

6150 SPECULUM CHRISTIANI

Vellum, 12x8¼ in., ^{(out of 33; 1 and 35 lost),} vi+36 ff. ¹ single column, 33-38 ⁸ lines to the page. XV cent., in a clear English hand with red headings and blue capitals flourished in red. 3 flyleaves, a⁸ (wants 1) b-d⁸ e⁶ (wants 3), 3 flyleaves. Original white skin over bevelled oak boards, strap-and-pin fastening lost, title Speculum Christiani in large red and black letters on lower cover.

2° f° Tria sunt.

2-36^b [ANON. Speculum Christiani] Jeronimus: In principio cuiuslibet operis etc. Magna differentia est inter predicationem et doctrinam — zelus animarum. Explicit Speculum Christiani. 37-38^b contain further biblical and patristic excerpts in the same style as the text, largely but not entirely identical with those in Oxford, Bodleian Library MS Add. A 268 (29387); see the edn. by G. Holmstedt, EETS 182 (1933), p. xx; the last is De Antichristo. The missing f. 35 contained cavere peccatum (p. 233 l. 9 of the print) — alicuius veritatem (p. 237 l. 18). English verses are found on ff. 5-8 (IMEY no. 1491, in red); 11^b-13 (no. 4150, in red); 17^b-18^b (no. 2167, in red); 18^b-21^b (nos. 1342 and 2119), followed by the Ladders to Heaven and Hell.

i-iii and iv-vi (iv and v ~~lost~~ mostly torn out) have some early scribbles, one in red chalk. Among them are (iii) Thomas Robynson — xii^d and Dyggys, (iv) memorandum quod Robertus Symys, (vi) rough sketch of a chalice & coconut cup on 12-sided foot.

At the end of the text in red is: Orate pro ... pro amore Domini nostri Iesu Christi. On f. ii late liber pertinet domino ... ^{capellani capelle Beate marie} [Roger over an erasure] ... / de Walsingham (?) ⁽¹⁾ emptus de domino ... Danbye (?) Anno domini m^o cccc^o lxj^o. Pasted in lower cover a note: 'This MS was given me by H. H. Sills M.A. Fellow of King's College, from the library of his uncle at Cold Bath House, Lincoln. He understood that I should most likely give it to the University Library; which I now do. 17 August 1918. M.R. James.'

(1) Perhaps Walsingham (county Durham) in Weardale.