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INTRODUCTION

THE old library of St Catharine's College is one of its lost possessions. A catalogue of it exists in the oldest of the College registers, and was published by Dr Corrie in 1840, as the first of the Quarto Tracts issued by the Cambridge Antiquarian Society. A few words about this will be in place here.

The chained books given by Robert Woodlarke, the Founder of the College, were 87 in number and were arranged in or on seven stalls or desks. The catalogue gives the first words of the second folio of each volume, so that, if existing, they could now be identified: but I have never encountered any of them. For the most part the collection is of a familiar type, but there are some items which arrest the attention, the *Republic (Policie)* of Plato, the *Policie* of Aristotle, Boccaccio *de casibus illustrium virorum* in English, Guido de Colonna, and a volume of *Historie cronicales Anglie, Francie, et aliarum regionum*.

Woodlarke's books are followed by a list of fifteen service-books, two of which are noted as being printed. Then come four books given by Mr Nelson, and fifteen by Dr Brian, three of which only are said to be in manuscript.

I suppose the disappearance of all these books must be reckoned to the discredit of the Commissioners of Edward VI.

The few manuscripts now owned by the College are gifts of members of it in the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries. The most interesting of them all, No. 3, is of unknown provenance.

Most of them have not hitherto been described in print. Uffenbach, who visited the library in 1710, gives a list of the contents of No. 3, prefacing it by the remark, "We were shewn a single *codicem ms.*, the only one they had, as we were assured¹."

Gustav Haenel, who gives lists of the MSS at Clare, Magdalene, and Trinity Hall, says nothing about St Catharine's, and I do not know of anyone else who has written on the subject. As is noted below, the Gower MS No. 7 is noticed in G. C. Macaulay's edition,

¹ Mayor, *Cambridge under Queen Anne*, p. 179.

and the Register of New Romney is treated at great length in the Fourth Report of the Historical MSS Commission.

The best of the other books are the two fine Bibles, and the very remarkable volume of historical pieces which has preserved our one copy of Magister Gregorius *de mirabilibus urbis Romae*.

The founder's directions for the care and use of the library were as follows :

De libris conservandis et non alienandis.

Item statuimus, ordinamus et volumus quod annis singulis coram magistro et omnibus sociis dicti collegii sive aulae tunc in universitate praesentibus, necnon quolibet termino semel realiter, visibiliter et distincte omnes libri capellae, et omnes alii libri dicti collegii sive aulae, quos ex fundatoris liberalitate et donatione, seu aliorum pia largitione seu legato, seu de ipsorum emptione aut provisione altera, habeant, et eos habere contigerit in futurum, visibiliter videantur; ut sic apparere poterit si aliquis liber dicti collegii sive aulae fuerit distractus, subtractus, dilaceratus seu deturpatus. Volumus etiam et statuimus quod nullus liber ejusdem collegii sive aulae ullo unquam tempore vendatur, donetur, permutetur vel impignoretur, seu alio quovismodo titulo vel colore alienetur, nec alicui de eodem collegio nec extra quaternatim tradatur pro copia extra praedictum collegium; ita quod nullus liber de nocte remaneat extra idem collegium, nisi aliquis liber fuerit ligandus seu necessario emendandus; quo casu quo citius fieri poterit et absque mora ligetur, necnon emendetur; ac, cum ligatus et emendatus fuerit, ad aulam praedictam illico reportetur; quod intelligi volumus de libris in libraria et capella cathenatis, quos nolumus alicui personae extra librariam et capellam praedictam ad cameras sive ad alia loca accommodari sive extrahi, nisi ut superius est expressum; libros tamen reliquos non cathenatos ejusdem collegii sive aulae ad sortem sociorum remanentes volumus ad sociorum communem usum quotidie remanere. Statuentes insuper quod in omni donatione librorum, seu aliarum rerum quarumcunque, inter vivos sive in ultima voluntate praefati collegii sive aulae facienda donatorum hujusmodi voluntas et dispositio in hoc casu in omnibus observetur, sic quod perpetuitas et dominium librorum et rerum hujusmodi penes dictum collegium sive aulam perpetuo remaneant et consistent. Statuentes quod in ostio domus librariae sit una secuta sera vulgariter nuncupata *a clyket lok*, de qua quilibet socius collegii sive aulae praedictae habeat clavem unam; et ostium ejusdem librariae singulis noctibus serari volumus, per diem autem in eandem librariam magistro et

sociis ac aliis intraneis claves habentibus liber pateat introitus, dummodo extraneos non inducat, nisi pro quibus ipsi inducentes suo periculo voluerint respondere. Scriptores autem forinsecus pro copiis librorum habendis nolumus aliquo tempore anni post solis occasum in librariam aliquo modo expectare; socios autem, si cum lumine candelaе eos studere aut scribere contigerit, pro periculis evitandis se omnino cavere volumus; nec aliquem non socium extra collegium nisi in praesentia magistri vel alicujus socii in libraria ipsa post solis occasum persistere permittimus ullo modo; intraneos autem commensales nostros, sicut et socios ejusdem aulae, de voluntate magistri sive in ejus absentia praesidentis, sicut dicti collegii socios permittimus licentiam¹.

¹ A great part of this statute, namely from the beginning to the words *illico reportetur* and *Statuentes insuper* to *voluerint respondere*, is taken from the 59th Statute of King's College (Heywood and Wright, p. 146) with a few necessary verbal changes.

THE CATALOGUE OF BOOKS GIVEN BY THE
FOUNDER AND TRANSCRIBED FROM THE
REGISTER OF ST CATHARINE'S HALL.

LIBRI EX DONO ROBERTI WODLARKE PRIMARII FUNDATORIS
HUIUS COLLEGII CATHENATI IN LIBRARIA.

Prima Stalla.

Liber vocatus Unus ex quatuor cujus 2^m fo. '*tis ab ea.*'
Petrus in aurora cujus 2^m fo. '*illi quos.*'
Lincolniensis de oculo morali cujus 2^m fo. '*infudit.*'
Interpretaciones biblie cujus 2^m fo. '*abiatt pater meus.*'
Egisippus istoriographus cujus 2^m fo. '*in societatem.*'
Radulphus super levitici (*sic*) cujus 2^m fo. '*si dicam.*'
Ffranciscus Petrarcha de remediis utriusque fortune cujus 2^m fo. '*ex me percipi.*'
Baryngwys super apocalipsim cujus 2^m fo. '*deus erat verbum.*'
Postilla super pentateucum cujus 2^m fo. '*iussit.*'
Stephanus Cantuariensis super ecclesiastem cujus 2^m fo. '*et similiter.*'
Beger cujus 2^m fo. '*apparuit gloria tua.*'
Lira super novum testamentum cujus 2^m fo. '*locius scientie et partis.*'
Nycolaus hanhaps de exemplis sacre scripture cujus 2^m fo. '*que ex pacto.*'
Magister historiarum cujus 2^m fo. '*binarius in sanus.*'
Concordantie cujus 2^m fo. '*peccasset edom.*'
Pariensis de viciis et virtute cujus 2^m fo. '*quod mundus.*'
Biblia magna cujus 2^m fo. '*uxorem suam.*'
Liber sermonum de tempore cujus 2^m fo. '*prima in tentacionum.*'

Secunda Stalla.

Lira super vetus testamentum cujus 2^m fo. '*idemque locus.*'
Lira super prophetas cujus 2^m fo. '*a fidelibus doctrinarum.*'
Hugo super hisaiam (*sic*) cujus 2^m fo. '*mangni (sic) consilii angelis.*'
Hugo de Vianna super libros sapiensiales cujus 2^m fo. '*na in se.*'
Hugo super salterium (*sic*) cujus 2^m fo. '*possunt haec.*'
Hugo super testamentum cujus 2^m fo. '*mendavit.*'

Tertia Stalla.

Hugo super quattuor evangelia cujus 2^m fo. '*tribulaciones.*'
Hugo super duodecim prophetas cujus 2^m fo. '*tertio capitulo (sic).*'
Hugo super esichielem (*sic*) cujus 2^m fo. '*ordinationes oracionesque.*'
Hugo super Jeremiam et lathbury super threnos cujus 2^m fo. '*non locius.*'
Januensis de sermonibus dominicalibus et sanctorum cujus 2^m fo. '*tres divinas.*'
Summa de rovlande cujus 2^m folia (*sic*) '*ne disjuncti.*'
Communis glosa super actibus (*sic*) apostolorum cujus 2^m fo. '*sancti quo Xtus.*'
Hugo super apocalipsim cujus 2^m fo. '*drm Job quis.*'
Hugo super epistolas paulli (*sic*) et Canonicas cujus 2^m fo. '*plus valerent.*'

Quarta Stalla.

- Thomas in prima parte Summe cujus 2^m fo. '*oribus ancillis.*'
 Thomas in opere.
 Thomas in prima secunde cujus 2^m fo. '*omnino aliquis.*'
 Thomas in secunda secunde cujus 2^m fo. '*manifestum est.*'
 Thomas super quartum cujus 2^m fo. '*sacra sacramenta.*'
 Magister sententiarum cujus 2^m fo. '*An posse.*'
 Thomas de potentia Dei.
 Thomas de spiritualibus creaturis.
 Thomas in questionibus de Anima.
 Thomas in questionibus de virtutibus.
 Thomas in questionibus de resurrectione.
 Thomas in commento de secunda secunde.
 Thomas in commento de veritate.
 Thomas in commento super libros de Anima.
 Thomas in questionibus de caritate.
 Thomas in questionibus de potentia Dei.
 Thomas in questionibus de quodlibetis.
 Thomas in commento super primam sententiarum.
 Thomas in quodlibetis et incipit tractatus in Xto et sic finis.
 In uno volumine cujus 2^m fo. '*litate et magnitudine.*'
 Thomas de veritatibus cujus 2^m fo. '*ergo Deum.*'
 Breviarium super Salterium cum tabula Sancti Thome cujus 2^m fo. '*magnam.*'
 Scotus super primum cujus 2^m fo. '*eue supremam.*'
 Scotus super quartum cujus 2^m fo. '*effectus.*'
 Thomas super Lucam cujus 2^m fo. '*ubus namque.*'
 Thomas de virtutibus cujus 2^m fo. '*ti aliquis sicut.*'

Quinta Stalla.

