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blunders in my own descriptions. Still, it has come in time for me to call the attention of students to it, and to make copious use of it in my list of *Corrigenda*. Like M. Meyer's other accounts of French manuscripts at Cambridge, it gives many more details than a Catalogue is generally expected to supply.

I have subjoined to this preface some notes of a Canterbury Kalendar and a supplementary account of the year-book (no. **715**) which Mr H. D. Hazeltine of Emmanuel College has kindly written, and to which I have made some trifling additions.

It seems to me that, apart from a few special rarities, the chief value of the medieval manuscripts in this Library consists in the light which they may be made to throw upon the University studies of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries. From this point of view the collection is of high importance. The mass of material which it affords is larger than any other College can show. Divinity, Law, and Grammar are particularly well represented; it would, indeed, be difficult to point to any English library which is richer in the grammatical literature of the medieval period. On the other hand, the man who is in search of early or beautifully decorated manuscripts will not find a great deal to reward him here.

It is not unfair to say that the principal interest of a great many of the large folios of scholastic divinity or civil law in this library, as in many others, consists in the casual jottings on their flyleaves, and that the work of collating, measuring, and foliating them has sometimes been monotonous. Yet no medieval manuscript can be justly called quite uninteresting, and the blame lies with the cataloguer if he has failed to penetrate the secret, and has been tempted to admit the thought that this or that volume might have been handed over to the Commissioners of Edward VI. without appreciably impoverishing posterity.

Si mea penna valet, melior mea littera fiet is a common sentiment of medieval scribes (who would have put it into the pluperfect

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tense if they could have made it scan). With their less urbane utterances (such as *Finito libro frangantur crura magistro*, or *Vinum scriptori debetur de meliori*) I have no wish to associate myself; but the other I may fairly adapt as a confession of ignorance, bad writing, and unskilful proof-reading, the latter on my own part, not on that of the Press. As time goes on, leisure does not increase. What I have done I offer to the student, knowing that it is imperfect, but hoping that it will be of material use as a record and as a guide. I offer it, too, to the College in which I have numbered many friends, trusting that it may be not unworthy of the confidence they have reposed in me.

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AUGUSTINE'S ABBEY AT CANTERBURY
CONTAINED IN No. **238**.

Kalendar, f. 20:

- Jan.* 9. Adriani Abb. IIII. Brithwaldi C. Comm.
16. Oct. S. Adriani.
- Feb.* 1. Brigide V.
2. Ypapante domini.
3. Laurentii Archiep. II.
23. Mildburge V. III. lc.
24. Mathie Ap. I. Æthelberti Regis. I.
27. Honorine M. III. lc.
- Mar.* 12. Gregorii pape. II.
19. Cuthberti Ep. I.
- Ap.* 24. Melliti Archiep. II.
27. Veneracio Reliquiarum huius loci
(perhaps slightly later).
29. Petri martiris (same hand as last). III. lc.
- May* 7. Lethardi Ep. I.
12. Pancratii. XII. lc. Nerei et Achillei M. Comm.
18. Transl. S. Mildrethe V. I.
19. Dunstani Archiep. II.
26. Augustini Anglorum Ap. III.
(xvith cent. note: Augustinus nec Anglorum apostolus nec
Cantii quae vel minima est pars Angliae: mentitur hic
quisquis haec literis mandauit).
- June* 2. Oct. S. Aug.
8. Transl. S. Ælfegi. XII. lc.
22. Albani M. XII. lc.
23. Etheldrithe V. III. lc.
30. Marcialis Comm.

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- July* 2. Swithuni Ep. XII. lc.
8. Grimbaldi. III. lc.
13. Mildrethe V. III. With Octave.
15. Deusdedit.
31. Tatwini Ep. III. lc.
- Aug.* 5. Oswaldi R. M. III. lc.
12. Iamberti Ep. I.
24. Barthol. Audoeni Ep. Comm.
31. Eanswithe V. III. lc.
- Sept.* 3. Ord. S. Gregorii. II. With Octave.
5. Bertini Abb. XII. lc.
13. Transl. S. Augustini sociorumque eius. IIII.
19. Theodori Archiep. II.
30. Honorii Archiep. I.
- Oct.* 11. Æthelburge V. III. lc.
12. Wilfridi Ep. XII. lc.
13. Edwordi Conf. added.
17. Nothelmi Ep. XII. lc.
- Nov.* 10. Iusti Archiep. II.
12. Liuini M. Comm.
16. Ordinatio S. Aug. Anglorum Apostoli. III.
20. Edmundi Reg. et M. XII. lc.
21. Oblatio S. Marie.
- Dec.* 29. Thome M. IIII.
30. Petri Abb. XII. lc.

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SUPPLEMENTARY NOTICE OF No. 715 BY
H. D. HAZELTINE, M.A. (HON.), EMMANUEL
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THE body of the MS. is in Law French, although some portions, notably ff. 66-70, are in Latin.

The MS. seems to be written in a late thirteenth or early fourteenth century hand. There are a good many marginal annotations, most of which are apparently in the same hand as the text of the MS., although some are clearly in a later hand.

