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## PREFACE.

THIS second volume of the catalogue of the Western Manuscripts in the Library of Trinity College comprises those standing in Class R. In subject they are highly miscellaneous, comprising as they do all the books that could not be classed as theological in virtue of their principal contents. History, Poetry, Philosophy, Law, Natural Science, Medicine and Music represent fairly the main departments; and the mere enumeration of these shows how wide a field for errors and omissions is open to the cataloguer.

In truth, I have been confronted with many puzzles, and defeated by not a few. If this volume is used by an expert in alchemy (if such there be) or in medieval medicine, or in later Italian history, he will most likely be able to criticize me sharply—not, I hope, for giving him false information, but very probably for not telling him enough. I have instanced classes of books as to which I am conscious of ignorance; but it is equally likely that I have erred where the path was plainer. I shall be grateful to those who will set me right. A third volume, be it remembered, is to come, if I am spared to write it, and I shall not scruple to confess my mistakes when they are pointed out. I gladly borrow the words of a monk of Dover who wrote a careful catalogue of the books of his monastery: “Et uere non offendet compilantem, set diliget euidenter quicumque hanc matriculam adhuc multipliciter defectiuam in melius duxerit.”

A few words as to the arrangement and provenance of the books in Class R may be not unwelcome. In the first two shelves are the accessions of recent date (none earlier than 1800). A very large proportion of these were the gifts of Mr Samuel Sandars, a generous benefactor alike to his College and to his University. The third and following shelves contain books the bulk of which are to be found in Bernard's *Catalogi* of 1697. The principal donor, so far as numbers are concerned, was Sir Henry Puckering *alias* Newton, for particulars of whose life the *Dictionary of National Biography* may be consulted. He gave his library to the College in 1691. Many of the manuscripts were inherited by him from his father, Sir Adam Newton (d. 1630), who was at various times tutor to Prince Henry, Dean of Durham, Secretary to the Council, and Secretary to the Marches of Wales.

Puckering was no collector of antiquities. Hardly any of his books are earlier than the seventeenth century: but his collection is made remarkable by the presence in it of the famous Milton manuscript. The numerous books connected with Prince Henry have also an interest of their own: and the considerable mass of Italian documents probably contains a good deal of interesting matter of which hitherto not much use has been made. The scribe of many of the Italian treatises was Jacopo di Castelvetro, who for some time taught Italian at Cambridge. His diary is among the Harleian Manuscripts (no. 3344).

Other donors who come before us in this Class for the first time are Thomas Whalley, Vice-Master of the College (1637), whose tastes appear to have run in the direction of alchemy, and John Wilson, Fellow (B.A. 1717), a collector of old medical books. The gifts of Whitgift and Nevile are less numerous than in Class B: but Willmer's assume greater importance, including as they do four precious volumes of English poetry.

Dame Anne Sadleir merits a special expression of gratitude for her gift of an Apocalypse, which must be ranked as one of the

two finest in existence, and is certainly the most beautiful book in Cambridge.

In my account of the most copiously illustrated manuscript in this library—the Canterbury Psalter—I have departed from my usual custom of describing all the pictures I meet with in ancient books. This omission is, I think, amply justified by the following facts. The Psalter in question forms one of a group of four books (perhaps more) which all contain the same cycle of illustrations. The earliest of these is the famous Utrecht Psalter, the next in order that in the Harleian collection (no. 603), and the latest, one at Paris. They have been studied in conjunction by Dr Anton Springer<sup>1</sup>, and will be fully treated in a work now appearing by Dr J. J. Tikkanen of Helsingfors (*Die Psalterillustration im Mittelalter*). Under these circumstances, and considering that a full description of the pictures would have filled a very large number of pages, I decided to call special attention to such of them only as showed a marked divergence from their archetype, namely, the Utrecht Psalter.

Comparatively few of the manuscripts in Class R can be traced to English monasteries. Very many of the books are quite modern, and others (especially those which treat of poetry, medicine, or alchemy) are of the kind which were most likely from the first in private hands. Still, we have books from Canterbury (including a Livy once the property of Thomas a Becket), Bury, Dover, Malmesbury, Winchester, and other smaller houses. I am particularly pleased at having been able to place the ‘gromatic’ manuscript (R. 15. 14) at St Augustine’s, Canterbury. It would have been impossible to do so, had not I been in possession of a copy of the unpublished catalogue of that Library.

I am afraid that those who have used my first volume may have found the absence of an Index rather trying. I am convinced, however, that if the three volumes were each of them

<sup>1</sup> *Abh. d. k. Sächsischen Gesellschaft, Philos. Histor. Kl.* vol. VIII.

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provided with an Index, the inconvenience would be very much greater; and it would be a lasting one instead of being, as I hope, only temporary.

I have appended to this Preface, besides the usual tables, and lists of donors, a copy of those entries in Sir Edward Stanhope's *Memoriale* (R. 17. 8) which throw light upon the provenance of manuscripts now in the Library. I have found them of great use to myself in the compilation of this catalogue, though they are by no means as complete as could be wished.