- Gregorius in omeliis et multis aliis cujus 2^m fo. '*Ita.*'
 Prima pars moralium beati Gregorii cujus 2^m fo. '*dicta nisi.*'
 Secunda pars moralium beati Gregorii cujus 2^m fo. '*vita sapiens.*'
 Augustinus in soliloquiis super Genesim et de trinitate cujus 2^m fo. '*a et hominis.*'
 Augustinus de agone Xtiano cujus 2^m fo. '*quidem appetens.*'
 Augustinus in encheridion cujus 2^m fo. '*sensu experti.*'
 Barnardus de amore Dei cum multis operibus cujus 2^m fo. '*imprimum eo cui.*'
 Compendium Chrisostomi super Matheum cujus 2^m fo. '*teganur attenti.*'
 Liber Sermonum vocatus Provincialis summa cujus 2^m fo. '*ctuasque ipso.*'
 Barnardus de dispensatione et precepto cum aliis cujus 2^m fo. '*et reliqua.*'
 Distinciones Januensis cujus 2^m fo. '*ut Deum videat.*'
 Distinciones Holcote super Sapientiam cujus 2^m fo. '*natur.*'
 Liber cum oracionibus et tractatu Lotarii de miseria hominis cujus 2^m fo. '*peccatis meis.*'
 Historia Scholastica super Novum Testamentum cum aliis cujus 2^m fo. '*voluit eam.*'
 Fflorarium bartholomei cujus 2^m fo. '*lus palmam.*'
 Bartholomeus de proprietatibus cujus 2^m fo. '*in Domino.*'
 Sermones repyngton cujus 2^m fo. '*urem super eum.*'
 Eusebius in ecclesiastica historia cujus 2^m fo. '*que.*'

Sexta Stalla.

- Pupilla oculo ejus 2^m fo. '*legis justificatur.*'
 Regimen animarum ejus 2^m fo. '*ponderitis.*'
 Policie Platonis ejus 2^m fo.
 Anselmus de eterna beatitudine ejus 2^m fo. '*sum itaque.*'
 Commentarium super Libros Ethicorum ejus 2^m fo. '*habet bene.*'
 Liber vocatus Confessionale ejus 2^m fo. '*et hoc verum eum.*'
 Policronica cum aliis ejus 2^m fo. '*Cambriensis.*'
 Liber de vita et passione Sancti Thome marteris (*sic*) ejus 2^m fo. '*in illo compendio.*'
 Prosper de vita contemplativa ejus 2^m fo. '*gratia et agat.*'
 Guido de bello Trojano cum aliis ejus 2^m fo. '*militis.*'
 Johannes Salisburiensis de pollicratico ejus 2^m fo. '*quid.*'
 Bocasius in Anglicis de viris illustribus ejus 2^m fo. '*thys sayde.*'

Septima Stalla.

- Liber eticorum Aristotilis ejus 2^m fo. '*et quum ita se.*'
 Liber ratoricorum (*sic*) Aristotilis et iconomicorum de secretis secretorum ejus 2^m fo. '*de illo.*'
 Policie Aristotilis ejus 2^m fo. '*quo actu.*'
 Liber de remediis utriusque fortune ejus 2^m fo. '*in nobilia.*'
 Tullius de Officiis ejus 2^m fo. '*si cum altero.*'
 Questiones practice de physica ejus 2^m fo. '*membra.*'
 Liber perspective et geometrie ejus 2^m fo. '*que continent.*'
 Liber Augustini de fuga mulierum ejus 2^m fo. '*faciat.*'
 Historie cronicales Anglie Francie et aliarum regionum ejus 2^m fo. '*inde sub.*'
 Isidorus et ethimologiis (*sic*) ejus 2^m fo. '*de spectaculis.*'
 Egidius de anima de generatione et aliis ejus 2^m fo. '*excepta.*'

LIBRI IN CAPELLA EX DONO FUNDATORIS ET ALIORUM.

- Imprimis tria Missalia scripta.
 Unum Magnum Breviarium sine notis ejus 2^m fo. '*sedendo.*'
 Alium Breviarium anticum cum notis ejus 2^m fo. '*sque libera.*'
 Alium Breviarium anticum sine coopertorio cum notis ejus 2^m fo. '*Deus.*'
 Legenda sanctorum cathenata ejus 2^m fo. '*et umbra.*'
 Unum Breviarium cum placebo et derige cathenatum ejus 2^m fo. '*major.*'
 Unum Primarium cum placebo et derige ejus 2^m fo. '*major.*'
 Unum parvum Gradale cum Missis de sancta Katrina de sancta Maria et de requiem ligatum in bordis ejus 2^m fo. '*sum nata.*'
 Alium parvum Gradale ligatum in parchmento cum eisdem Missis ejus 2^m fo. '*tat Domine Maria.*'
 Una sequencia cum notis ejus 2^m fo. '*quem fuit.*'
 Unum Manuale ejus 2^m fo. '*cujus est.*'
 Istorica Ste Katrine cum notis in tribus libellis.
 Legenda Ste Katrine cum istoria sine notis.
 Unum Gradale ex dono Magistri Johannis Leche ejus 2^m fo. '*forenses.*'
 Unum Breviarium cum notis ex dono ejusdem ejus 2^m fo. '*respondeantur.*'
 Unum Breviarium impressum cathenatum ex dono Magistri Hale ejus 2^m fo. '*in nomine.*'

Unus parvus liber de sinodalibus cathenatus ex dono Magistri Garnet cujus
2^m fo. 'munita.'
Unum Missale impressum ex dono Magistri Balsston cujus 2^m fo. 'manus.'

LIBRI EX DONO MAGISTRI NELSON SUB EA INTENCIONE
DATI QUOD SEMPER REMANERENT CUM TRIBUS SOCIIS.

Imprimis Thomas in prima parte.
Item Thomas in secunda secunde cujus 2^m fo.
Item Thomas super quartum sententiarum cujus 2^m fo. 'sacramentum.'
Item Epistolæ Jeronime cujus 2^m fo. 'commentarios,' ex dono Johannis Fyscher
Episcopi Roffensis.

LIBRI EX DONO DOCTORIS BRIAN.

Imprimis Dominicus super secundam partem sexti libri Decretalium.
Item Franciscus Zabarella.
Item Liber Institucionum.
Item Liber de casibus juris in scriptis.
Item tertius Liber Abbatis.
Item Dominicus super primam partem sexti libri Decretalium.
Item liber de casibus juris cum copia bullæ natiuitatis beate Mariæ observande.
Item prima pars Abbatis super secundam Decretalium.
Item Repertorium Doctoris Caldrene.
Item rubrica de accusationibus in scriptis cum repeticione.
Domini Petri de Ancharano.
Item Iohannis Monachus Cardinalis Ordinaria Glossa.
Item Liber Decretalium in scriptis.
Item Lamphranck.
Item tertia pars Abbatis.
Decisiones noue Dominorum Auditorum de rota.

CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS.

1. Biblia. Vellum, 11 × 7½, ff. 1 + 395, double column of 57 lines, cent. xiii early, in a fine narrow upright hand apparently English. Binding brown leather (xvi) rebacked, spandrels of central panel in gold tooling, central medallion (decorated oval form) of Abraham sacrificing Isaac. The initials W.L. stamped above it (blind) on both covers.

Given by Bp Sherlock, whose book-plate is in the volume.

Collation. 1 fly-leaf 1¹²-11¹², 12⁶, 13⁸, 14¹², 15¹² (wants 1-6), 16¹⁴, 17⁴, | 18¹²-26¹², 27¹⁴, 28², 29¹², 30¹² (12 canc.), | 31⁸, 32⁸.

On the fly-leaf (xvi) a list of the Books of the Bible and the distich 'Littera gesta docet &c.' fo. 2 'ne qui typum'

Prologue, Jerome ad Paulinum. 1

„ „ ad Desiderium. 2⁶

Genesis with decorative initial in good style, mainly gold, blue, pink, edged with green. 3

Subsequent titles except where otherwise stated have initials in blue with red flourishing.

- Genesis to Deuteronomy, Joshua (Prol. Tandem finito), Judges, Ruth.
 1-4 Reg. (Prol. Uiginti duo).
 1-2 Par. (Prol. Si septuaginta).
 At the end of 2 Par. a rubric *oratio Manasses est hic* and the prayer.
 Esdras (Ezra, Prol. Utrum difficilium), Neem.
 3 Esdras (Prol. Hic post incensam) Et fecit Josyas...secundum testamentum domini dei Israel. In 27 chapters.
 (4 Esdr.)¹ Hic est liber esdre prophete (4 Esdr. i-ii, iii-xiv).
 (5 Esdr.) Ecce loquere (4 Esdr. xv, xvi).
 Expl. apocrypha Esdre 136^b blank.
 Tobit. Prol. Cromatio et Helyodoro. 137
 Judith. Apud Hebreos.
 Hester. Librum hester.
 Job. (a) Cogor, (b) Si enim fiscellam. At end: Job exemplar.
 Psalter, Gallican, ending imperfect in Ps. xlvi.
 Prov. Jungat epistola. 159
 Eccl. Memini. Cant. Sap. Eccclus. 182^b blank.
 Isa.—Mal. 183
 Lam. with explanation of Hebrew alphabet, and Baruch (Liber iste) follow Jer.
 Prol. to Habakkuk. Quattuor prophete in xii prophetarum uolumine.
 Prol. to Haggai. Jheremias propheta ob causam periurii.
 Prol. to Malachi. Deus per Moysen.
 1, II Macc. Machabeorum libri. 246
 Evv. Matheus ex iudea. 261
 Paul. Epp. Queritur primum quare post evangelia. 292
 Romani sunt qui ex Iudeis (without break or rubric). 292[†]
 „ „ in partes.
 The other arguments to the Epp. are as usual.
 Acts. Lucas Antiochenus. 311^b
 Cath. Epp. Non ita ordo. 320^b
 Apoc. One column left blank for prologue: ending 329^b. 325
 Then follows in a xvth cent. hand which rapidly degenerates:
 Hee sunt interpretaciones nominum incipientium per alphabetum et primo per a literam. 320^b
 Aron mons fortis...to Zorobabel...m^t primo.
 Hec nomina non inueni in interpretacionibus.
 Bethather R. 7 to Ebanz et Charchat Eueorum R.
 17 names mostly of heathen gods: the initial letter is absent in many cases (e.g. Staroth for Ashtaroth) which has puzzled the compiler.
 Expl. liber iste.
 There are numerous marginalia (xiii) in pencil and ink: the ink of the text changes several times.

