

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description  
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<b>Title</b>	Tractatus Miscellanei
<b>Secundo folio</b>	3f. de quo
<b>Language</b>	Latin & French
<b>Material</b>	vellum
<b>Measurements</b>	9 1/4 x 6 1/2 ins.
<b>Collation</b>	4 flyleaves. 1 <sup>4</sup>   2 <sup>12</sup> – 5 <sup>12</sup>   6 <sup>8</sup> – 9 <sup>8</sup>   10 <sup>12</sup> 11 <sup>12</sup> 12 <sup>8</sup> (wants 8)   13 <sup>10</sup> 14 <sup>10</sup> 15 <sup>6</sup>   16 <sup>8</sup> 17 <sup>10</sup> (wants 9, 10)   18 <sup>6</sup>   19 <sup>10</sup> (wants 10)   20 <sup>8</sup>   21 <sup>12</sup>   22 <sup>10</sup>   23 <sup>8</sup> – 25 <sup>8</sup> (wants 6-8) [The 4 flyleaves inserted at the beginning were extracted by Bowtell and restored by the Master & Fellows of Downing College, 31 Aug. 1951. Vide the article by A. J. Doyle in Trans. Cambridge Bibliog. Soc. I, 1, pp. 29-36 – HLP]
<b>Number of leaves</b>	224
<b>Columns</b>	single
<b>Lines to a page</b>	26 to 44
<b>Date</b>	XIII late - XV
<b>Handwriting</b>	many hands, some of charter type
<b>Binding</b>	paper boards

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#### Contents

The tracts have been bound together since cent. xv: a table of contents of that date in a tall narrow black hand is on f. 1<sup>b</sup> headed:  
In hoc uolumine continentur libri subscripti

I	Small current hand cent. xv 1. Ieronimus de membris domini (de essentia dei) Omnipotens deus – se manifestum demonstrare	2 [2 <sup>r</sup> ]
II	One fine hand xiv early 2. Inc. libellus qui dicitur stimulus amoris diuini Prol. Liber iste qui stimulus ... Capitula of part I Text. Currite gentes undique Part II. 21 III. 31 <sup>b</sup> – ut laudet deum omnis spiritus. Amen Expl. meditaciones cuiusdam simplicis cordati et pauperculi discalciati et contemptibilis denudati. sapientissimorum ruditissimi electorum infimi et minimorum [minorum - MCB] minimi. deo gr. Bonaventurae Opp. VII. 193 3. Inc. Lamentacio b. Uirginis quam habuit in passione filii sui sec. meditacionem b. Bernardi	5 [5 <sup>r</sup> ]
	Quis dabit capiti meo aquam - et super omnia [sit] benedictus filius eius I. C. d. n. qui cum etc. In another hand Cogitanti mihi distinctam examinacionem miseri (?) uiatoris occurunt 4	47 [47 <sup>r</sup> ]
		50 <sup>b</sup> [50 <sup>v</sup> ]

