¹²; VII⁸; VIII¹²; IX–X¹⁰; XI–XIII¹²; XIV⁶; XV–XXIV¹²; XXV² (the join between the leaves entirely modern).

2^o folio: .q. .d. illam penam habebitis

BINDING

Diced calf, s. xix, by Hering (stamp on verso of front parchment endleaf); gold-tooled armorial book-stamp of Trinity College on both covers; gold-tooled turn-ins; title in gilt on spine; upper and lower edges gilded; parchment pastedowns and endleaves from the rebinding, when the restoration of the damaged leaves was presumably also undertaken; 332 × 285 × 85 mm.

CONTENTS

Preliminaries. Fol. 1.

Fol. 1^r. Added inscriptions. Title in s. xv semi-cursive, 'Tropologia domini stephani cantuariensis archiepiscopi super xii prophetas'. [For the other inscriptions see Provenance. Fol. 1^v (probably blank) hidden by modern parchment restoration.]

Fols. 2^r–275^v. Stephen Langton, *Glosses on the Minor Prophets*

Listed as such (Type D) by G. Lacombe and B. Smalley, *Studies on the Commentaries of Cardinal Stephen Langton* (n.p., n.d.), p. 147; also by S 7843–54 (Series A); however, most of the incipits and explicits differ from those supplied by them and/or Stegmüller.

1. Fols. 2^r–33^v. Preface. Osee. Fol. 2^r. *Tropologia super duodecim prophetas*. Ossa prophetarum duodecim pullulant de loco suo. Nam corroborauerunt iacob. Hoc legitur in fine ecclesiastici. Et beatus iob ait ... quia intendunt capiti menbra coniungere. *Hic incipit liber osee prophete*. Uerbum domini ... etc. Perlecta littera cum glosis usque ad hunc locum et concepit adhuc etc. Redi ad principium ... Fol. 33^v ... et effraym ruent in iniquita sed aqua et cetera.

14 numbered chapters: S 7843; Glorieux 104. 01.

Includes several substantial notes copied into the margins by the original scribe.

2. Fols. 33^v–47^v. Joel. Fol. 33^v. *Incipit expositio ioelis prophete*. Cum dictum sit et ostensum in principio huius libri ... in quo prophetauit in hoc prophetia. *Incipit liber ioel propheta*. Uerbum domini. Hic liber diuiditur in d[uas] partes, scilicet intellectum et tractatum, qui incipit ibi, *audite lxx senes*. In titulo duo tanguntur materia libri ... ¶ *Audite senes*. Hic incipit tractatus qui diuiditur in d[uas] partes, scilicet in exordium quod premittitur ad excitationem audientium ... Fol. 47^v ... mente eminentibus in hiis commorabitur dominus ad quorum consortium nos ducat deus et dominus noster etc.

Glorieux 104. 02.

3. Fols. 47^v–67^r. Amos. Fols. 47^v. *Incipit prologus Amos primus*. Iosue 15 [i.e. 15.5], ab oriente initium erit non solum auctoritate ... Fol. 48^r ... de efficienti autem etc. [II] Sciendum igitur quod huic libro triplex prologus preponitur unde primo ... sub quibus regibus temporibus et cetera. [III] Amos propheta qui determinat modum prophetandi diuiditur in 3^{es} partes in prima determinat difficultatem huius prophetie ... plenus scientia dicit igitur. [Incipit] Verba amos, hoc opus d[uas] habet partes primam ... Fol. 48^v ... Amos hic tangitur quis auctor qui notificatur postea nomine proprio ... Fol. 67^r ... ut illum benedictum fructum assequentes eo frui mereamur in celo una cum patre et spiritu sancto per infinita seculorum secula.
4. Fols. 67^r–70^f. Abdias. Fol. 67^r. Iste prologus diuiditur in tres partes, primo ponitur materia operis sequentes secundo ratio modi prophetandi, ibi, *et quia populus est* ... Fol. 67^v ... conueniant in litterali tamen differunt aliquo modo. [Incipit] *Visio abdie* finito prologo introducitur prophetia que diuiditur in tres partes primo ponitur titulus prophetie ... *Ad edon* querit. Ieronimus ... Fol. 70^f ... et laudamus ibi erimus in fine sine fine ecce mansio eterna ad quam nos ducere dignentur deus et dominus noster etc.
5. Fols. 71^r–77^f. Jonah. Fol. 71^r. Iste prologus diuiditur in 4^{or} partes, in prima notificatur prima, in secunda ratio missionis ad prophetandum ... quam dimittendam preuidit. [II] Iste secundus prologus diuiditur in tres partes. Primo notificatur