2. Biblia. Vellum, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ × 7 $\frac{1}{4}$, ff. 6 + 431, double column of 58 lines, cent. xiii in a fine regular black hand, perhaps French. The vellum is thin and the ornament of excellent quality. Binding old red morocco (xvii-xviii) with gold tooling.

¹ This is C 6 in Bensly's *Missing Fragment*, p. 42.

Ex dono Jacobi Sotheby Arm. 1702, Aulae D. Cath. commensalis 1672.

Collation. a⁶, 1¹², 2¹⁶, 20¹⁶, 21⁸, 22¹⁶, 26⁶, 27¹⁰, 28¹⁶ (wants 12-16).

ff. i-ii in triple column have a table of the Epistles and Gospels for the year in red and black in a small good hand.

There is nothing that I can see in the Sanctoral to help towards fixing the provenance: no English saint occurs.

ff. iii-iv in another small hand have lists of the miracles and parables in each Gospel: then some matter of the nature of a tract or sermon on the Evangelists.

1. Parabl. xxviii, dedit Dauid aurum purissimum ut ex eo fieret similitudo quadrigae et

followed by a list of contents of the Gospels.

iv^b blank.

On ff. v, vi in a hand perhaps that of i, ii the verses (of Alex. de Villa Dei) giving the contents of each chapter of the Gospels.

A generat, B Magos uocat Egyptum petit, exit, with interlinear references ending: Agnos committit. in se librum Ioha. finit, followed by a note: decem sunt canones euangeliorum etc.

vi^b blank.

2 fol. alii dicant

Prol. Jerome ad Paulinum.

1

" " ad Desiderium.

Gen. Deut.

3^b

Jos. Tandem finito. Jud. Ruth.

1-4 Reg. Uiginti et duas.

1 Par. Si LXX. 2 Par., Eusebius Jeronimus.

The prayer of Manasses follows 2 Par. without break or title.

Esdr. Utrum difficilius. Neem. 2 Esdr. (3 Esdr. et fecit.)

Tobit. Cromatio. Jud. Apud Hebreos. Esth. Librum hester, followed by Historiam hester. Liber hester quem hebrei.

Job. (a) Cogor, (b) Fertur in terra.

Hoc psalterium a nouo translatum. Gallican.

Decorative initials to the Nocturnes and for the triple divisions (51, 101) and also to 119 (120) Ad dominum.

Prov.—Ecclus. Prol. Prov. Jungat. Eccl. Memini.

Sap. Liber sapientie. Isa.—Mal.

Lam. and Baruch (Liber iste) follow Jer.

Proll. to minor prophets. Non idem ordo.

Hos. Temporibus Ozie.

Joel. (a) Sanctus Joel, (b) Johel filius Phatuel.

Amos. (a) Ozias rex, (b) Amos propheta, (c) Hic amos.

Obad. (a) Jacob patriarcha, (b) Abdias qui interpretatur.

Ion. (a) Sanctum ionam, (b) Iona columba et dolens, (c) Ionas columba pulcherrima.

Mic. Temporibus ioathe.

Nah. Naum prophetam.

Hab. Quatuor prophete.

Zeph. Tradunt hebrei.

Hagg. Jeremias propheta.

Zech. Anno secundo.

Mal. Deus per Moysen.

- Macc. i, ii. Prol. of Rabanus and : Macchabeorum libri duo. f. 324 blank.
 Euv. Proll. Matheus ex iudea. Matheus cum primo.
 Paul. Epp. No general prologue. Romani sunt in partes etc.
 Acts. Lucas antiocensis.
 Cath. Epp. Non est ita ordo.
 Apoc. Prol. of Gilbert, Omnes qui pie (ends f. 404 b).
 In quadruple columns and less closely written : 50 lines to a column :
 Inc. interpretationes hebraicorum nominum incipientium per a litteram,
 a ante a. 405
 Aaz apprehendens...Zuzim.
 Expl. Interpretationes.
 Marginalia are fairly copious in Genesis, sparse elsewhere.

The decorative initials are in a most beautiful dry clear style. Few are historiated, but a good many contain grotesques : that to Jeremiah has the figure of the Fool (which ordinarily accompanies the Psalm Dixit insipiens) and a dog.

The prologue (Jerome to Paulinus) has the usual figure of a man (tonsured, in pink over blue) writing. Genesis has an initial the length of the text, and more, containing seven elliptical medallions with gold grounds of the days of Creation and a square picture of the Crucifixion, with the Virgin and St John at the bottom. It has suffered somewhat from rubbing.

3. Historia Alexandri, etc.

Vellum, $8 \times 5\frac{1}{4}$, ff. 204, 26 lines to a page : cent. xiii, in a good clear English hand.

Original binding, wooden boards which have lost their covering and back : marks of two clasps.

Collation. Remains of six fly-leaves are at the beginning : 1¹² (wants 1 : 2 a fragment), 2¹²-16¹² (wants 8, 9), 17¹², 18⁸ (2-8 fragmentary).

1. Historia Alexandri (abridgment of Julius Valerius).

The first remaining leaf is a fragment with the beginning of a chapter on the recto.

Quodam igitur tempore nuntiatum est ei multas aduersus eum gentes ;
 ends : ueneno superatus atque extinctus occubuit.

Expl. ortus uita et obitus Alexandri regis magni Macedonis.

Ward, *Catalogue of Romances* 1, 106 etc. : text ed. by Zacher, 1867.

2. Inc. epistula Alexandri magni regis ad magistrum suum Aristotelem. Semper memor fui...ends : opinio et animi modestia optime (Aristoteles ponderans).
 Alexander illiricos et thraces...in persas arma corripuit. Primus Alexander pillea natus in urbe...domitauerat annis.

Id est per xii annos Alexander oppressit orbem se trementem ferroque regna lesit.

Expl. liber (runs off into the title of No. 2).

Ward *l.c.* 108 : ed. Paulini 1706, Cockayne *Narratiunculae* 1861, Hilka in a Breslau program 1909.

3. Alexandri et dindimi regis bragmanorum de philosophia per literas facta collatio. 34

a. Sepius ad aures.

b. Desiderantem Alexander te.

c. Si hec ita sunt.

d. Nos inquit dindimus.

e. Tu nunc ideo te dicis beatum

Tempore quo hic Alexander natus legitur

—consulatu uero emilii qui cum tarentinis bellum habuisse et egregie uicisse narratur.

45^b–47^b blank: cf. Bysshe's edition 1665, Ward, l.c. 136 sqq.

4. In a somewhat earlier-looking hand.

Peregrinatio Antiochie per Urbanum papam facta. Cum iam appropinquasset ille terminus... 48

Ends: hoc bellum factum est pridie idus Augusti largiente hoc d. n....et dicat omnis spiritus amen.

ff. 91–95 blank.

It is the anonymous *Gesta Francorum*: ed. Bongars, *Gesta Dei*, p. 1.

5. An extract from Henry of Huntingdon's *Historia Anglorum*.

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Britannia igitur beatissima est insularum fecunda frugibus et arboribus copiosa (Hen. Hunt. 1, 1–12, Rolls edn.).

Ending 104^b, taliterque suos exortatus est (p. 17, Rolls edn.). This is immediately followed by a rubric:

De Anglia et de longitudine et latitudine eius, Item de seyrteis (*leg. scyris*) et de episcopatibus eius. 104^b

Anglia habet in longitudine DCCC miliaria a penuil fete qui locus est xv miliaria ultra montem S. Michaelis in Cornubio usque ad Cathenesce ultra scociam. In latitudine uero CCC miliaria de scō dauid usque ad doure. In Anglia sunt XXXII scire...et XIII episcopatus etc.

p. 105: in his XXXII sciris III leges constituuntur.

Ends 105^b: ad mercenelage pertinent VII scyre Gloucestrescyre...Staffordscire. d. hide.

6. Then follow without break or rubric the capitula of the *Topographia Hiberniae* of Giraldus Cambrensis. 105^g

In has partes libellus iste distinguitur.

The capitula agree with those in M (Univ. Lib. Mm. 5. 30), the best MS of the first edition as quoted by Dimock (*Gir. Camb.*, Rolls ed. v).

They end with De nouo et enormi regni et dominii confirmacionis modo (Dist. iii, xxv).

Rubric Illustri Anglorum regi suus Siluester. 108^b

Placuit excellencie uestre (edn. v. 20),

.....ualeat destinare (21).

A paragraph is here omitted, as from other MSS of the first edition.

Rubric: Inc. hibernice historie distincio 1^a De situ hibernie uariaque eius natura. 109

Hibernia post Britanniam insularum maxima...aliqua se ex parte representat.

This agrees with the MSS of the first edition against the later which expand this chapter into two. It is, in fact, obvious that we have here another copy of the first edition which was unknown to the editor of the Rolls text.

Distinctio II begins at f. 124. Distinctio III at f. 145.

Ending f. 167^b: quicquid a tanta maiestate fuerit iniunctum. Omne tulit punctum qui miscuit utile dulci (Rolls edn. v, 202)

7. Somewhat more closely written :

Physiognomia trium auctorum : no title. 168

Ex tribus auctoribus quorum libros pre manibus habui Loxi Doxi medici Aristotelis Phil'i Palemonis declamatoris qui de phisianomia scripserunt ea legi...diuersum tamen sonat tuba fistula tibia. Prima igitur diuisio obseruacionis huius atque discrecionis ea est ut unum masculinum sit genus alterum femininum.