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| 4. 23                     | 269                | 4. 63              | Printed             | 5. 40              | 283                |
| 4. 24                     | 654                | 4. 64              | Printed             | 5. 41              | 156                |
| 4. 25                     | 610                | 4. 65              | —                   | 5. 42              | 158                |
| 4. 26                     | 468                | 4. 66              | —                   | 5. 43              | 160                |
| 4. 27                     | ? 656              | 4. 67              | —                   | 5. 44              | —                  |
| 4. 28                     | 659                |                    |                     | 5. 45              | —                  |
| 4. 29                     | ? 617              | R. 5. 1            | = 639, 550,<br>640  | 5. 46              | —                  |
| 4. 30 (= R. 4. 35)        |                    | 5. 2               | 554                 | 5. 47              | —                  |
| 4. 31                     | O                  | 5. 3               | —                   | 5. 48              | —                  |
| 4. 32                     | O                  | 5. 4               | <i>a vac. b</i> 643 | 5. 49              | —                  |
| 4. 33                     | O                  | 5. 5               | —                   | 5. 50              | —                  |
| 4. 34 (= R. 7.<br>35) 439 |                    | 5. 6               | —                   |                    |                    |
| 4. 35 (= R. 4. 30)        |                    | 5. 7               | —                   | R. 7. 1            | 430                |
| 4. 36                     | —                  | 5. 8               | <i>a vac. b</i> 642 | 7. 2               | 397                |
| 4. 37                     | —                  | 5. 9               | —                   | 7. 3               | —                  |
| 4. 38                     | —                  | 5. 10              | 291 <i>d</i>        | 7. 4               | 272                |
| 4. 39                     | —                  | 5. 11              | —                   | 7. 5               | 282                |
| 4. 40                     | —                  | 5. 12              | —                   | 7. 6               | 366                |
| 4. 41                     | —                  | 5. 13              | 670                 | 7. 7               | 609                |
| 4. 42                     | —                  | 5. 14              | —                   | 7. 8               | 669                |
| 4. 43                     | —                  | 5. 15              | —                   | 7. 9               | 547                |
| 4. 44                     | —                  | 5. 16              | 291 <i>c</i>        | 7. 10              | 430                |
| 4. 45                     | —                  | 5. 17              | —                   | 7. 11              | 423                |
| 4. 46                     | —                  | 5. 18              | —                   | 7. 12              | 466                |
| 4. 47                     | —                  | 5. 19              | —                   | 7. 13              | 455                |
| 4. 48                     | —                  | 5. 20              | 559                 | 7. 14              | 456                |
| 4. 49                     | —                  | 5. 21              | 256                 | 7. 15              | 614                |
| 4. 50                     | 591                | 5. 22              | 257                 | 7. 16              | O                  |
| 4. 51                     | —                  | 5. 23              | —                   | 7. 17              | O                  |
| 4. 52                     | 291 <i>b</i>       | 5. 24              | 309                 | 7. 18              | 615                |
| 4. 53                     | —                  | 5. 25              | 638                 | 7. 19              | —                  |
| 4. 53 <sup>a</sup>        | —                  | 5. 26              | —                   | 7. 20              | —                  |
| 4. 53 <sup>b</sup>        | —                  | 5. 27              | 521                 | 7. 21              | —                  |
| 4. 54                     | —                  | 5. 28              | O                   | 7. 22              | 667, 666           |
| 4. 54 <sup>a</sup>        | —                  | 5. 29              | O                   | 7. 23              | —                  |
| 4. 55                     | —                  | 5. 30              | O                   | 7. 23 <sup>*</sup> | 677                |
| 4. 56                     | —                  | 5. 31              | O                   |                    | 660                |
| 4. 57                     | —                  | 5. 32              | 140                 |                    | 663                |
| 4. 58                     | —                  | 5. 33              | 291 <i>c</i>        |                    | 678                |
| 4. 59                     | —                  | 5. 34              | 268                 |                    | 679                |
| 4. 60                     | —                  | 5. 35              | 159                 |                    | 680                |
| 4. 61                     | —                  | 5. 36              | 145                 | 7. 24              | —                  |
| 4. 61 <sup>a</sup>        | —                  | 5. 37              | O                   | 7. 25              | O                  |