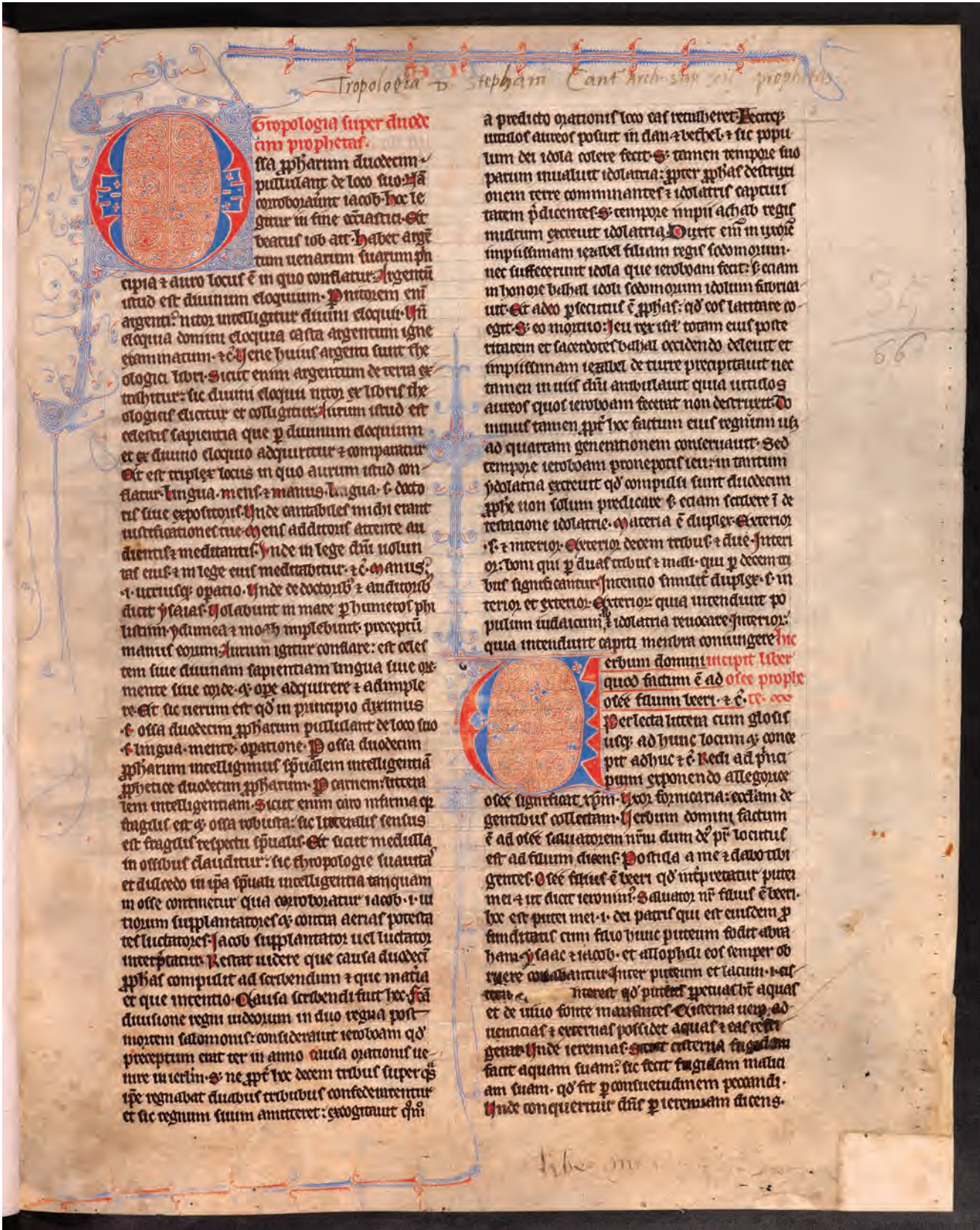


Fig. 73. MS. 66, fol. 2^r (reproduced at 67%).

