

3204 BREVIARIUM BIRGITANUM

Vellum and paper (watermarks a pot, and the letter p surmounted by an open flower of 4 petals), $8\frac{3}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$ in., 230 ff (out of 233; 137, 232, 233 are lost), double columns, 23 lines to a page. XV cent. clear but rather scratchy hand, with red headings, capitals alternately in red and blue, initials in colour, with conventional foliage filling and partial borders of flourishing.

a⁶ b - l¹² m¹² (wants u) n¹² (q cancelled) o - t¹² v¹² (wants u, 12); catchwords. The whole of quire a and the outer and inner leaves of the remaining quires are vellum.

Contemporary calf, blind tooled (re-backed), over bevelled oak boards to 4 bands; brass seatings for 2 clasps now gone. A double frame formed by a pair of triple intersecting fillets; in the border outside the frame a row of half circles, each containing a small star of 8 points, and surmounted at the juncture by a fleur-de-lis; within the frame a foliage spray and a fleur-de-lis alternately; the central panel so formed divided by diagonal fillets into lozenge and triangular compartments, the former containing 4 rosettes and a fleur-de-lis in a circle, the latter small stars and an open flower of 4 petals.

BREVIARY of Birgittine Use 1. Kalendar in red and black. Jan. 14. Ponciaen mart. (red); 30. Aldegundis virginis. March 17. Gheertrudis virg. May 1. Walburga virg.; 4. Godehardi epi.; Monica vidue; 8. Wynonis epi. et conf. Simplex (added); 11. Gengulphi mart. June 6. Godevaldi epi.; 25. Lebrini conf. (red) July 26. Anne matris Marie Totum duplex in ordine nostro (red). Sept. 3. Remacli epi.; 10. Otgeri conf. Oct. 1. Remigii Barons et aliorum (red); 7. Canonizacio Birgitte mater nostra (red) Nov. 7. Withibrordi archiepi. (red); 12. Livini mart. (red);

Lebrini conf. (red) 7. Psalter, with the rubrics in Dutch

125. Letania 129^b. Vigilie defunctorum 137 (blank) cut out;

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138 recto & verso blank 139. Offices for the days of the week

216. Offices for Feasts of the B.V.M., including the Compassio

221. Lectrix mense die dominica post matutinas veniat et inclinans
ter dicens. Domine labia mea aperies etc. Ebdomedanie co-

quine decentes ter ambe simul. Benedictus es domine deus meus
etc. 221^b. Ebdomedanie Refectorium, ter ambe simul. Deus

in adiutorium meum intende etc. Incipiunt hore de sancto
spiritu Later additions: 229. Devotions to the B.V.M.

and Birgitta 230. In festa visitacionis ad vesperas ad
matutinas et ad terciam capitellum, followed (230^b) by
Ad sextam cap. 229^b, 231^b blank; 232, 233 lost

In the lower margin of f. 1 the proverb *Wt Maria Wyngaent
veelge gerrits* (xvi)

On 153 a coloured fragment of an early
copper engraving of an angel with harp standing on the capi-
tal of the shaft of a canopy

From a Birgittine house in the Low Countries

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by Prof. W. Robertson Smith (Librarian, 1886-9), 31 March 1894

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