Ends 186^b: que enim palemon dixit et consentanea sunt reliquis auctoribus prope modum persecuti sumus.

Physiognomia explicit.

ff. 187-189 blank.

Ed. Forster in *Script. Physiognom.*, Teubner II, 1.

8. Inc. prologus magistri Gregorii de mirabilibus que Rome quondam fuerunt uel adhuc sunt et quorum uestigia presens memoria hodieque manet. 190

Multo sociorum meorum rogatu et precipue magistri Martini et domini Thome et aliorum plurum dilectissimorum meorum cogor que apud romam maiori admiratione digna didici scripto assignare.....sumpto calamoni (l. calamo in) manu rudi et minus perita opus promissum quo melius potui in hunc modum persolui. Expl. prol.

Inc. narracio de mirabilibus urbis rome que uel arte magica uel humano labore sunt condita.

Uehemencius igitur admirandam censeo tocuis urbis inspectionem—et primum quidem de signis ereis huius urbis disseram.

Ending: Sunt enim afforismi ubi fere omnia uerba subaudiuntur.

There are some unimportant scribbles on the fly-leaf: the end of the last page is cut off.

The complete text of this tract, of which no other copy seems to be known, has been published in the *English Historical Review*, Oct. 1917 (M. R. James), and in the *Journal of Roman Studies*, G. M. Rushforth, 1919.

4. M. T. Ciceronis Laelius: G. vi. 174.

Vellum, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ × 6 $\frac{1}{4}$, ff. 20, 30 lines to a page, cent. xv, in a good clear upright Italian hand: vellum wrapper.

The Library of S. Catharine's Hall, from C. W. Goodwin, Esq., formerly Fellow of the College, March 13, 1850. C. H(ardwick).

Collation. 1¹⁰, 2¹⁰.

Inside the cover in an Italian hand are the lines,

Nomina septenū sapientum Graecia cantat

Partibus et natos diuersis orbis honorat

Inclyta nam genuit celebrem Bianta priene etc., ending:

Lyndon et in coelum cum laude cleobole tollis.

Title in red: Marci Tullii Ciceronis ad Atticum de uera amicitia liber inc.

Quintus Mutius Augur Sceuola multa narrare

Initial in gold colour and partial border of fair execution.

Ends 20^b: prestabilius putetis.

M. Tullii Ciceronis de amicitia liber expl.

There is an amusing sketch of a castle and bowman on the inside of the last cover: very rough (xv).

5. Ex vitis Patrum: G. vi. 175.

Vellum, $6\frac{3}{4} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, ff. 26, 26 lines to a page, cent. xiii or xiv? in a very rough unskilled hand, much abbreviated.

Modern binding. Presented by Chas. W. Goodwin, Fellow, in 1847.

Collation. 1⁸, 2⁸, 3¹⁰.

At the bottom of 26^b is (xv),

iste liber est montis de castris ordinis celestinorum.

Contents: a collection of anecdotes concerning ascetics and solitaries from the Vitae Patrum, followed by stories of other saints: begins imperfectly (?)—monachus quidam solitarius et perfectus cuius perfectione multi proficiebant. Hic excitatus est a diabolo ut non debet seruii ab alio etc. (legend of St Marina).

At 16^b is an abridgment of the Itinerarium Theophili

(Nos humiles monaci theophilus sergius et clunius).

f. 18^b de S. Alexio: Sanctum Alexium urbis rome nobilissime.

f. 19 de S. Andrea: Erat quidam episcopus deuotus beato Andree

(appearance of the devil in the form of a princess).

f. 19^b de tayses: In quadam ciuitate erat quedam mulier nomine tayses.

f. 26^a de S. Christoforo: Erat quidam gentilis nomine reprobus pulcer et magnus stature.

Ends f. 26^b: et linies super oculos et sanaberis: quod et factum est et credit ipse et ceteri omnes.

6. Consuetudines Cistercienses: G. vi. 173: $7\frac{7}{8} \times 6$, ff. 53, double columns of 37 lines, cent. xiii late, in a good clear hand. 2 fo. congregamini.

Modern binding. Presented by Chas. W. Goodwin, Fellow, in 1847.

Collation. 1⁸, 2⁸ (wants 3–5, replaced by four paper leaves), 3¹⁰, 4¹⁰ (10 replaced in cent. xv), 5⁸, 6⁸ (8 a half-leaf).

A title-page of cent. xviii has been prefixed:

Registrum sacri ordinis Cisterciensis pro directione officii diuini per totum annum, antiquitus conscriptum.

Inc.: In aduentu domini id est in prima dominica incipitur ad vigiliis ysaia et deinceps totus legatur.

Feast of S. Eligius. Sections are numbered in red.

7^b (after Epiphany) § XXXIII de S. Wilhelmo.

The gap after p. 10 is supplied by a hand of cent. xvi: the text concerns Septuagesima almost wholly. There are some few marginal additions, apparently of cent. xvi.

§ LXXI. Inc.: De sanctis quorum festa uel octaue uel uigilie aliqua dubietas poterit euenire. 30^b de S. Antonio.

f. 37 is a supply of cent. xvii concerning the Annunciation, S. Ambrose, S. Mark, S. Robert. The two latter are dealt with again on f. 38 (original).

§ CLXII de spinea corona.

§ CXCVIII de S. Eligio: the last numbered section in the original hand is

§ CCXXVIII quibus diebus non utimur lactiniis, ending: quod ergo sextis feriis non utimur hoc non fit ex ordine sed deuocionis causa. Notandum uero quod Abbates.....quando missas audiunt in ecclesiis que non sunt de ordine nostro

sicut ceteri pacem accipient si eis offertur. Then follow additions in two hands of cent. xvi.

CCXXXIX de pace extra monasterium accipienda.

CCXXX de tempore visitacionis.

„ de missa pro.

„ de suscipiendo Apostata.

„ de corpore Christi. de octaua.

Notandum dignum. Sciendum est quod <si> cantor committat alicui missam unam de aliquo sancto etc.

In crastino SS. prothi et hiacinthi.

De octaua Katherine V.

In die Aniani ep. With which the MS ends.

7. Gower. Vellum, $17\frac{3}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{4}$, pp. 188, double columns of 47 lines, cent. xv, well written with good ornaments.

Binding brown morocco of cent. xviii.

Presented by W^m Bohun of Beccles, Dec. 8, 1740.

On the flyleaf is 'This booke was given mee by my grandmother Lang the three and twentieth day of August 1642.

Baxter Bohun

Margt. Bohun,'

also an inscription of 1666 by Edmund Bohun.

Collation. i (one left, originally the last leaf), a⁸-d⁸ (wants 2), e⁸-g⁸ (wants 1), h⁸-k⁸ (a note that 7 leaves are missing), l⁸-m⁸ (wants 6), n⁸-q⁸ (wants 2; 3, 4 are cut), r⁸ (wants 4, 5), s⁸-t⁸ (wants 7), u⁸-z⁸ (wants 4-8).

With the following letter to Dr Hubbard, Master, which is pasted on the cover:

"Sir, My Father set a great Value upon this Book as you will see in first leaf. I think it will be much safer in your Colledge Library than in my study and may serve to put you in mind I was once of that Colledge. I have sent the Earl of Essex's Apology. Mr Humphry Bohun my Father's Great Unckle married M^r Anthony Bacon's Daug^r to whom it was dedicated but I am rather of opinion he wrote it. I hope you and the Fellows of Cath: Hall will accept this small present from S^r

Your Humble Servant Will^m Bohun."

At the end there is an inscription similar to that at the beginning signed by Baxter Bohun, and dated 1652, followed by the lines:

The frie welkin gan to Thunder

As though the world should all to sunder.

The same lines are also on f. 1.

On f. 1 the rubric

explicit iste liber qui transeat obsecro liber.

The following description is given by Mr G. C. Macaulay in his great edition of Gower (II, cxlvi). He classes this copy as intermediate between revised and unrevised copies of the first Recension.

"Cath. St Catharine's Coll., Camb. Confessio Amantis with 'Explicit' (six lines), 'Quam cinxere' and 'Quia vnusquisque.' Parchment, ff. 188, $17\frac{3}{4} \times 12\frac{1}{4}$ in., in quires of 8 with catchwords: well written in double column of 47 lines, afterwards 40, before the middle of fifteenth cent. Latin summaries in text

(red). Floreated whole border at the beginning of each book: miniature on f. 4 v^o of Nebuchadnezzar's Dream, and f. 8 v^o the Confession (Priest on stool to left of picture, laying hand but not stole on penitent's head), fairly well painted.

"Leaves are missing which contained i. 3089-3276, ii. 3331-3518, v. 1182-1363, 6225-6388, vi. 107-460, vii. 984-1155, and viii. 2941-3114, and the last leaf containing 'Explicit,' &c., is placed now at the beginning of the volume. There is a confusion of the text in the third book, iii. 236-329 being repeated after 678 and 679-766 left out, also a considerable omission in the fourth (iv. 2033-3148) without loss of leaves in this MS. (The statement in the MS that seven leaves are here lost is a mistake.) In the passage vii. 1486-2678 several leaves have been disarranged in the quire.

"Given to the College in 1740 by Wm. Bohun of Beccles (Suffolk), to whose great-grandfather, Baxter Bohun, it was given in 1642 by his 'grandmother Lany.'

"The text is of a rather irregular type, but often agrees with the XGO group. It has many mistakes and the spelling is poor."

To this I add a few details:

On f. 1^b (originally the last page) is 'Let no hand violate or deface this booke for it is of greate antiquity and so of greater vallew made by John Gower in the tyme of Richard the second before the yeare 1399 that is aboute 267 yeares Ago this yeare 1666 Edmund Bohun sonne (of?) Baxter Bohun.'

In another hand 'This volume was' (a piece is cut out).