- persona ... sed tristatur dicit ergo. [Incipit] Terminatis prohemii hic incipit pars executiua scilicet ipsa prophetia ... Surge et uade hic exprimitur quid preceperit niniuen quam edificauit minus et a suo nomine denominauit ciuitatem grandem ... Fol. 77^r ... murmurauit contra fratrem ad patrem edeuntem. Luce quinto decimo.
6. Fols. 77^r–110^v. Micah. Fol. 77^r. Temporibus ioathe. Primus prologus in micheam in quo dicuntur tria, primo, tempus editionis prophetie, hoc est sub quibus regibus prophetauerit ... populo eciam israel etc. Infra iii^o. [II] Sermo dei qui semper. In hoc secundo prologo proceditur sic. Primo insinuatur commendatio prophetie ... Fol. 77^v ... zacharias memoria domini. [Incipit.] Verbum domini. Iste liber diuiditur in tres partes, scilicet titulum, et excitationem attentionis audientium ... Ad micheam. Causa humilitatis de se tanquam de alio loquitur. Quia ut \dicit/ Ieronimus, a re nomen accepit, Micheas enim interpretatur humilitas, morastiten id est Demorasti ... Fol. 110^v ... Prophetam de gente tua et de fratribus tuis sicut me suscitauit tibi dominus.
7. Fols. 110^v–130^r. Nahum. Fol. 110^v. Naum prophetam, prophetie naum premittitur prologus in quo preceditur sic. Primo, tangitur tempus editionis prophetie ... Fol. 111^r ... nunc uocatur uiuus texuit uaticinium. [Incipit] Onus niniue. Liber iste diuiditur in titulum et narrationem siue tractatum incipit ibi. Deus emulator ... Nota quod est onus corruptionis carnis proprie, sap' ix ... Fol. 130^r ... respice ibi glosam que sic incipit, lxx quia amaro uerbo.
8. Fols. 130^r–153^r. Habacuc. Fol. 130^r. Honus quod uidit abacuc, totus liber abacuc siue prophetia in duas partes diuiditur in titulum et tractatum qui incipit statim, ibi ... Haymo super principium ysaie, tria sunt genera uisionum, primum corporale quo uidemus, celum et terram, et huius modi; secundum, spirituale quo ... Fol. 153^r ... Beati qui habitant in domo tua domine, in secula seculorum laudabunt te. Explicit liber abacuc. Sequitur Liber Sophonie.
- Fols. 153^v–154^r blank.
9. Fols. 155^r–174^v. Zephaniah. Fol. 155^r. *Incipit prologus sophonie prophete. Tradunt hebrei*, hic agitur de prophetia sophonie qui est nonus in ordine xii prophetarum sicut dicit ieronimus ... Fol. 155^v ... templum iuxta ordinem suum fundabitur textu
- lectionis* -?- infra iii^o. *Incipit liber sophonie prophete. Verbum domini quod factum est ad sophoniam*. Finito prologo, ut reducit tractatus qui diuiditur in duas partes, scilicet in titulum et prophetiam, que incipit ibi *congregans congregabo*. In titulo tanguntur tria materia cum dicit, *uerbum domini*. Auctor, cum dicit *ad sophoniam*, tempus edificationis, prophecie ... Fol. 156^r ... ¶*Ad sophoniam*, hic tangitur auctor qui describitur a nomine proprio cum dicitur *sophoniam* et a genere ... Fol. 174^v ... hereditate iacob patris sui, os enim domini locutum est. [Includes marginal tituli, 'Spiritualiter', 'Moraliter', by the original scribe, flagging passages of interpretation in these modes.]
10. Fols. 174^r–185^r. Haggai. Fol. 174^v. *Incipit prologus aggei prophete. Ieremias propheta* operi principali scilicet prophetie aggei premittitur prologus in quo intendit auctor manifestare missionem prophetie ad ostendendum populo reuerso de captiuitate babilonica ... Fol. 175^v ... fortitudinem regni gentium. Et cetera. *Incipit liber aggei prophete. In anno secundo*, iste propheta diuiditur in titulum et prophetiam que incipit ibi, *Hec dicit dominus deus exercituum* ... Fol. 176^r ... ¶*Hec dicit dominus exercituum*. Prophecia ista diuiditur in tres partes secundum tres uisiones ... Fol. 179^r ... ut postea edifices domum tuam. *Secundum capitulum. In septimo mense*. Hic incipit secunda uisio. Et primo, tangitur titulus, secundo ipsa uisio ibi, *Loquere ad zorobabel* ... Fol. 185^r ... Sub hoc signaculo debet cor predicationis maxime. [Includes marginal tituli, 'Spiritualiter', written by the original scribe, flagging interpretation in this mode.]
11. Fols. 185^r–254^v. Zacharias. Fol. 185^r. *Incipit prologus zacharie prophete. Anno secundo Darii*. In isto prologo primo tanguntur quedam communiter de aggeo et zacharia et eorum prophetiis. Secundo, specialiter de zacharia ... et ad exitum de nocte se preparauerunt ut habetur. Exodi xii^o. *Incipit liber zacharie prophete. In mense octauo*. Finito prohemio sequitur prophetia que diuiditur secundum diuisi-[fol. 185^v]-onem temporum in quibus facte sunt reuelationes, unde primo narrantur reuelationes facte zacharie prophete ... Fol. 254^v ... Domus mea domus orationis uocabitur cunctis gentibus. Vos autem fecistis domum negotiationis. [Text divided into 14 numbered chapters.]
12. Fols. 254^v–275^v. Malachi. Fol. 254^v. *Incipit liber malachie prophete. Deus per moysen* prophetie mala-

