

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description
Cambridge, University Library, MS Dd.2.6

Title	Nicholaus de Lyra super Prouerbia etc.
Secundo folio	notabilia que
Language	Latin
Material	vellum
Measurements	15 ¾ x 11 ins.
Collation	1 ⁸ – 6 ⁸ (misbound: 43 and 46 interverted) 7 ⁸ – 12 ⁸ (+4*) 13 ⁸ (misbound) 14 ⁸ (misbound) 15 ⁸ – 20 ⁸ fifteen quires missing 36 ⁸ – 40 ⁸ (wants 8) 1 flyleaf [1 – 20 ⁸ 21 – 35 ⁸ (all gone) 36 – 39 ⁸ 40 ⁸ (wants 8); 2 flyleaves: 201 ff. (out of 322; 161 – 280, 320 lost)]
Number of leaves	199 + 2
Columns	single
Lines to a page	44
Date	XV
Handwriting	clear English hand
Binding	calf back paper boards [since rebound]

The Moore book plate is inserted, but incorrectly; the book is not from Moore, and the provenance is unknown.

Contents

Nicolaus de Lyra super Prouerbia (no title)	1
Ecce descripsi eam tibi tripliciter	
□ sapienciam consequuntur	
Super Ecclesiasten	38 ^b
Verba ecclesiastes. Sicut dictum fuit	
□ et ad gloriam dei cui est honor etc. in sec. sec. Amen	
Super Cantica	55 ^b
<u>Osculetur</u> ... Expedito primo	
Super Sapientiam	68
Post libros historiales	
(f. 92* is an inserted leaf in the hand of the later quires of the volume, from a gloss on the Apocalypse (IX.11-17) of medieval date. Haymo, Jerome and the Gloss are quoted. It is not by Lyra, perhaps Hugo de Vienna. It begins: corporis sensus subsistunt. <u>Et habent super se regem</u> .i. diabolium diuinantem (or dominantem) qui est rex superbie	
It ends: <u>et capita equorum</u> . Dicit ergo <u>et numerus equestris exercitus</u>)	
Super Ecclesiasticum	91 ^b
<u>Omnis sapiencia</u> ... Hic incipit liber ecclesiasticus	
□ et disponit omnia suauiter. cuius nomen est benedictum in sec. sec. Amen	
f. 160 blank.	
The original numbering of the quires here leaps from 20 to 36. The fifteen missing quires (120 leaves) might have contained a good deal of the comment on the Prophets. The gap is of very long standing. There is a catchword Et factum est on 160 ^b which leads on to 161.	
Super 1 Machabeorum	161(281)
<u>Et factum est</u> . Post historiam libri Judyth	

Super 2 Machabeorum

181(301)

Fratribus ... liber iste mach. quedam est abreuiacio

Ends imperfect on c. xv: Hec historia habetur 4 Reg. 19. One leaf is gone.

The whole text has been often printed from 1471 onwards.

Each Book has a showy initial in red and blue with penwork. The first initial gives the only clue to provenance. It has in it the letters: t (red) De (or possibly Deus, black) b (red). These same initials similarly placed occur in the Eton MS 8 (Grosseteste on the Psalms), and in Lambeth 59 II.