	questiones anxie 51 <sup>b</sup> , 52 blank but for scribbles	
III	A very similar hand 4. Oculus Moralis (Lincolinensis) Orat. in libellum de oculo Si diligenter uolumus in lege domini meditari (capitula) Text: Sciendum est igitur quod sicut potest elici ex summa constantim - illuc eriguntur. ad illud regnum nos perducat qui sine fine in. et reg. Expl. script. de oculo. Inc. tabula precedencia The last column of 3 on 80 <sup>b</sup> in a xv <sup>th</sup> cent. hand has the beginning of a sermon on S. John Evangelist. Hodie dilectiss. nobis leticie geminantur      81, 82 blank	53 [53 <sup>r</sup> ] 80 [80 <sup>r</sup> ]
IV	Clear hand of xiii late xiv early: from 103 [102 <sup>v</sup> ], of charter type. 5. Innocencius de contemptu mundi Domino ... Petro ... portuensi ep. Lotharius - exaltetur Quare de uulua – ignis ardens in sec. sec. Expl. tract. Innocentii .iii. pape de contemptu mundi. 6. A collection of tales & exempla. They begin with Miracles of the Virgin. None of unusual occurrence unless it be De tribus fratribus 99 <sup>b</sup> anno 1225 in comitatu auernensi. Names are ill written – f. 101 de S. Silberto = Fulberto. Miscellaneous exempla follow. De Robineto 102 <sup>b</sup> . A great many are from Vitae Patrum, Gregory's Dialogues, Lives of certain saints. Hilary, Bridget, Godric, Martial, Remigius, Eadmund C. On 105 <sup>b</sup> is one of Henry de Samford Ep. Roffensis (1227-35) to whom a clerk confessed to having done homage to the devil & given him a silver spoon. This spoon suddenly fell at their feet. The bishop always used it afterwards. The last story, added by another hand, is of S. Martial raising a drowned youth & sending away the devil who had caused the misfortune. 113 <sup>b</sup> blank. [114 gone]	83 [83 <sup>r</sup> ] 99 [99 <sup>r</sup> ]
V	Large hand narrow & upright (?xiv-xv): additions in other hands. 7. Inc. historia Alexandri magni regis macedonum, ortus uita et obitus. Egypciii sapientes sati genere diuino - extinctus occubuit. Expl. ortus uita et obitus alex. reg. [magni] maced. Epitome of Iul. Valerius: ed. A. Hilka, Breslau 1910. 8. Inc. epistola eiusdem quam ab india magistro suo Aristotili misit. Semper memor tui Breaks off at: ne me bibente magis sitire miles inciperet (l. 85 of Hilka's ed., Breslau 1909). Addition in a rough hand from another source of Alexander's flight to heaven & descent into the sea. Et inde amoto exercitu uenit ad mare rubrum - et letus ualde de ipso uase uitreo exuit.	114 [115 <sup>r</sup> ] 133 <sup>b</sup> [134 <sup>v</sup> ] 135 <sup>b</sup> [136 <sup>v</sup> ]
	Late note on Henr. Abrincensis [137 <sup>v</sup> ]. 137, 138 <sup>a</sup> [138, 139 <sup>r</sup> ] blank 9. Story of the name Albion (xiv late) Anglia uero dicta olim Albion – et sic ueritas clarescit istorie de primis habitatoribus huius terre. Verses. Fluxit ab Enea Late hand. Responsio Dianaæ.	138 <sup>b</sup> [139 <sup>v</sup> ] 139 <sup>b</sup> [140 <sup>v</sup> ]
VI	Charter hand xiii-xiv 10. Magna Carta Edwardi I 11. Prouisiones de Merton 12. Statutum de Marleberge 13. Stat. Westm. primum in French	140 [141 <sup>r</sup> ] 142 <sup>b</sup> [143 <sup>v</sup> ] 144 <sup>b</sup> [145 <sup>v</sup> ] [149 <sup>v</sup> ]

breaks off: 13 chapters from the end.  
This MS. is mentioned in the Records ed. of the Statutes, 1810, I. lxi.

On 155<sup>b</sup> [156<sup>v</sup>] a xv<sup>th</sup> cent. hand has supplied the beginning of the capitula to the next piece – two leaves having been removed [157, 158].

VII	Small hand of charter type. Single & double columns. 14. Inc. tract. de septem uiciis Ista petenda sunt in confessione et primo de superbia It is in the form of Distinctiones, & ends on 159 <sup>b</sup> [160 <sup>v</sup> ]. Notes follow, and memorial verses. A note of the Twelve Fridays. Clemens romanus pontifex hanc inuenit parabolam in Canonibus Apostolorum quam dixit dominus ad b. petrum (de) duodecim diebus ueneris quas omnes christiani debent ieunare, etc. <u>Mercati, Studi e Testi</u> Draft of certificate Uenerande discretionis uiro decano Stanford. decanus de R. certifying that Ioh. Molend' de B in paroch. de Sancto N. has been suspended. 15. Secundus [fuit] philosofus qui filosofatus est omni tempore silencium conseruans Verses from tracts by Will. Medicus Abbot of St. Denis. Ed. by A. Hilka, Breslau 1910 (88 <u>Jahresber. d Schles. Gesellsch. f. Väterl. Cultur</u> ). This MS is no. 28 in his list, p. 6. - bibliothece inseri et intitulari. Expl. 16. Meditaciones S. Augustini doctoris Domine deus meus da corde meo (Migne VI. App. 1315) - tua liquet iusticia. Expl. Short verses from Gregory & Bernard 163 <sup>b</sup> [164 <sup>v</sup> ]	157 <sup>b</sup> [156 <sup>v</sup> ] [160 <sup>v</sup> ] 160 [161 <sup>r</sup> ] 161 [162 <sup>r</sup> ] 164 [165 <sup>r</sup> ] 170 <sup>b</sup> [171 <sup>v</sup> ]
VIII	Single hand xiii late & xiv, with additions. 17. In this table: Disciplinum pugnandi contra hostes Miles ab hoste de cuius potentia nondum sibi innotuit prouocatus - fustes uerbera et cedes juguli et mortes nostri farrago libelli. Two poems a) Gramata niliacis cum prima dedere papiris Ceperat et mundo pagina muta loqui Uatibus una fuit numeris incumbere passim Attrito calamis pollice cura nonis ..... At nos belligerum carminis populumque potentem Qui nullo mortis imperio perit ..... Ends: Celso dul(ci) sonis intermina carmina plectus Ympnidicumque polo personat agmen ouans b) Florenti cespite campos Et siluas fronde uirenti Spoliare que libra fuluo Duximus auro. Six stanzas, the last: Quibus irrecitabile lumen Diuini ceruere coltas Datur assitis michi uestro Panageriste	171 <sup>b</sup> [172 <sup>v</sup> ]

