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PREFACE.

THERE seem to be only two printed catalogues of the collection of manuscripts at Emmanuel College. The first is to be found in Thomas James's *Ecloga Oxonio-Cantabrigiensis* (London, 1600: p. 136). This enumerates nine volumes. The second is in the *Catalogi manuscriptorum Anglicorum* of 1697, and contains 137 articles, the first nine being those catalogued by Thomas James: nineteen others (nos. 49-67), in oriental languages, are not included in the present volume. This list was furnished to the Editors of the Oxford *Catalogi* by Joshua Baraeus, and the last six items were gifts of his own to the College: to these he subsequently added many more, the bulk of them being works of his own composition. In H. Schenk's *Bibliotheca Patrum Latinorum Britannica* (1901), II. 2 (nos. 2883-2914), is some account of the patristic manuscripts.

The collection is of very considerable interest. In Greek books it is unusually strong: the copy of the Pauline Epistles (no. 110), the *Hippiatrica* (no. 251), the Psalter (no. 253), and the Herodotus (no. 30) are all of a certain celebrity, and some of the fragments in no. 236 merit attention.

There is some excellent illuminated work in the *Moralia* of Gregory (no. 112), in a Bible (no. 116), and in nos. 106 and 252. Among the later texts, the volume of documents on the Council of Basel (no. 142) ought probably to be carefully examined by a specialist: the legend of St Aldate in no. 27 is at least a rare piece,

and some of the poems in no. 106 are probably interesting. The Letters of the Martyrs in nos. 260-262 are perhaps sufficiently well-known.

The principal benefactors have been Thomas Leigh, B.D. (cir. 1667), who gave twenty volumes, Archbishop Sancroft, and Joshua Barnes. I do not know whether I ought to add William Bennett, Bishop of Cloyne, to the list: his gifts were numerous, but the greater part of them are notes of his own lectures.

A fair number of the manuscripts are interesting in respect of provenance. Barlings Abbey, Caen, Chichester, Faversham, Holmcultram, Kirkham, Norwich, Pershore, Selby, and Sheen all contribute. The volume from Caen (no. 29) is interesting as showing what I venture to call the Lanfrancian script, which took such firm root at Christ Church, Canterbury. Most of the Chichester books have good specimens of the cathedral press-mark.

A good many volumes noted in older catalogues (printed and manuscript) are not now to be found. A list of these is appended to this Preface along with the usual tables of corresponding numbers, and lists of donors and provenances.

In conclusion I must express the hope that I may have succeeded in justifying the confidence of the College, who have permitted me to contribute what I could to the elucidation of their ancestral possessions.

I hope, too, that my work may help to clear a path for the researcher of the future; if it conduces, indirectly, alike to the preservation of good old books and to the production of good new ones, it will fulfil all the expectations I have formed for it.

M. R. JAMES.

TABLES SHOWING THE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE
NUMBERS OF THE MANUSCRIPTS IN CATALOGI MANU-
SCRIPTORUM ANGLIAE AND THOSE IN THE PRESENT
CATALOGUE.

I.

CAT. MSS. ANGL.	PRESENT NUMBER	CAT. MSS. ANGL.	PRESENT NUMBER	CAT. MSS. ANGL.	PRESENT NUMBER
1	9	37	3	95, 96	missing
2	21	38	20	97	103
3	110	39	70	98	missing
4	238	40	74	99	} { 260 261 262
5	37	41	40	100	
6	113	42	126	101	
7	38	43	116	102	
8 (=80)	59	44	118	103	34
9	missing	45	114	104	245
10	246	46	printed	105	31
11	60	47	printed	106	33
12	69	48	122	107	250
13	351	49-67	oriental	108-114	? 252, 256
14	241	68	112	112	missing
15	4	69	264	113-116	247
16	143	70	? 23	117	missing
17	8	71	?	118	26
18	3	72	? 67	119	142
19	19	73	51	120	58
20	121	74	85	121	35
21	? 87	75	76	122	248
22	23	76	missing	123	41
23	? 24	77	94	124	120
24	? 81	78	91	125	84
25	? 82	79	83	126	missing
26	? 144	80 (=8)	59	127	65
27	5, 6, 7	81	86	128	27
28	39	82	62	129	98
29	66	83	54	130	missing
30	10, 11	84	16	131	50
31	242	85	29	132	35
32	253	86	73	133	61
33	239	87	56, 57	134	117
34	? 92	88	25	135	75
35	18	89-93	missing	136, 137	181 (V)
36	17	94	28		missing