

THE MEDIEVAL
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flourished in blue then vice versa. Subsections marked by paraphs, alternately red then blue. Running headings (book numbers) in red and blue; the initials of the authorities alternately red then blue.

HOST BOOK

Scriptores rei militaris (Bologna, 1495–1496; ISTC is00345000) with Silius Italicus, *Punica* (Venice, 1493; ISTC is00509000); donor: Sir Thomas Pope: see Appendix I, Lists 1+2, no. 29; and List 3, no. 47.

PD23. Old Library, Q.16.13

Breviary (noted)

England; s. XIV

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

One folio (imperfect); formerly the rear pastedown, remounted as an endleaf when the book was restored and re-backed. Parchment. Both sides, but especially the verso, weathered and discoloured, with some loss of text. Cut down, especially along lower and inner margins, the inner edge of the inner column of text on both sides being cropped. Size: up to 305 × 205 mm. Text-block: 285 × 150 preserved from an original c.300 × 175 mm. Two columns (column width: 75 mm)—the width of the outer column intact, part of the inner one lost or concealed. Lines: up to 49 preserved (space, 6 mm; height of minims, 2+ mm). Pricking: none survives. Ruling: none remains visible.

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The intact column on the recto comprises a lengthy rubric with prescriptions for the Sundays up to Advent. That on the verso has *V. Auferte deos alienos de medio*, *R. Preualuit Daud in philisteum*, *V. Abstulit ergo op-*

probrium a filiis israel, *R. Montes Gelboe nec ros nec pluvia*, *V. Omnes montes qui in circuitu ...* — all on a red four-line staff with square notation. This for the first Sunday after Trinity (*Breviarium ad Usus insignis Ecclesiae Sarum*, ed. F. Procter and C. Wordsworth, 3 vols. (Cambridge, 1879–86), i, cols. mclxxviii–mclxxix), plus further rubrics for Sundays up to Advent.

SCRIPT

Textualis semi-quadrata, functional.

DECORATION

Embellished ink capitals, 2+ lines high, low quality, head the Responses.

HOST BOOK

Johannes Tortelius, *De orthographia tractatus*, etc. (Venice, 1504); Quintilian, *Declamationes* (Venice, 1481); donor: John Arden, scholar at Trinity, 1556–8. Oxford binding: Ker, *Pastedowns*, p. 8 (no. 73).

PD24. Old Library, R.11.9

Thomas Aquinas, *Catena aurea*

England or France; s. XIV

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Two folios, *in situ* as front and rear pastedowns. Parchment. Size: cut down to 320 × 210 mm. Text-block: 275 × 170 mm (only 265 × 170 mm preserved on the

rear leaf). Two columns (column width, 75 mm). Lines: 54 (51 preserved on the rear leaf; space, 5.5 mm; height of minims, 3 mm for commentary or 5.5 mm for the lemma). Pricking: none preserved. Ruling: ink/crayon.

Single verticals flank columns (two in total in inter-columnar space); unclear whether any horizontals extended; all run across the intercolumnar space.

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Rear leaf: // dicta sunt neque [-cropped-] ita sit, sed molestior aliunde enim habet fontes sperma quod in nobis est et precipue ... [t]unc oblata sunt ei paruuli [Matt. 19: 13–14] ... per uerbum dei et orationem, ut apostolus dicit, quanto magis pueros offerri dei et sanctificari necesse // . Front leaf: // de maiestatis sue. Quod ex tunc fuit; ex quo gentes credere coeperunt in christum ... *Origenes*. Per hoc exhortatur eos qui nuper accedunt ad uerbum diuinum ut festinent ad perfectum ascendere pre multis qui uidentur senuisse in // .

Ch. 19: commentary on Matt. 19: 13 and 19: 27–30 respectively. Printed *Opera omnia*, 34 vols. (Paris, 1871–88), vols. xxxiii–xxxiv.

SCRIPT

Textualis, bold but very poorly controlled. Twice as large for the biblical lemma (which is presented in the left-hand half of a column, the commentary continuing beside it) as for the commentary. Names of authorities are written in red in the same script.

DECORATION

None. The space reserved for a 3-line-high initial at the start of the lemma remains unfilled.

HOST BOOK

Georgius Agricola, *De mensuris et ponderibus* ... (Basel, 1550); donor: Laurence Alcocke, fellow of Trinity, 1631. Sister leaves: Oxford, Bodleian Library, MSS. Lat. misc. b. 17, fragm. 68–69; and Savile O.5; Oxford, Christ Church, MS. Z.T.2.6^{a-c}; Oxford, Corpus Christi College, MS. 485, fragm. 29; Oxford, Queen's College, MS. 73, f.3. Oxford binding: Ker, *Pastedowns*, p. 126 (no. 1368). Shooner, *Codices*, no. 2178.