There is also a list of 23 names, Will. Harmer, Tho. Jenkinson, Rob. Myle, etc., etc.

The two miniatures may be somewhat more fully described.

f. 4^b, The dream of Nebuchadnezzar.

He lies in a pink-canopied bed, red and gold arras on the walls: he is nude, bearded and crowned. On the right on a low pink base stands the image with hand raised, head, loins and thighs gold, body silver, legs black, feet red, green grass etc. behind.

f. 8^b, red flourished ground: in the right corner a blue cloud with rays: God's head is seen in it in blue: on a pink seat set on a green floor sits the confessor in white over blue and with pink hood on his head. The penitent in dark orange gown and belt kneels to him on right.

8. G. vi. 171. Law MS. Paper, $6\frac{3}{8} \times 4\frac{3}{8}$, ff. circ. 50 + 500, cent. xvi, very neatly written in red and black.

The first page of writing is pasted down. On ff. 1-40 is an alphabetical table of the words from A (Accordant) to W (Waste) with some additions on the following pages which are mostly blank. The text begins with f. 7. Bargaines.

Bargin sur condition precedent ne serra execute tanque le condition perform.

It is wholly in law-French: a fresh start seems to be made at p. 475. On the last cover is a modern address, 33, Grove Road, St John's Wood, and the name Thomas Wicksteed scrawled.

9. G. v. 69. Vellum and paper, 8×6 , ff. 105 + 14, about 29 lines to a full page, cent. xiv, in a very current hand, pale ink. The paper leaves are of cent. xv late.

Binding cent. xvi, with shield on each cover, bearing the arms of New Romney, 3 lions passant: two metal clasps.

Collation. 1^s-5^s (+5*), 6^s, 7¹⁰, 8^s, 9⁴, 10⁴, 11², 12⁶, 13⁸ (wants 8), 14⁸ (wants 8), 15⁸, || 16¹⁴ (paper).

Contents: mainly a Register of the Corporation of New Romney in the reigns of Edward III and Richard II.

In the Fourth Report of the Historical Manuscripts Commission (1874), pp. 424-428, is an account of the contents of this MS by H. T. Riley.

A former owner was Rob. Benet, whom I have seen described as Mayor of Romney and of Dover. He owned several MSS at St John's College, including the famous Irish Psalter which belonged to Dover Priory.

The account is as follows:

In the Library of this College (Mark G. V 69) there is a small quarto volume, in calf binding of the latter part of the sixteenth century, with the impress thereon of three lions, the arms of New Romney, Kent, in gilt. It consists of 105 leaves of parchment, written on both sides, to which are added 15 leaves of paper, the latter partly gnawed away by mice or rats. All the writing on the parchment belongs to the reigns of Edward III and Richard II, that on the paper, probably, to the reign of Edward IV. The parchment is in a perfect state throughout: on the reverse of the last written leaf of paper are scribbled, in very pale ink, the names of several members of a family called "Fyssche," John, Margaret, Henry, and others. So far as I am aware, the contents of this book, which is mainly a Register of the Corporation of New Romney, in the reigns of Edward III and Richard II, have hitherto never been described: the following summary of its contents will therefore not be out of place. The entries, which are mostly in a very faded ink, were made, as we learn, from the latter part of the Register, by Daniel Rough, or Rowe, Common Clerk of New Romney, in the reigns above-mentioned, the earliest of them belonging probably to the 26th of Edward III, A.D. 1352. The first page of the parchment (from the fact, probably, of the book having been left unbound for many generations) is almost wholly illegible; though much of its writing probably might be deciphered under a strong sunlight. It begins: "Ces [sount] les usages de Rom., de temps [dount] memorie ne court, ilykis uses.—Inprimes, use est de an en an eslire xii jures pour garder et gouverner la dite vile." "These are the usages of Rom., from time out of memory there used.—First, it is the usage from year to year to elect twelve Jurats, to keep and govern the said town." In fol. 1 *b*, the first title is, "Forma acquietantie super idem," acquittance (in Latin) of the chief ruler for the year by his "Combarons." The title of the next entry is, "Si aucun ne voile faire office de jure," "If any one will not take the office of jurat." "Item, si ascune barone, apres la election de la dite comune, ne voile estre obeisaunt a fere la dite offis de jure; le bailif, od tote la comune, iront a sa meson, et le dit desobeisant, sa femme, et ces enfantz et autre mayne, osteront de sa meson, et fermeront les fenestres; et ces us deyvont ils a seler et sequestrer; et ci ils deyvont demurer, tankil se voile justizer a fere le dit office de jure." "Also, if any baron, after the election of the said community, will not be obedient to do the said office of jurat; the bailiff, with all the community, shall go to his house, and the said disobedient, his wife, and his children and other household, shall turn out of his house, and shall shut the windows; and his door they ought to seal and sequesterate; and so they ought to remain, until he wish to set himself right by doing the said duty of jurat."

Fol. 2*a*. The penalties of sequestration. Power of distress by the jurats, without the bailiff, upon all whom they shall deem rebels, touching the service of our lord the king, and in all points touching the maintenance and profit of the common franchise. The oath of the jurats. Their Common Clerk, and Serjeant.

Fol. 2 *b*. An enactment that if any person shall curse any one of the jurats, and lay hands upon him, against the peace of our lord the king, the bailiff shall have power to imprison him, and keep him in prison until he shall have paid a fine, by assessment of the other jurats, to the jurat so offended by him. The jurats are empowered to imprison notorious offenders, the bailiff to keep them there. Freemen, in absence of the bailiff, may distrain upon foreign debtors, but must deliver the distress to the bailiff, who will name a day to hear the plaint.

Fol. 3 *a*. The King's mandate, addressed to the Bailiff and Barons, "not to be opened by the one but in presence of the other." In case of a royal command (charge) being given, the "common horn" is to be sounded at each corner of the town three times, and the letter to be read in the place where the bailiff holds his courts. (A very ancient horn is still preserved at New Romney.) "Chattels of heirs" form the next subject.

Fol. 3 *b*. Appointment of new Bailiffs: the same to be under the seal of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Fol. 4 *b*. Recovery of rent. Precautions against strangers staying in suspected places. Redemption of pledges.

Fol. 5 *a*. Recognizances in Court.

Fol. 5 *b*. Neither fealty, suit, nor relief, due from freeholders, but only rent-seck. Every stranger in the town to pay double *escot*, when assessed upon the town as compared with the freemen. The freedom to be purchaseable by a person then residing in the town.

Fol. 6 *a*. Letters, to last two years, to be granted, testifying to the holder being of the franchise. The form of the Letter is given in Latin.

Fol. 6 *b*. Regulations as to the King's purveyors of victuals, and carriage. Common letters to be granted to the freemen, in cases of action for debt, covenant, or trespass, in any other borough or town.

Fol. 7 *b*. The Common Clerk only to write letters under the Common Seal. Challenge of proof by the "Com-Barons," when buying or selling in fair or markets, in strange places. No "withirname" [reprisal or distress made] to be taken before judgment given.

Fol. 8 *a*. A freeman may claim to buy a share in all kinds of merchandize landed upon the quay, belonging to a non-freeman. No Fleming, or other alien, to be taken by his host to buy or sell merchandize, without leave of the bailiff, and then only in presence of his host.

Fol. 8 *b*. The common horn to be sounded twice at least, in the Market-place and at the Cross, when the bailiff holds his Court. Three days' warning to be given to all who are to appear in Court, save in pleas of trespass and account. Orders as to alienation of tenements or chattels during plea pending.

Fol. 9 *a*. On withdrawal by an appellant of his appeal, imprisonment, in certain cases, to ensue. Mode of proof of goods, as those of a good and loyal man, when in the hands of a felon. If a person be found cutting wood within the franchise, he is to have the pillory the first time, to have his ear cut off, and be taken to the other end of the town, and made to abjure it. On a second occasion, he is to lose the other ear; and on the third offence, to be punished with death.

Fol. 9 *b*. As to inquests upon sudden death, between the town and haven and the boundary "called Rendehol, near Apuldre"; the Bailiff to be the only coroner.

Fol. 10 *a*. Appointment of a new Warden of the Cinque Ports, and his oath. At inquisition to be made at the Court of Schepweie, the Warden to be there in

person, and, with him, the Mayor and Bailiffs of the Cinque Ports. The heads given of such Inquisitions.

Fol. 11 *a.* 32, or more, of the Barons are to hold "cloths of say" over the King and Queen at the Coronation of the Kings of England; the Barons of Hastings, and its members, to have one cloth and its apparel; those of Romenev, Hethe, Dovor, and Sandwich, the other. The 32 Barons, and other Barons there present, to have the table on the right-hand side of the King, when allowed (grauntes) to eat with him: and at each consecration of a bishop (?archbishop), the Barons of the Cinque Ports to have the right-hand table in the hall.

Fols. 12 *a*–13 *b*. A list, in Latin, of "Maltotes" (or town dues) leviable on all property of the men of the Cinque Ports. Among them may be noticed the following:—"Of every *porpeis* cut up, in market, of the vendor 1*d.* But if taken out of the town, then 12*d.* For two seams of sea-coal sold, 1 farthing. From a master carpenter of ships 'of new passage,' besides [the tax] on the ship, 12*d.* Of every cook and *pocchen* [retailer of drink] selling in the market, by the week, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* For every 2 gallons of *seym* [lard] sold, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* For 2 sheaves [garbis] of herrings sold, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* For 2,000 *oygnons* [onions] sold, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* Of a master tailor by the week, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* Of every *ysmongere* [ironmonger] by the week, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* Of every carpenter of houses by the week, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* Of a shoemaker, for every 12 shoes sold, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* Of other cobblers [sabatores] by the week, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* Of a ship carpenter by the week, when at work, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* For every tun of wine sold in gross, 4*d.* If drunk and sold in a tavern 'in *teppinge*' [or tap], 6*d.* For every 100 boards of Ireland, of 12 feet, 2*d.* ('Boards of Ireland,' of 8 feet and 6 feet, are also named.) On the hire of vessels and boats, in the pound, 2*d.* On every last of sprats, 4*d.* From the master fisherman of every boat, per week, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* From the other mates of the boat, per week, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* For every pound lent '*super heepe*' [?on accumulation], 2*d.* Of every carter and barber, per week, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* For every 12 *coyfyne* [?seasoned wood for coffers] sold, $\frac{1}{4}$ *d.* For every *chief* of sandal [?a silk texture] sold, 1*d.* For every bolt of *Eilesham* [probably, canvas from Aylsham, in Norfolk] sold, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* Of every goldsmith, per week, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* Of every tiler and reeder of houses, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.* Of every pasteler [pie-maker] per week, $\frac{1}{2}$ *d.*"

Also,—"*De omnibus casibus inter Denge et Hethe, Quarta pars.*" "From all wrecks between Denge and Hethe, the fourth part." Denge is the present Dengenness, or Dungeness.

