Transcription of M.R. James’s unpublished description
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Title Rabani Mauri de Uniuerso

Secundo folio 17f. Elyu

Language Latin

Material vellum

Measurements 16 ½ x 11 ins.

Collation a² (wants 1-3, 7, 8) b¹⁰ c¹⁰ [d¹⁰](wants 4-7) e¹⁰ (tops mutilated) f¹⁰ - t¹⁰ (wants 10) s¹⁰ - v¹⁰ (wants 2) x¹⁰ - z¹⁰ A¹⁰ - C¹⁰ (wants 9, 10; 1, 2 bound at end of book)

[ I² (wants 1-3, 7, 8] II – III¹⁰ IV¹⁰ (wants 4-7) V – XVI¹⁰ XVII¹⁰ (wants 10) XVIII – XIX¹⁰ XX¹⁰ (wants 2) XXI – XXV¹⁰ XXVI¹⁰ (wants 9, 10), and the rest gone: 245ff (1-3, 7, 8, 32-5, 168, 190 and all after 256 lost)

Number of leaves [245]

Columns double

Lines to a page 41

Date XII late

Handwriting fine

Binding black leather

James 222 ‘12’ [H. a. 2] [6. 6. 2]

Contents

The book has suffered from damp. The upper parts of many leaves at the beginning are defective.
Rabanus Maurus de Uniuerso.

Begins imperfect in lib. 1.
Lib. II f. 9 III.17, with outline of king in initial.
IV. 26; ‘stepped’ initial in red and blue
4 ff. gone after 31
V. 40b. At bottom of 44v is a good coloured drawing of Job and his three friends and wife. All have scrolls.

Job. Consolatores honerosi omnes uos estis
Uxor Job. Standing over him. Benedic deo et morere

Elyphaz. Usque quo loquieris talia et spiritus ml’ti p
Baldac. Ubi est timor tuus fortitudo tua patientia
Sophar. Numquid qui multa loquitur non ipse audiet. dú ubi uerborum

On 44b is the beginning of a drawing of the Judgement of Solomon. The women with swaddled children kneel to the king.

VI. 56b VII. 76 VIII. 85b On 91v two medallions, one with a drawing of a camel. On 99b a good initial with dragon ?.
IX. 113b X. 125 XI. 135b XII. 145 XIII. 164b. Initial: embattled building with two people in it f. 168 gone

XIV. 181. Initial: bust of bearded philosopher in peaked hat
XV. 190 (the leaf gone, with the beginning of the text)
XVI. 201 XVII. 208 XVIII. 210b, initial cut out
XIX. 220. Initial of man pruning vine and man sowing
XX. 232v. Crowned warrior in mail with surcoat and pennon gules three crescents arg
XXI. 246b  XXII. 254b. Man at table with boar’s head and other dishes, holding up a cup.
Ends imperfect: Coctum quasi coactum idest ab igne uel aqua uiolenti