The MS. is composed for the most part of reports of pleas both at Westminster and in eyre (e.g. York). The most important of the other contents of the MS. are a number of early legal treatises.

As in other very early Year-Books (see Maitland, *Year-Books of Edward II.*, Vol. II., pp. x, xi) the reports of pleas are, with a few exceptions, not dated and are not arranged in chronological order. Judging from the few dates that can be found in the body of the MS. as well as from other internal evidence (chiefly the names of counsel and judges), one may say that the greater part of the MS. is made up of Year-Books of the latter part of the reign of Edward I., with possibly a few reports of pleas in the early years of Edward II.

The contents of the MS. may be described as follows :

- ff. 1-65 b. Year-Books, with other miscellaneous matter interspersed.
- f. 66 a. Begins:—Notandum quod quinque sunt essonia...
Ends f. 67 b. Explicit Parua Hengham.
- f. 68 a. Begins:—Cum sit necessarium conquerentibus in Curia
domini Regis vt sibi in causibus (!) suis congruum
exibeatur remedium...
Ends f. 69 a. Explicit modus componendi breuia.
- f. 69 a Begins:—Nota si bastardus se clamando legitimum
(end). heredem...
Ends f. 70 b. Explicit summa de bastardis.
- ff. 71 a-72 b. Various "notae."
- ff. 73-76. Continuation of Year-Books.

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The marginal annotations refer chiefly to statutes, such as the Statute of Marlbridge and the Statute of Westminster the Second, and to such matters as Dower, Villeinage, etc.

[On 49 *b* at bottom is :

Gauaston. Morgane par la grace de Dieu Emperice de desert Reyne de puceles dame des Ildes lontignes gouvernatrice des undes de grant meer. a nostre feal bacheler gardien del pount perilous salut. quant piers le fers ferte (?) pier a pers lor obbia piers toutz ses pers ore est piers sanz pier a perers (?) par luy poet hom aprendre qe celuy *qui* se fait peer a pers et ne veet son amps (?) etc.

Done a nostre chastel de dyadmand en la Roche de or sur la Ryue de Rubie en la p'ye de amyraunde.

On 50 *b* at bottom :

littera. Robert of Scotland to Edward of England.

Quia sub pacis dulcedine mentes fidelium.

Asking for a treaty.

Dat. apud Kyndawy in Lauanax xvi^a die Sept. anno regni nostri quinto.

A paper of cent. xvi with a pedigree is bound in at this point.

On 62 *b* a brief.

Various grotesque sketches occur in the margins.

M. R. J.]

The passages noticed in the MS. as containing dates are the following :

f. 18 *b*: Placita apud Westmonasterium coram Johanne Segraue Petro Malore...die lune in vigilia sancti Bartholomei anno regni regis Edwardi filii regis Henrici xxxiiij. [33 Edward I.; A.D. 1305.]

f. 22 *a*: Assisa coram Roberto de Retford et Henrico Spigurnel Justiciariis ad assisam in Comitatu Essex'...in crastino animarum anno regni regis Edwardi xxvij^o. [27 Edward I.; A.D. 1299.]

f. 44 *a*. On the top of the page occur these words: De termino sancti Michaelis Anno iij^o. [? 3 Edward II.]

f. 50 *b*. At the bottom of the page, and apparently inserted in a hand somewhat similar to that of the main body of the MS., is a letter from Robert, King of Scotland, dated September 16 in the fifth year of his reign, to Edward, King of England. [Edward II.] [A.D. 1311.]

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f. 61 a: De termino Pasche anno xxxij apud Ebor' coram R. de Hingham. [A.D. 1304.]

f. 62 b contains a writ of Edward to the Sheriff of Norfolk bearing date vij^o die Julii anno regni nostri xv^{mo}. [? Edward I. or Edward II.]

Among the names that frequently appear in the above MS. Year-Books are those of Giselham (for instance, f. 75 a) and Metingham (for instance, f. 58 b). William de Giselham was King's Attorney from 7 to 14 Edward I. and in 1289 was made a Judge of the Common Pleas. He died in 1293 (Foss, *Judges of England*, p. 301). John de Metingham was made a Judge of the King's Bench in 1276. He presided in the Common Pleas from 1290 till his death in 1301 (Foss, *Judges of England*, p. 445).

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CORRIGENDA. VOL. I.