chie prophete premittitur prologus. In quo iuxta ea que in prophetia dicuntur. Ostenditur in gratitudo populi Israel, et increpatio eiusdem, ibi ... Fol. 275^v ... Armon uero interpretatur separatio meroris uel anathema meroris. Tunc enim eternaliter separati, eternaliter ululabunt. [Divided into 4 numbered chapters.]

SCRIBES AND SCRIPT

Textualis semi-quadrata throughout. (1) Fols. 1^r–71, col. 1. Compact and fairly neat. (2) Fols. 71^r, cols. 2–153^r. A heavier and slightly cruder interpretation. (?3) Fols. 155^r–275^v. A more variable performance in a style midway between those of 1 and 2, sometimes closer to the one, other times to the other: possibly a third hand; possibly 2 alone; possibly 2 with some contributions from 1. As well as early corrections that were just entered in ink (e.g. 43^v, 49^v, 67^v, 68^r, 261^r), there are many others that were first noted in the margin in faint lead or crayon and then duly implemented within the text or in the margin in ink (e.g. 5^v, 6^r, 115^v, 166^v, 187^r, 188^v, 189^r). Lemmata were flagged by means of small points below the relevant words and phrases within the text and also (from 71^r) by ink points in the abutting margin—this additional feature appearing with the start of Scribe 2's stint. They were then underlined in red on fols. 2^r–49^r, 61^r–69^r (in ordinary ink on part of 69^v) and 155^r–275^v, but not on 49^v–60^v or 69^v–153^r.

DECORATION

All incipits headed by two-coloured (red and blue) initials, busily flourished in the same colours, with

extensions (sometimes only one or two attenuated lines, other times 'waterfalls') into the margins. Those for Prologues are typically 3+ lines high; those for Commentaries 6+ lines high; those for chapter divisions 2 lines high. Running heading in capitals, alternately red and blue, flanked by a single-line flourish in one or other or both of these colours. Paragraphs are alternately red and blue on 2^v–71^r, column 1 (i.e. scribe 1's stint) and 125^r–153^r (three quires within scribe 2's stint); otherwise in ordinary ink (sometimes shaded in red). Sentence capitals and/or other letters stroked in red on fols. 2^r–41^r, 61^r–69^r, 155^r–156^r, and 163^v–261^v (i.e. in much of the stints of scribes 1 and 3, but not at all in that of scribe 2).

PROVENANCE

(1) St Peter's, Gloucester: bold inscription in decorative red capitals on 1^r, s. xiii²–xiv¹ ('[L]iber Sancti Petri Gloucestrie Nich' Bruton'—the initial 'L' subsequently erased); *ex libris* on both 2^r and 275^v, lower margin ('Liber monasterii sci petri glouc') in a neat but informal semi-cursive, s. xv, by the hand that added the *ex libris* to our MS. 64, Part B. Noted *MLGB*, pp. 92, 265. (2) King Henry VIII's Westminster library (s. xvi¹ Italic inscription akin to work of 'Westminster cataloguer', fol. 2^r, upper margin: 'Tropologia D. Stephani Cant' Arch. sup. XII prophetas'); cf. Carley, *Libraries*, p. lxxxv and n. 144. (3) Sir Thomas Pope (c.1507–59) (signatures 1^r and 275^v). Whence to (4) Trinity College, Bernard, p. 65, no. 1972 (as MS. 35). College shelfmarks: fore-edge (title and ?'28'); 1^r and 2^r—both have pencil '35', pencil '66'.

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Aristotle (trans. William de Moerbeke and others),
Libri naturales (corpus recentius)

?France; s. XIII^{3/3}

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Parchment: stout, formerly fairly even, now extensively damaged from damp and mould, especially the first 40 leaves (with substantial losses to the lower

portions of the first 25 folios; the lower corner of the tattered fol. 13 is nearly detached). Medieval frontleaf (fol. 1) survives only as a fragment mounted within modern parchment. Difficult to distinguish H/F sides,

Pl. XIX,
XXXVIII(c)
Fig. 74