

2823 SPECULUM VITE (English)

Vellum, $8\frac{1}{4} \times 6\frac{1}{4}$ in., 48 ff. (but 11-14 are missing), single column, 44 lines to the page. Late XIV cent., in a very clear small hand; capitals etc. never filled in.

a⁸ b⁸ (wants 3-6) c-f⁸, the rest lost. Catchwords.

Rough leather wrapper, perhaps XVI cent., with one vertical band of zigzag tooling; ~~u-backed and re-cased~~ the quires, which were stabbed sideways, not sewn, are now loose.

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1-48^b [A]lmyghty God in ^{Trinite} ~~Trinite~~ / In whom only are persones thre— Breaks off imperfect [E]nuye in pre partyes mai sprade / In hert in moupe and in dede / (In hert it spredis) m.

The Middle English Speculum Vite, ascribed in some MSS to William of Nassington; IMEV 245 no. 15. The last line of our MS is found on f. 60 of MS li. 1. 36, in which the work runs to some 225 ff., so it appears that more than half is lost. The missing ff. 11-14 contained the passage on the Ten Commandments (And ordered all thing through wisdom—Twelve articles of the truth to know, = li. 1. 36, ff. 13^b-18^b).

There are a few marginal scribbles, including on f. 32 the XVI cent. name Thomas Tomson. On the paper flyleaf is MSS on Vellum. This book belonged to y^e Monastery of St. Augustin at York. Given by C. Atkinson Surgeon at York to Dr White, December 25, 1781; below that May 9th 1794 Given to Jas. Atkinson by J. T. White. The bookplate of Atkinson (Crest, a pheon) is in front cover. (There seems hardly sufficient warrant for saying that the book comes from the well-known library of the Austin Friars at York.) Purchased from Captain C. S. Pinwell of The Grange, Hethersett (Norfolk) for £5 on 15 February 1888.