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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE twenty-two manuscripts here described were last catalogued by Thomas Hartwell Horne in his full catalogue of the College Library (2 vols. 1827). The description will be found in vol. II, p. 999. On pp. 997-999 he gives a list of the Oriental manuscripts in the Library, thirteen in number. The Western Manuscripts are numbered from 14 to 47. The collection as it now stands is not of the highest interest. The finest book is probably the gloss on the Psalms (nos. 5, 6): the rarest perhaps the treatise of Wycliffe *De veritate sanctae scripturae* (no. 15).

One manuscript which should follow no. 3 was missing in 1867 and has not been discoverable since. It is thus described by Horne

"No. 17. Summa Raymundi de Pennaforti Barciucensis (sic) ordinis Praedicatorum.

A MS. on vellum in 4to. of cent. xiii. The following note appears on the flyleaf: Raymundus Barchionensis Capellanus Gregorii IX, scripsit Gregorii vitam ad initium Decretalium Epistolarum: obiit 1275. Hujus auxilio Decretales compilavit Gregorius anno 1235. Gregorii jussu in unum volumen, 5 Libris Distinctionum, Epistolas Decretales Summorum Pontificum collegit. Vide Bellarm. de Script. Eccl."

The book is a very common one, and its loss is not to be deeply regretted.

I have not gone further in my descriptions than Horne's number 35. For the remaining books I have allowed his short notes to suffice, and I do not suppose my readers will blame me very sharply.

The catalogue of the old library of the College, which was of great interest, and disappeared, like so many others, in the sixteenth century, has been admirably edited by the Rev. W. G. Searle, M.A.,

formerly Fellow, for the Cambridge Antiquarian Society (*Communications*, vol. II, 168-193): to this publication, which is provided with an excellent Index, students will do well to refer.

At Queens' College, Uffenbach (*Merkwürdige Reisen* III. 25) saw the following manuscripts:

1. Cod. membr. recentior in fol., four fingers thick in which were
 1. Dionys. Halicarnass. *τέχνη* etc.
 5. Aristides *περὶ τεχνῶν ἱστορικῶν*: no. 20.

This manuscript was used by Thomas Gale in the edition of these writings which he brought out at Oxford.

2. Item. Codex in fol. membr. Augustinus de Civitate dei: no. 1.
3. Item. " " " Ambrosius de Officiis: no. 2.
4. Item. Vol. " " Bedae Comm. in Evang. Marci: no. 9.
5. Item. " " " Missale in usum Eccl. Sarisburiensis: no. 16.
- 6, 7. Item. 2 vol. membr. in fol. a Comment. in Psalmos donum Francisci Tyndal armigeri, who presented most of the manuscripts: nos. 5, 6.
8. Item. Cod. membr. in 4. Haymo super Pentateuch.: no. 8.
9. Item. Some Turkish manuscripts, and among them a little volume duod. chart. Vocabularium Persicum. Cf. Horne nos. 1-13.

CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS.

1. AUGUSTINUS DE CIVITATE DEL. Horne 14

Vellum, 15½ × 11, ff. 291, double columns of 40 lines each. Cent. xii, in a fine hand. Initials in plain colour, green, red, etc.

Binding: original xiith cent. In the same style exactly as no. 5 save that there are no circuit edges, and there is less brass-work. Each cover has had four or five bosses on it which are gone, and there are traces of a strap and pin fastening.

Given by Francis Tyndall, Esq. (cent. xvii). 2 fo. tamen etiam.

A carefully erased inscription on the flyleaf, as in no. 5.

Evidently these books are from the same monastic Library.

Collation: 1^a (1 stuck to cover, 2 blank)—14^a 15^a 16^a—37^a (wants 7 blank, 8 stuck to cover).

Contents:

1. Extract from the *Retractations* f. 3
Interea cum roma Gothorum irruptione
—hoc temporum cursu.
2. Title in red and green capitals.
 Aurelii Augustini doctoris Yponensis episcopi de civitate dei
 liber primus incipit contra paganos et hereticos (*P. L.* xli) . 3^b
Gloriosissimam civitatem dei.
 Books I-X have no *Capitula*. Book X ends on 112^b.
 Then follows a quire of 4 leaves in a smaller hand containing
 the capitula of books XI-XXII.
 Liber XI has the initial in outline only.
 Liber XXII ends on f. 289^b.
Gloria et honor patri et filio et spiritui sancto omnipotenti deo
in excelsis in secula seculorum Amen.
 Then follows an extract in the same hand:
 De decem quoque fratribus quorum in huius voluminis
 ultimo libro fit mentio.

Ending. Similiter et omnes patres uel matres faciant.

On 290^b is a scribbled note in English cent. xvi:

John come kyss me now my mother is to London gon the / in
mi the Wyef of Sth pleaseth it youe to vnderstand that peter /
yf I could wryght I wold not be ydle as hetherto I haue bynne.

2.

Horne 15

Vellum, 12 × 8 $\frac{3}{4}$, ff. 126, double columns of 36 lines. Cent. xii, clearly written. Initials of red and green.

Binding original: white skin over boards: flat. Strap and pin fastening gone. Chain-mark at bottom of 2nd cover, in the middle.

Given by Francis Tyndall. 2 fo. magis inditum.

Collation: i^a-ix^a (wants 7) x^a xi^a (wants 5) xii^a-xvi^a.

Inside the first cover is a title (xiv):

Ambrosius Mediolanensis de officiis.

Augustinus *super epistolas iohannis*, the last words xvth cent. added over an erasure.

Contents:

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|----|---|-----------------|
| 1. | Inc. liber de officiis beati Ambrosii mediolanensis episcopi . f. | 1 |
| | Non arrogans uideri arbitror (xvi. 23). | |
| | Lib. II. | 25 ^b |
| | Lib. III. | 40 |
| | Ending f. 54 ^b plurimum instructionis conferat. | |
| | Added by Tindall. Finem habent libri de Officiis. | |
| 2. | Ambrosius de vita Josephi (xiv. 641) | 54 ^b |
| | Sanctorum uita ceteris norma uiuendi est. | |
| | Ending f. 67, audite israel patrem uestrum. | |
| 3. | Ambrosii liber de Benedictionibus patriarcharum (xiv. 673) | 57 |
| | Primum omnium quantam dicimus parentibus referre reuerentiam. | |
| | Ending f. 74 ^b . Ego plantaui et apollo rigauit. | |
| | f. 75 ^a is blank. | |
| 4. | Inc. tractatus primus de die lucis idest dominica quod est prima feria pasche. De principio epistole Johannis apostoli | 75 ^b |
| | (Aug. super epistolas Johannis xxxv. 1977.) | |
| | (Capitula) (1) Ab eo quod scriptum est <i>quod erat ab initio</i> etc. | |
| | —usque ad id quod ait Et nescit quo eat etc. | |
| | (x) —et precepta eius facimus. | |
| | Inc. prologus. Meminit sanctitas uestra—ut bene intelligatis loquamur. | |
| | Inc. sermo primus. Quod erat ab initio | 76 |
| | Sermo x ends f. 125 ^a . quam tu credas christo predicante. | |
| | Explicit. 125 ^b , 126 are blank. | |