- p. viii, l. 10. *For sixteenth read fifteenth.*
- p. 82, l. 9 from bottom. *For Monfort read Montfort.*
- p. 127, last line. *For 11 b read ii b.*
- p. 147 sqq. This MS. is fully treated by M. Paul Meyer, *Romania* xxxvi. 482-502,
who gives references to the printed literature.
- Under no. 4 I have wrongly included two other tracts, viz.:
- | | |
|--|------|
| 4 a. Merarium | 52 b |
| Merarium nuper cintillanti iubare. | |
| With glosses and comment. | |
| 4 b. Verses on the Kalendar | 56 |
| With prose preface. | |
| Ut ait quidam philosophus, omnium expediendorum primum est
sapiencia. | |
| The verses begin: | |
| Bis cenos (!) menses tenet annus nomina quorum. | |
| A comment accompanies them. | |
- p. 148, art. 10. *For Joh. de Garlandia read Alex. de Villa dei.*
- p. 151, l. 6. *For Garlandi read Garlandia.*
- p. 164, l. 22. *For clauit read dauit.*
- p. 180, l. 14. Add: See *Mon. Germ. Hist.: Libelli de Lite* III. 603. It is by
Theobald of Étampes: first printed by Dachery (*Spicil.* III. 133) from a MS.
then at Bec: reprinted from Dachery by H. Boehmer, in *M. G. H.*, to whom
no MS. was known.
- p. 201, l. 1. Add: last printed by Lord Francis Hervey in *Corolla S. Eadmundi*
1907, p. 525.
- p. 204, art. 4, l. 16. Add: mentioned in *Mon. Germ. Hist. (Scriptt. rer.*
Meroving.) II. 233.
- p. 237, l. 25. *For f. 135 read p. 135.*
- p. 238, l. 1. *For f. 208 read p. 208.*
- p. 255, no. 218, art. 2. Add: By John Bradford: printed from this MS. for the
Parker Society in their edition of his works, p. 285 (W. E. A. Axon).
- p. 268, l. 19. *For Whetham read Whethamstede.*
- p. 279, l. 31. Add: A Latin text in Priebisch *Otia Merseiana* I. 129 (W. E. A. Axon).
- p. 281, l. 5 from bottom. Add.: tom. xxxv.
- p. 304, l. 22. *After Lumby add in Bernardus* (1870, p. 18) in a different text.
- p. 309, l. 9 from bottom. *After Walt de helned add* (? helueden = Elveden).
- p. 319, l. 32. *After exhilaret add* (=exhalaret).

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Printed in full by M. Paul Meyer in *Romania* (1907, p. 502 sqq.). It is a fragment
of a French version of the *Prognosticon* of Julianus of Toledo, put into dialogue-
form by the translator.

p. 357, l. 3 from bottom. *Add*: Printed in full by M. Paul Meyer, l. c. p. 516.p. 358, l. 7. *For* cuins *read* cums.p. 359. Sept. 13. *For* Mamiliii *read* Maurilii.p. 370, l. 3 from bottom. *After* ffans *add* (? faux).p. 372, l. 7 ,, ,, *For* on *read* in.p. 377, l. 3 ,, ,, *Add*: (l. girum celi circuii sola).p. 385, l. 1. *For* Ioh. de Garlandia *read* Alex. de Villa dei.p. 388, l. 3. *After* dicte *add* (? date).p. 395, l. 20. *For* the three colons substitute =.

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- p. 401, l. 6 from bottom. *For συμπωμάτων read συμπτωμάτων.*
- p. 410, l. 21 „ „ *For docendo read dicendo.*
- p. 412, l. 19. *For omnis read Omnis.*
- p. 419, l. 11 from bottom. *For metam read me tam.*
- p. 430, l. 19. *For uocatus read uocatur.*
- p. 450, l. 17 *dele* in the hand of Rob. Hare.
- p. 455, under art. 13. Add: printed by Hearne in *Robert of Gloucester* II. 578.
- p. 470, l. 3 from bottom. *For text read lists.*
- p. 496, l. 9. *For feulist read fenist.*
- l. 23. *For ua read na.*
- l. 33. *Read* of Edward III. confirming one of Edward I.
- l. 36, 38. *For Owich read Twich.*
- The MS. is fully discussed by M. P. Meyer and a facsimile of a page is given.
- p. 499, under art. 1. Add: printed in *Mon. Germ. Hist., Libelli de Lite* I. 254.
- Under art. 3. Add: printed in *Mon. Germ. Hist.* I.c. II. 423.
- p. 505, l. 25. *For poësis read poëstis.*
- l. 26. *For cum read en.*
- l. 39. *For en read est.*
- p. 506, l. 10. *For recreez (?) read nomez.*
- l. 22. *For finer (?) read enuier.*
- l. 40. *For Panier read Pannier.*
- p. 515, l. 8 from bottom. *For proficiuntur read prof.*
- p. 529, l. 16. *For xvi read xiii.*
- p. 567, l. 12. *For ἐξηγουμένους read ἐξηγουμένοις.*
- p. 577, l. 2. *For ueritato read ueritate.*
- p. 627, l. 4. *For three read those.*
- p. 658, no. 645. *For Baker read Barker.*
- p. 683, l. 27. *For Corteney read Costeney.*
- p. 684, no. 708. *For T. G. Young read T. P. Young.*
- p. 685, no. 714. Add: also by the following: R. Willison, Sir Christopher Heydon, Henry Holland, Humphrey Busby, G. Montaigne, Bp of Lincoln (referring to Dr Gostlin's election), J. Cosin, Bp of Durham.
- p. 693, l. 10. *After Gruter add: to Conrad v. Rittershusen, written in June and Oct. 1606. Purchased circa 1887.*

For an account of the College records which are kept in the Treasury, as distinct from the Library, the student should consult Dr Venn's *Biographical History*, Vol. III. p. 263.

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