Fol. 13 *a.* Copy of the Charter granted in the 6th year of Edward I to the Barons of the Cinque Ports.

Fol. 16 *a.* Copy of the Charter of the 7th of Edward II, confirming a Charter of Henry II to the men of Hida [Hythe] and Dungenmareys [Dunge Marsh, near Dungeness], and one of Edward I in favour of the men of Hida and Ingemareis [or Dungenmareys].

At fol. 17 *a* begins [tr. from the Latin]: "A Register of Daniel Roughe, for the time when he was Clerk of the Jurats of Romenev, namely, in the 27th year of the reign of Edward the Third [A.D. 1353]"; containing various forms of fines (in Latin); writs and addresses sent to Canterbury and Winchelsea; and writs as to collecting the King's tenths and fifteenths.

Fol. 21 *a.* Election of Members of Parliament, W. de Holyng and John Tiece; Thomas Childe chosen to represent the town at the King's Council at Westminster.

Fol. 21 *b.* Petition to the King, in French, as to their franchises; followed by one, in French, to the Archbishop of York, Lord Chancellor, by the Barons of Romenev, as to the same.

Fol. 22 *b.* Appointment of a bailiff, Hugh Goldsmith, to act for the town at

the ensuing Fair of Great Yarmouth, from Michaelmas to Martinmas. A note says, however, that Hugh was taken ill; whereupon, John Symon was chosen in his place, and had five marks for his pay.

Fol. 23 *a*. Certificate, in French, sent from Romenev to Sir Bartholomew de Burghershe, Constable of Dover Castle and Warden of the Cinque Ports, as to the wreck of a ship at Dengenese; and agreement as to the salvage thereof, on the terms of receiving one half.

Fol. 23 *b*. Another communication thereon from the same place, in French.

Fol. 24 *a*. A letter from B. de Burghershe, reminding the Barons of Romenev that he had charged them, at the last Brodhulle, to certify him as to the ship wrecked near their town, and of the goods salved by people belonging to their members; how much, and into what hands they have come. He now requires something more than the mere names of the salvors.

Fol. 24 *b*. Forms of writs of debt, in Norman French.

Fol. 25 *b*. Summons, in Latin, by B. de Burghershe, Warden, to the Barons of Romenev, to send six of their most approved Barons to appear before him at Schipweye [near Hythe], to treat upon articles of the Court of Schipweie; dated in the 22nd year of Edward III (A.D. 1348). Mandate by the same, in French, to the Bailiff and Barons of Romenev, that they are to let ship and pass over to Caleys the provisions of Messire Richard de Totesham, flesh, wheat, oats, hay, and *bensche* [?beans]. Points for inquisition at the Court of Schipweye.

Fol. 26 *a*. Letter, in Norman French, from the Barons of Romenev to those of Hethe. After "greeting and free friendship and love," they say that they have received their "amiable letters," praying that they would be pleased to admonish and compel their townsman John Lucas, to deliver to their "loved Combaron," William Baione, his "*spindeleres*" [a kind of net], which the said William left on the sea by stress of tempest, and which John had taken to Romenev; the said William rendering to John, for his trouble, whatever the law maritime should award. The said John had owned to his finding the said *spindeleres* on the sea, but who was owner he then knew not; however, he is now ready to deliver them, if he receives what the law maritime may award him: dated 20th February, in the 28th year [of Edward III, 1354]. Below, in French, is a commission to Hugh Colbrond and W. Holyngbroke to be at the King's Council at Westminster.

Fol. 26 *b*. A further letter, in Norman French, on the loss by W. Baione of his *spindeleres*, while fishing therewith, from tempest. He says that on the Wednesday after his loss (upon Friday after the Purification) he went out at high tide to look for them, but that John Lucas had previously found them, and carried them away.

Fol. 27 *a*. After some entries of legal matters, the Register for the 28th year of Edward III begins; commencing with a petition, in French, to B. de Burghershe, the Warden, to the effect that N. and N., "of our members of Prombull," have been summoned to attend at the Court of the Port of the Castle, on inquisition touching the geldable; the same being in defeasance of their franchise.

From this point my extracts, it will be perceived, are, for want of space, comparatively limited:—

In fol. 33 *a* a man with the name of "John Pikeffish, of Shipbourne," is mentioned.

In fol. 36 *a* the "new barge" is mentioned, which the men of Sandwich had lately built, by the King's order (29 Edward III).

At fol. 39 *a*, the Register for the 30th of Edward III, and at fol. 41 *b* that

for the 31st year, begins. On the 15th of April, 1357, H. Colbrond and J. Fraunceis were chosen members of Parliament for the town.

Fol. 44 *a* is the commencement of a list of "All the fifteenths of our lord the King, throughout all the Lasts and Hundreds in the County of Kent," a long and curious list of localities.

Fol. 46 *a*. "Sciendum quod Dominus R. de Mortuo Mari, tunc Custos v Portuum, eodem anno attrahebat coram se, ad ecclesiam Sancti Jacobi de Dovoriam, diversa placita extra varia loca Portuum praedictorum, in eorundem praejudicium manifestum; super quo...fuit remedium, ut patet in brevi Domini Regis sequenti."—"Sir R. de Mortimer, Warden of the Cinque Ports, drew before him, at the church of St James in Dover, divers pleas from beyond the various places of the Cinque Ports, to their manifest prejudice." Then follows a royal mandate thereon, 15th May, 31 Edward III.

At fol. 48 *a* the Register for the 32nd of Edward III begins.

Fol. 53 *b*. Writ as to a kidel in the parish of Saint Marichirche; and as to one in the parish of St Nicholas in Romenei made by S[imon] Dolseli and Joan, his wife, against the franchise.—This S. Dolsely was Mayor of London in 1359.

Fol. 54 *a*. A jury is empanelled (one T. Jolyff in the number) and finds that two men, on different occasions, had been drowned in the kidel last mentioned. In the same folio is a writ from Roger de Mortimer, the Warden, as to a ship of Flanders, that had been seized, laden with a cargo of sea-coal, belonging to a merchant of Amyas (Amiens) 24th February, 32nd Edward III.

At fol. 54 *b* the Register for the 33rd of Edward III begins.

Fol. 55 *a*. A letter, in Norman French, to Sir R. de Mortimer from the Bailiff and Barons of Romenei. He has ordered them to find for him six tuns of best Gascon wine, and he will send his butler to make prompt payment. They have searched all the cellars throughout the town, and they can only find four tuns "a nostre tast"—to our taste—that "might be profitable and pleasing to your lordship," which they have accordingly bought, at the price of 34 marks. The same is to be reserved for his use till next Ascension; so that his butler may come in the meantime, and make payment. If not sent for by then, their commoners, with whom the said wines are, are to be at liberty to sell them for their own profit.

Fol. 55 *b*. A letter, in Norman French, to Raulfe Frenyngham and his companions, assigned to choose archers in Kent. The folks of Lyde [now Lydd] have informed the Barons of Romenei that they have been called upon to find archers for the King. This is contrary to their franchise; as the people of Lyde, as being members with them (of the Cinque Ports), have to contribute to the King's ships, and so are free, seeing that they are bound "always to be ready, with their bodies and chattels," to do the same. From this point, fines for the conveyance of property, and writs of debt, Alias, and Pluries, are largely interspersed in the pages of the volume.

Among the fines mentioned in fol. 56 *b*, "William Erl, *voghelere* [?fowler], of Lide," occurs. Joan, Agnes, Agatha, and Alice, it may be remarked, are the female names most frequently met with. Rye is here always called "La Rie."

Fol. 56 *b* contains the whole of the Register of the 34th Edward III; and at the foot of the page that for the 35th year begins.

At fol. 58 *a* the Register for the 36th year begins. Among other things, it contains fines between John Segrave, of Waye, in the county of Dorset, and Simon Dolseli, citizen of London, and Joan, his wife, as to a tenement, with a tavern and other edifices built thereon, in the parish of St Nicholas in Romenei.

J. Rogge is appointed to be bailiff at Great Jernemue (Yarmouth) at the time of the Fair there, both for Dovorre and Romeney.

At fol. 58 *b* mention is again made of William Erl, as a "*fozeler*" [?fowler]: "Justina" occurs as a female name.

At fol. 59 *a* the Register for the 37th of Edward III begins.

Fol. 59 *b*. A fine levied between Henry Lewes, of Romeney, and Thomas Snelgar of Hope All Saints, and Petronilla (or Parnell) his wife. A letter also, in Norman French, testifying that J. Mathone is free of the Cinque Ports.

Fol. 60 *a*. A fine levied between John Duddinghurst, *triturator* [?miller], and Thomas Snelgar, of Hope All Saints, as to a tenement called "tanhaus," in the parish of St Martin at Romeney. Towards the foot of the same page, the Register of the 38th of Edward III begins. The first article in it is a letter in N. French, from the Barons of Romeney "to their dear brothers and Combarons, and friends, the Mayor and Barons of La Rie." On the dolorous plaint of Deany, now the widow of T. Swayn, their late neighbour, who has now removed to La Rie, they hear that one Elizabeth Badch has heinously and evilly slandered her, in a public and open place, as having been of evil fame; and has asserted that for her larceny and harlotry (*puterie*) she has been driven from the town of Romeney, and does not dare return. Therefore, for the love of God, she has asked them therein to bear witness to the truth. They, therefore, testify to her good conversation, that she left for no evil cause, and that she may return whenever she pleases; and they further beg that she may have her former good character restored to her.

