

6686 NICHOLAS LOVE ETC.

Vellum, 11 1/2 x 8 3/4 in., iv + 183 ff. (paginated 1-364; 194 and 195 are used twice);
double columns (except art. 7),
36 lines to the page in quires 1-15, 40 in 16-18, 41 in 19-23. XV cent. (first half),
in good small hands, with red headings. Art. 1 has gold and blue paragraph marks,
capitals in gold well flourished in blue, initial and full-page border of conventional foliage
on pp. 1 and 4, and an initial and partial border to every part except no. 2; the rest
have capitals in red ~~and~~ blue ~~alternately~~, and no illumination. On p. 271 is an added
drawing of the wound of Christ in red and black, within a green circle set with thorns.
1-14⁸ 15⁶ | 16-17⁸ 18⁴ | 19-22⁸ 23¹², 1 added leaf. ^{Signatures (at away), and} ~~Eachword.~~ 2 modern vellum
guardleaves at each end.

Early XIX cent. tree calf, rebacked (lettered 'Richard Rolle's works').

2° f° How or editing.

- pp. 1-233 (1) [NICHOLAS LOVE, Prior of Mount Grace] Speculum vite Christi. At pe
bygynnyng pe prohemie — Expliciunt capitula. Attende lector —
poterit apparere. Memorandum — confutationem Amen (cf. MS Add. 6578).
(p. 4) Prohemium. Quicumque scripta sunt etc. Pees bene pe wordes of
pe grete doctour — heritykes. Amen. Blessed etc. Explicit Speculum vite Christi.
(p. 216) A shorte tretes of pe hiest and moste worpi sacrament etc.
Memoriam fecit etc. Pees wordes of David — wip out endyng Amen. Jhesu
Corde pi blessed life etc. Explicit Speculum vite Christi complete. P. 234 blank.
Last printed by L. F. Powell (Oxford 1908).

amp. 1-1000
1081-1100
Nicholas Love de Monte
Grace monachi (?)

- pp. 235-69 (2) [ANON., Contemplations of the dread and love of God] Dis short pistyll
pat folowes es deuyned in sere partys and in sere maters — (Table of titles,
marked A-Z and ampersand). In pe begynnyng and endyng of all gode werkes
wyrshyp and thoght be to alle myghty God — After the final Paternoster
follows ^(p. 268) a short address to the Guardian Angel, partly in verse (Angele qui meus es
custos pietatis suprema —), and a prayer: Deus qui ~~sacra~~ sanctorum angelorum
tuorum aliquos — inter sui gregis pecora numerari per Christum etc.
Printed by C. Horstman, Richard Rolle and his followers II (London 1896) pp. 72-105; the
title should perhaps be Fervor Amoris, cf. British Museum Royal MS 17. A. XXV. ^{art. 2.} In the
lower margin of p. 235 is the liber secundum quosdam ascribitur Roberto Rodl heremite de
Hamptill deuotissimo (XV/XVI cent.), but this attribution is scouted by HE Allen, writings
ascribed to R. Rolle (New York 1927) pp. 357, ~~et~~ 404.

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p. 269 (3) [ANON, Five Sorrows of Our Lady] I fynde and rede be holy mennes wryteyng
pat after oure ladys assumpcion saynt John pe euangeliste — The original
hand ends at the foot of the page fyve sythes at ever ilke tyme with ave Ave
Maria. After pis; on p. 270 the hand that added art. 4 continues To pat lady
it may be full plesyng — most helpyng to our sowles.

pp. 270-71 (4) Carta Redempcionis humane. With all ^{yat} ~~pat~~ now bene here — Fully thre
and threty yere. *Litera atornatoria ad liberandam inde Seisinam.*
[T]o all cristen be it knowene — And of my yeres thre and threttie. Magna
Carta libertatis et remissionis generalis. [J]hesu of Nazareth ^{ye} ~~for~~ kyng of
Jewes — To werre man froo his dedely foose. To this is appended a large
drawing of a seal, with the wound in Christ's side from which issue 9 drops of
blood; round it is written *Wheris hoc signum pellit procul omne malignum/
et misserum dignum meritis facit atque benignum.*
IMEV nos. 4184, 3745, 1740. The first is the so-called Short Charter of Christ,
with one couplet at the end not found in the texts printed by M.C. Spalding, *The
Middle English Charters of Christ* (Brjn Mawr, Pa. 1914) pp. 4-16; the other two are
only recorded from this copy. This art. is added in a smaller hand.

pp. 272-73 (5) [JOHN LYDGATE, The Kings of England sithen William Conqueror] This myghti
Wylyam duke of Normandy — in his right Amen. P. 274 is blank.
Added in a large hand, without rubrication. IMEV no. 3632; it is stanzas 16-30
of the text printed in H.N. MacCracken, *Minor Poems of J.L. II* (EETS vol. 192, 1934) pp. 710-16.

pp. 275-361 (6) [WALTER HILTON, ^{of} Scale of Perfection, part one] Gostly systre in Jhesu
Grist I preye ye yat in ye kalling — state of life contemplif. Ye grace
of oure Lord Jhesu Grist be with ye and with him yat writes yis boke. Amen.
A list of titles of the 91 chapters precedes (pp. 275-78).

Printed by Wynkyn de Worde (London 1533) and since; classed as type C of the text by Miss
H.L. Gardner in *Medium Aevum* V (1936) p. 18
At the foot of p. 361, another hand has added 28 Latin hexameter lines, dealing in the
main with Extreme unction and Baptism, beg. *Non nisi in mense semel aliquis
communicet egrum / Hic idem solo non bis ungatur in anno.*

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pp. 362-64 (7) þer fallen to þe fayth fountene pointes of which seven fallen to Godus godhed and oþer seven fallen to Cristes manhed. — if we line stifi as þe lawe teches.

~~Seven pointes of Gods godhead, of Christ's manhood, seven sacraments, deeds of mercy, ghostly deeds, virtues.~~ This is added in a small hand.

This is added in a small hand. It is the ~~lay~~ Lay Folkes' Catechism, omitting the Introduction, Ten Commandments, and Seven

Sins — lines 80-167 and 270-446 of the T-version printed by T.F. Simmons and

H.E. Nodding, EETS 118 (1901). IMEV 406 (this copy not recorded).

Refer to M. A. Doyle

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Written for a person of quality, to judge by the appearance of the book, but the three
escutcheons provided in the border on p. 190 were unfortunately left blank. At the
foot of every page from 275 on, an early hand has added, between scrolls, the figure
20 and a monogram, apparently *lr*. At the foot of 36 is a penial scribble *Dan*
Adam...; on 274 (XV/XVI cent.) *Cardinalis Ceu...*, also *Thomas*

lamp

~~Myrday~~ Myrday...; at the top of 275 a long erasure.

Inside the front cover are early XIX cent. notes on the contents (one, ascribing them to Robert
Rolfe of Hampole' is said to be by Fauldor), and the signature C.W. Williams Wynn.

See the catalogue of the Wynn sale at Sotheby's 5 February 1851. Subsequently
in the library of Lord Ashburnham, Appendix CXL, and is described in the third volume
of his privately printed catalogue [1864]. Lot 174 in the Ashburnham sale at Sotheby's,
1 May 1899; acquired by A.W. Young, who presented it to the Library in 1933.

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