These probably belong to the five tracts preceding: which I do not know.

18. Double columns: later hand.  
Uisio Pauli 171<sup>b</sup> [172<sup>v</sup>]

Dies dominicus est dies electus  
 - ut regnemus cum ipso et uiuamus in sec. sec. Amen  
 ed. H. Brandes 1885 (Halle) [Leaf 174 gone]

IX	Good upright xiii cent. hand 19. Hic inc. articuli Mag. Roberti ep. Lyncon. de sacerdotibus et eorum officio (Templum domini) Templum dei sanctum est – esse intemperancia. Expl. distinctiones domini R. ep. Lincoln. de sacerd. etc. Nota de vii gradibus ecclesie. Sacramenti etc. On Angels. Angeli grece uocantur (Uriel ingnis dei) Another hand. Verses. Qui bene presunt Hec sunt precipue sermonibus insinuanda etc.	174 [175 <sup>r</sup> ] 181 [182 <sup>v</sup> ] 181 <sup>b</sup> [182 <sup>v</sup> ]
X	F. 182 [183 <sup>r</sup> ] in a later hand has Distinctiones. 182 <sup>b</sup> [183 <sup>v</sup> ] blank. 183 [184] in various xiii <sup>th</sup> cent. hands has notes & memorial verses, a couplet in French: home deyt ben hayer le solas hon (?) dyt est en fin alas 20. Double columns, xiii charter hand. Lincolinensis de confessione quoniam cogitacio hominis confitebitur tibi - et confitendi potentiam. Expl.	184 [185 <sup>r</sup> ]
	21. De officio missae In uirtute sancte crucis (clxxvii 455) ends imperfect 192 <sup>b</sup> [193 <sup>v</sup> ]. 193 [194] blank	188 [189 <sup>r</sup> ]
XI	Small xiii <sup>th</sup> cent. hand 22. De uiciis In tabular form. In L margin, the several words of memorial verses. The rest of the page gives Biblical texts to illustrate. Begins with Superbia, Deicit, Infatuat, Condanpnat, Depriuit, Inflat. Ends 201 <sup>b</sup> [202 <sup>v</sup> ]. The rest of 201 <sup>b</sup> [202 <sup>v</sup> ] & 202 <sup>a</sup> [203 <sup>r</sup> ] have continuous prose notes including the sermon on Bele aliz maien se leua sun cors uesti e para etc.	194 [195 <sup>r</sup> ]
	23. Inc. dissuasio valerii ad rufum philosophum ne ducat uxorem Double columns, very small hand Loqui prohibeor – scripsisse uidear. Ualete. Expl. dissuasio etc. = Walter Map <u>de Nug. Cur.</u> Dist. IV An omitted passage is supplied on 203. On 203 <sup>b</sup> [204 <sup>v</sup> ] are various notes & verses including this which is of interest for the history of the MS perhaps: quidam sanctus nomine benignus quondam sancti patricii discipulus in fering mere diem clausit extreum. Inde translatus usque Glastingeberi. Anno domini ( <u>corr. to translacionis</u> ) C. lxxx. et de baculo quem fixit apud fering mere quando ibi moram fecit. qui creuit in ymum habet Robertus de Kinton ciphum de quo sic uersus (est?). De baculo digni sum pars abscisa benigni (added shortly after) et hunc ciphum habet scolastica filia Walter de Wythil de dono dicti Roberti de Kynton. Kynton may be Kinton (Warw.) or Kniton or Kington (Heref.) Wythil que? Wythall (Wrw) Withiel (Cornw)	202 <sup>b</sup> [203 <sup>v</sup> ]
XII	Single hand, charter type. 24. Dieta salutis Peccatum est dictum uel factum Ends unfinished on the Fifth (Fourth) Commandment 224 <sup>a</sup> [225 <sup>r</sup> ] 224 <sup>b</sup> [225 <sup>r</sup> ] blank.	204 [205 <sup>r</sup> ]

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