Fol. 61 *a*. A statement (in Latin) that Hugh Goldsmith was elected "in full commons, by sound of horn gathered together," and commissioned to be bailiff at Jernemue (Yarmouth) for Romeney and Dovorre conjointly: he being so chosen, "because he could fill the said office in the best manner for others; being himself not in the least oppressed thereby."

At fol. 62 *a* the Register for the 39th of Edward III begins. A fine is mentioned, as being executed in the house of Richard Fleccher, and Agnes, his wife, deforciant, because one of them was on a bed of sickness,—"*in lecto aegritudinis*." On the 5th of June, as set forth in N. French, a writ of debt was issued to the Bailiffs, Burghmasters, and Eskyvyns, of Lumbardie [?Louvain], in Flanders, for a sum of 13*s.* 4*d.* sterling, which William-Swygre, "of the same place," owes to Peter Gay, "our Combaron."

Fol. 63 *a*. A letter of franchise delivered to Ralph Hunte, to last for two years.

At fol. 63 *b* the Register for the 40th Edward III begins. It is set forth, in Latin, that J. Gysors, citizen of London, lets to J. Segrave, of Upwaye, in Dorset, a tenement, with tavern and other buildings thereon, late of Reginald de Maydeston, in the parish of St Nicholas, at Romeney, for 12*d.* and 2 hens yearly; the same having been first surrendered by Segrave to Gysors.

At fol. 64 *a* the Register for the 41st of Edward III begins; it being entered, it is stated, by D. Rough, "Common Clerk." Stephen Davy, "of Old Romeney," is mentioned, a place the name of which but very rarely occurs.

At fol. 64 *b* the Register of D. Rough, Common Clerk, for the 42nd Edward III, begins.

Fol. 65 *a*. W. Holyngbroke and Franceys are commissioned, on the 1st May, to the Parliament at Westminster. A fine is levied as to land, between Henry Lewes and John Milet, complainants, and N. Oly, and Christina, his wife, deforciant; one part of which land is pasture, and the other hemp-growing [*canabaris*], in the Parish of St Laurence, at Romeney.

At fol. 65*b* the Register of D. Rough, Common Clerk, for the 43rd Edward III, begins. D. Rough, and "Elicia" his wife, are here deforciant, in a matter of a fine levied of a rent of 2*s.* 8½*d.* and 2 hens, from a tavern in St Nicholas, at Romenev.

Fols. 66*b* and 67*a* contain the Registers of "D.R." for the 44th and 45th years of Edward III.

At fol. 67*b* the Register of "D.R." for the 46th of Edward III. On the 20th of September an agreement is made between J. Tiete and Daniel Rough (the Common Clerk) as to a gable, and a gutter of lead between their houses set up.

Fol. 68*a*. The Register of "D.R. Common Clerk," for the 47th of Edward III. John Colbrond and Hugh Roye are commissioned to Parliament.

Fol. 68*b*. The Register for the 48th of Edward III is now stated as being that of "Daniel Rowe" (the same name, under another form), Common Clerk. Tr. from the Latin.—"In the same year, divers safe-conducts were sealed under the common seal, for J. Morel, of Tormount, and J. Columbel, and their fellows, Frenchmen, who had been taken by our balanger (*balangeram*, a light sailing-vessel); of which J. Rose, of Romenev, was master."

At fol. 69*a* the Register for the 49th of Edward III begins.

Fol. 69*b*. A fine levied of a message held by Thomas Jolif, for life, formerly belonging to W. Spite, "Kidelman," situate in a place called "Le Kidelman hope," in St Nicholas, Romenev. In this page also the Register for the 50th of Edward III begins. At the Feast of St George, John Colbrond and Stephen Dod were commissioned to Parliament, and stayed there seven weeks.

Fol. 70*a*. A "Common Letter" (in Norman French) issued, on the 20th of August, to the Burghmaster and Eskevins of Dunkarke, for eight marks owed by John Deer to "our Combaron" S. le Gay, on a contract as to garlic; and on the 1st of September another Letter to the same, as to 46*s.* 8*d.*, which Tideric Fanderfane owes to "our Combaronesse Johanne," who was the wife of W. Holyngbroke, for woollen cloths, called "blankets," of her bought.

Fol. 70*b*. 23rd January, Jate Wode and W. Childe commissioned to Parliament.

At fol. 71*a* the Register for the 51st Edward III begins.

Fol. 71*b*, a fine levied, between John Piclet, tailor, complainant, and Robert Bret, minstrel [istrionem], and Juliana, his wife, deforciant, as to a message in St Martin's at Romenev. Tr. from the Latin.—"And be it known that in the same year, in the month of June, on the 21st day of the same month, the Lord King Edward, above-mentioned, breathed his last; to whom succeeded, as heir, the Lord Richard, his grandson; who, in the eleventh year of his age, was crowned at Westminster, on Thursday the morrow of the Translation of St Swithin, namely, the 16th day of July. To whom may God grant a time for reigning graciously, and guide him in all his doings." In the same page begins the Register for the 1st year of Richard II.

Fol. 72*a*. A new hand begins here, and the writing is in a darker ink, instead of a yellow brown. Daniel Rough, or Rowe, not improbably no longer acted as Common Clerk; though, as we know from another source, he was living at a later date. In this page also begins the Register for the 2nd year of Richard II. A fine between W. Wodeman, of Romenev, complainant, and J. Maurcok, and Joan, his wife, deforciant, "as to a place of land, with a certain part of one hall, and with a shop formed of a sun-parlour [or sollar, *shopa solerata*] built thereon, in the parish of St Laurence, at Romenev."

At fol. 72*b* the Register for the 3rd of Richard II begins.

Fol. 73*a*. A fine levied between Andrew Colyn, of Romenev, complainant, and T. Maheu, and Alicia, his wife, deforcians, as to 3 roods, 18 perches of land, enclosed with mud walls, with grange and other edifices standing thereon, in the vill of Romenev,—“in the Parish of St Laurence, in the Spitalstrete, by the Churchyard.”

At fol. 73*a* the Register for the 4th of Richard II begins.

Fol. 73*b*. A fine between W. Gerold, and Anabilia, his wife, complainants, and J. Perot, mariner, a native of Spain [oriundum de Yspannia] and Joan, his wife, daughter of W. Lomestone, of Romenev, deforcians, as to a messuage there. A fine, also, between J. Marchant, *ripiere* [a retailer of fish], and Alicia, his wife, and Richard Alewy and Celestina, his wife, as to a messuage, called “Le Bern,” in the Parish of St Martin, at Romenev.

Fol. 74*a*. Copy, in another hand, of a writ (in Latin) from the Earl of Cambridge [Edmund de Langley], Constable of Dover Castle, and Warden of the Cinque Ports: to enforce contribution alike by all the Barons thereof to the King's fleet.

Fols. 74*b* and 75 had been originally left blank, with the exception of one entry; but were afterwards filled with legal matter, as to debt, of a much later date.

At fol. 76*a* miscellaneous matters follow, in the original pale ink, and the earlier handwriting. This part of the volume was not improbably used as a Commonplace book by Daniel Rough.

After folio 76*b* a leaf seems to have been lost, or cut out.

Fol. 77 begins with instructions (in Latin) how to keep a tally, or account, as to landed property; ending with the words—“Et sic finitur pars interior.” Then follow some verses, by way of maxims:—

Quid, de quo, quantum, quando, cur, ista notato.
 In quibus expendit, quando, cur, testis in hiis sit.
 Sit ratio tecum, rotulus scribatur aperte,—(sine rasura).
 Ballia cum rotulis concordet, utrique valoris.
 Instrue praepositum, si nesciat, et fuge turbas.
 Post dicta in rotulis scribatur, non vice versa.
 Sit spatium largum, numerus scribatur aperte.
 Si sapiens fore vis, sex serves quae tibi mando,
 Quod dicas, et ubi, de quo, cui, quomodo, quando.
 Quadrante[s] satis...quotquot expendimus anno
 Tot crescunt solidi, cum tot nummis numerati.

Rules, in Latin prose, then follow, for keeping an account. Then, “Exitus bladi.—Hic incipit pars exterior rotuli.” In fol. 78*a* are given rules for keeping an account as to profits of cattle, horses, and oxen; sheep and their wool. Fol. 78*b*, swine and boars. Fol. 79*a*, geese, fowls, and chickens. Then “Issues of the bacon-house” [Exitus lardarii]. Fol. 79*b* treats of the dairy, and of the sale of hides of horses and oxen, and of woolfels. In fol. 80*a*, “Exitus operum,” issues, or profits, from various operations, are treated of. At the foot of the same page, and in the next, various forms are given, for drawing testaments and wills; fol. 80*b*, containing acquittances to executors of testaments. Fol. 81*a* gives (in Latin) a “Certificate on mandate to appear at Christ Church, Canterbury,” addressed to Master J. de Wymbourne, Commissary General of Canterbury, by Ralph, Vicar of the Churches of Romenev, signifying that he will appear. Then follow three more forms of “Certification,” or “Certifying,” on mandate.

Fol. 81*b*. The following bears reference to the scale of Notes in Music (as

invented, it is said, by Guido of Arezzo): but it does not seem easily intelligible:—
 “Hic discernuntur toni”:

*Re quoque dat quarti, fa mi [?mi] C vult quoque quinti,
 La la fa sexti dicas, nec plures habentur.
 Sol sol fa, septi [?septimi] tenet inceptio toni,
 Octavo fa mi fa; non sunt tonantia plura.*

Fol. 82 *a*. Latin form of acquittance of rent-ferm, received of H. Witehed, of the parish of Sellenge. Form of final concord, as of the 33rd year of Edward III, before Robert de Thorpe, Henry Grene, Henry de Motelowe, John Mounby, and William de Skipwith, Justiciars, between William Scot, *lynter* [?flax-grower] of Romeny, complainant, and Thomas Chapman, and Alicia, his wife, deforciant.

Fol. 82 *b*. An extract from the Red Book of the Exchequer, as to the Cinque Ports, taken from a copy in a document belonging to James Colbrond, in November, 40th Edward III (A.D. 1366), in reference to proceedings in the 21st year of Edward I: to the effect that Hastings was the chief (capitalis) Port, with certain members; Bekesbourne, and Grenethe, in Kent, being two of them.

Fol. 84 *a*. Form of acquittance on account. Form of lease for years, being by Richard de Dot[isham], Knight, to Adam Adam, of Promhelle, and Laurence Kyn, of Dover, of tenements in the villis of Eastbrige, Hope, and Saint Mary in the Marsh, near Romeny. “Given at West Farelegh.”—It seems not improbable that the Courts of Brotherhood had the name by which they were originally known, from being held on the Promhelle (or Bromhelle), here mentioned.

Folios 84 *b*–86 *a* are occupied with other conveyances, in which Adam Adam of Bromhill, and Richard de Dotesham, Knight, are represented as taking part. At the foot of fol. 84 *b* is a note in Latin, (tr.) “Mark on the beak of the swans (signis) belonging to Sir Richard de Tot (?Totesham), knight, in the marsh of Romeny, as set forth XIX.”

Folios 86 *b* and 87 *a* contain other deeds, probably intended as common forms. In the latter page Ralph de Kanwile, Vicar of Romeny, is named; acknowledging that he has received a legacy of 40*s.*, on behalf of Isabel, wife of William Smyth, left to her by Emma, her mother. Several pages following are also occupied with like matter.

In fol. 96 *a* Sir Reginald de Cobeham, and Agnes, his sister, are named as patrons of the Hospital of Saints Stephen and Thomas at Romeny; and as letting to John de Holdesdon, Chaplain, a chamber in the close of the Hospital, beyond [ultra] the gate, and a grange in the berton in the same close; also 17 acres, and all the hemp-ground [cannabare] with its appurtenances; eight acres of which lie in St Clement's at Old Romeny, near the mill of Aghene, called “Spitellis”; three acres in Demechirche, called “Holwest”; and a fourth acre at Romeny, near Spitelberghe, called “Spitelacre.” The other five acres are situated below the close of the said Hospital, and the hemp-ground beyond the same.

After fol. 97 a leaf has been cut out, and the subject-matter is left incomplete: but the numeration (of the 16th century) is uninterrupted.

Fol. 99 *a*. John Stiward, Parson of Middele, gives to Alicia Stiward, his kinswoman, espoused (uxoratae) to Adam de Stoghton, nine acres of land, not to be alienated, living the said Adam, in this manner.—By deed poll he first gives the same to the Parsons of Westynghangre and Horton; and they let the same to Alice at a fee-farm rent of 24*s.* yearly, on a condition in a certain defeasance there set forth.

Fol. 100*b*. Hugh Goldsmith having wounded John Trete with a sword, terms of concord are drawn up by Hugh Colbrond and Vincent Fynch, in the form of a bond of ten pounds; the said sum to be forfeited, in case the said Hugh shall during the next year break the peace against John: 26th Edward III.

Fol. 101*a*. Election of Peter de H. and John Grenegore as Churchwardens.

Fol. 102*a*. Acknowledgment by Brother Edward, Prior of Bil[sington], and the Convent, that they have received from William S. and Christina, his wife, 13 quarters of salt, in completion of payment of 24 quarters, to which they, and Saferi, the late husband of Christina, were bound.

Fol. 103*a*. A letter, in N. French, to the Abbot of Battle, by his "simple tenant" J. Edmund, of Denge. He and others of that place, and James Gryim of Lide (now, Lydd), have salved some cloth; on refusing to deliver it to the former owners, claiming it, it has been attached by the Court of King's Bench, in the town of Romeney. He therefore implores the Abbot to lend "an aiding hand."

Fol. 103 to the end. Points in an Assize of Traylbaston, under Bartholomew de Burghersh, Justiciar, 28th Edward III.

In a hand of the fifteenth century is written, on the last leaf, "Summa foliorum in pergamento, CXVI folia."—"Total of leaves of parchment, 116 leaves." There are now, however, and were, when the present pagination was made, only 105 parchment leaves.

"Rob. Benet" is written on the obverse of folio 1; probably in a hand of the time of Charles the First.

10. B. iii. 80. Balcarras, his account of Scotland upon the Revolution. Paper, $11\frac{3}{4} \times 7$, ff. 58, cent. xvii. An edition was printed in 1714, and another has been published by the Bannatyne Club. Presented by J. Neville Figgis.

11. E. xi. 104. Tractatus de Sancta Trinitate. Paper, $7 \times 4\frac{1}{2}$, ff. 188, cent. xvii. Ex dono Thomae Sherlock. In Latin.

12. I. vi. 48. Treatise upon ecclesiastical law. Paper, $6\frac{2}{3} \times 4$, ff. 600, cent. xvi-xvii. Ex dono Thomae Sherlock. In English, clearly written, it consists of abstracts of statutes concerning the powers of courts, the king's prerogative etc.

13. L. iii. 18. Statutes of Balliol College, Oxford. Paper, $11 \times 7\frac{1}{4}$, ff. 82. In Latin. The title-page bears the inscription, Aul. Cath. Ex dono Georgii Bent, Hujus Collegii M.B. 1727.

14. L. v. 88. Epitome Metaphysicae. Paper, $7 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, ff. 143, cent. xvii. In Latin; written by John Boynton.

15. L. v. 89. De Philosophia. Paper, $7 \times 5\frac{1}{2}$, ff. 305, cent. xvii. In Latin; written by John Boynton, who states on the title-page, "Has notas inchoavimus a Mr. Roberto Magno acriter et percelita (sic) Minerva doctas et a me ejus discipulo deligenter exaratas. Die Aprilis decimo octavo sub horam quartam an. dom. 1637, Academia Glasguensi."

16. L. vi. 95. The Historie of the Bible. Paper, $5\frac{3}{4} \times 4$, ff. 98, cent. xvi-xvii. A compendium of the Books of the Old Testament, the four Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles and the Book of Revelation.

f. 83. An exposition of the Lord's Prayer.

f. 87. On the Name of God.

f. 91. A most heavenly confession of the Christian Faith made by that blessed servant of God, Mrs Katherin Stubbes, a little before her death.

17. In show-case. Mémoires secrets sur les guerres de Paris. Paper, $13\frac{1}{4} \times 9$, ff. 215, cent. xvii. From the Towneley Library, to which it apparently came from "la bibliothèque de la chevalière d'Eon," the celebrated refugee of disputed sex who emigrated to England during the French Revolution. His (or her) portrait and inscription are pasted to the first leaf.

The MS is written in a good clear 17th century hand which deteriorates a little towards the end. It describes the wars of the Fronde, from the beginning to Mazarin's retirement from Paris in 1652.

18. F. iii. 16. Miscellaneous. Paper, $11\frac{3}{10} \times 7\frac{1}{2}$, ff. 151, cent. xvi-xvii. Ex dono Thomae Sherlock. Written by two hands. The first hand begins on two initial leaves not numbered.

The table of fees allowed by the most reverend Father in God George (Abbot), by the grace of God Lord Archb. of Canterburie to be taken by everie of his officers in his metropolitically visitation within the Dioces of Norwich, Anno Dom. 1613.

f. 1. Notes on the authority of Scripture and of the Fathers, in Latin, written by the second hand.

f. 10 b-12 b. Extracts from Bacon's *Advancement of Learning*, in the first hand.

f. 14. De Scripturarum Autoritate; continuation of the previous treatise, in the second hand, as is the rest of the MS, except where the first hand is specified.

f. 27 b. De Ecclesia.

f. 86. De Justitiae Initio.

f. 120 b. An epitaph on Queene Elizabeth. (See page 27 of this catalogue.) A sonnet of man's life¹, in the first hand.

f. 126. Joh. Bale. Romanorum Episcoporum Successio.

f. 134. Catalogus Conciliorum.

f. 139. Conference at Yorke Howse, appointed by the d. of Buck. concerning Mr Mountague's bookes. By first hand.

f. 141. Reges Jehudae. Compendium of Old Testament History, in English

f. 142. Anglia. History of England, in English.

f. 151 b. Hieronymus in annalibus Judaeorum. The fifteen signs of the Day of Judgment, in Latin, written by first hand.

¹ On this poem see Hannah, *Poems and Psalms by Henry King, D.D.*, Oxford, 1843, Appendix D, p. cxviii. Also, Saintsbury, *Caroline Poets*, vol. III, p. 236.

An epitaph on Queene Elizabeth.

Draw not too neare, unlesse you drop a teare
 on the stonne where I grone
 and will weepe till that eternall sleepe
 shall charme my wearyed eies.
 Cloris lies here, embalmed with many a teare,
 which the swaines from the plaines
 here have paied, and many a vestall maied
 have morn'd her obsequies.
 Their snowy breast they seare and rend their golden haier,
 casting cries to coelestiall deities
 to returne her beutie from the urne
 to reigne unparaleld on earth againe,
 when straight a sound from the ground
 pearcing the ayer,
 cries, Shee is dead; her soule is fled
 unto a place more rare.
 Ye spirits, which doe keepe the dust of those that sleepe
 under ground, heare the sound
 of a swaine that foldes his armes in vaine
 to the ashes he adores;
 for pittie doe not fright him wandering in the night,
 when he laves virgins' graves
 from his eyes,
 contributing sad laments
 unto their memories.
 And when my name is read in number of the dead,
 someone may in charitie repay
 my pore soule
 the tribute that I gave,
 and houle
 some requiem on my grave.
 Then weepe no more, weep no more,
 soule, reast from care;
 for shee is dead; her soule is fled
 unto a place more rare.

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