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| MARK             | ANGL.                | MARK             | ANGL.            | MARK                | ANGL. |
| R. 7. 26         | (with R. 7. 23*) 680 | R. 8. 34         | 626, 629         | R. 10. 10           | —     |
| 7. 27            | —                    | 8. 35            | 438              | 10. 11              | —     |
| 7. 28            | 445                  | R. 9. 1          | = —              | 10. 12              | —     |
| 7. 29            | 687, 684             | 9. 2             | 545              | 10. 13              | —     |
| 7. 30            | 681                  | 9. 3             | 546              | 10. 14              | —     |
| 7. 31            | —                    | 9. 4             | —                | 10. 14 <sup>a</sup> | —     |
| 7. 32            | 682                  | 9. 5             | —                | 10. 15              | ? 675 |
| 7. 33            | 682                  | 9. 6             | —                | 10. 16—             | } —   |
| 7. 34            | —                    | 9. 7             | —                | 31)                 | —     |
| 7. 35            | 439                  | 9. 8             | 303              | 10. 32              | —     |
| R. 8. 1          | = —                  | 9. 9             | 515              | R. 14. 1            | = 527 |
| 8. 2             | 540                  | 9. 10            | 370              | 14. 2               | 490   |
| 8. 3             | 544                  | 9. 11            | 342              | 14. 3               | ○     |
| 8. 4             | 541                  | 9. 12            | 390              | 14. 4               | ○     |
| 8. 5             | 595                  | 9. 13            | ○                | 14. 5               | 265   |
| 8. 6             | ? 261 and 562        | 9. 14            | —                | 14. 6               | 651   |
| 8. 7             | 570                  | 9. 15            | —                | 14. 7               | 376   |
| 8. 8             | 623                  | 9. 16            | ○                | 14. 8               | ○     |
| 8. 9             | 623                  | 9. 17            | 312              | 14. 9               | 273   |
| 8. 10            | 542                  | 9. 18            | 442              | 14. 10              | 673   |
| 8. 11            | 543                  | 9. 19            | 442              | 14. 11              | —     |
| 8. 12            | 608                  | 9. 20            | 462              | 14. 12              | 676   |
| 8. 13            | —                    | 9. 21            | 394              | 14. 13              | 665   |
| 8. 14            | 597                  | 9. 22            | 350              | 14. 14              | —     |
| 8. 15            | 623                  | 9. 23            | 352              | 14. 15              | —     |
| 8. 16            | 612                  | 9. 24            | 358              | 14. 16              | —     |
| 8. 17            | 498                  | 9. 25            | 291 <sup>e</sup> | 14. 17              | 658   |
| 8. 18            | 598                  | 9. 26            | 618              | 14. 18              | 657   |
| 8. 19            | 599                  | 9. 27            | 375              | 14. 19              | 662   |
| 8. 20            | 600                  | 9. 28            | 447              | 14. 20              | 664   |
| 8. 21            | 601                  | 9. 29—           | } —              | 14. 21              | —     |
| 8. 22            | 602                  | 36)              | —                | 14. 22              | 422   |
| 8. 23            | 603                  | 9. 37            | ○                | 14. 23              | 625   |
| 8. 24            | 604                  | 9. 38—           | } —              | 14. 24              | 689   |
| 8. 25            | 584                  | 42)              | —                | 14. 25              | —     |
| 8. 26            | ? 605                | R. 10. 1         | = —              | 14. 26              | —     |
| 8. 27            | ? 605                | 10. 2            | —                | 14. 27              | 590   |
| 8. 28            | ? 616                | 10. 3            | —                | 14. 28              | 485   |
| 8. 29            | ○                    | 10. 4            | —                | 14. 29              | —     |
| 8. 30            | ○                    | 10. 5            | —                | 14. 30              | —     |
| 8. 31            | ○                    | 10. 6            | —                | 14. 31              | 392   |
| 8. 32            | 626                  | 10. 7            | —                | 14. 32              | —     |
| 8. 33            | 626                  | 10. 8            | —                | 14. 33              | 345   |
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| 14. 38         | ? 400 and<br>359   | 15. 10         | 674                | 16. 5          | 314                |
| 14. 39         | 357                | 15. 11         | 668                | 16. 6—}        | —                  |
| 14. 40         | 396                | 15. 12         | —                  | 19}            | —                  |
| 14. 41         | ? 556              | 15. 13         | 459                | 16. 20         | —                  |
| 14. 42         | —                  | 15. 14         | 491                | 16. 21         | 212                |
| 14. 43         | Missing<br>in 1858 | 15. 15         | —                  | 16. 22         | 299                |
| 14. 44         | 496                | 15. 16         | —                  | 16. 23         | ? 610              |
| 14. 45         | 364                | 15. 17         | 365                | 16. 24         | —                  |
| 14. 46         | ○                  | 15. 18         | —                  | 16. 25         | 560                |
| 14. 47         | 655                | 15. 19         | 492                | 16. 26         | 564                |
| 14. 48         | 401                | 15. 20         | 607                | 16. 27         | —                  |
| 14. 49         | 412                | 15. 21         | 165                | 16. 28         | 641                |
| 14. 50         | —                  | 15. 22         | 384                | 16. 29         | 645                |
| 14. 51         | —                  | 15. 23         | ○                  | 16. 30         | —                  |
| 14. 52         | 539                | 15. 24         | ○                  | 16. 31         | 561                |
| 14. 53         | ○                  | 15. 25         | ○                  | 16. 31         | —                  |
| 14. 54         | 409                | 15. 26         | ○                  | 16. 32         | —                  |
| 14. 55         | 406                | 15. 27         | Printed            | 16. 33—}       | —                  |
| 14. 56         | 407                | 15. 28         | Printed            | 39}            | —                  |
| 14. 57         | ? 410 or<br>494    | 15. 29         | Printed            |                |                    |
| 14. 58         | 360                | 15. 30         | Printed            | R. 17. 1 =     | 253                |
| R. 15. 1 =     | 632                | 15. 31         | Printed            | 17. 2          | 254                |
| 15. 2          | —                  | 15. 32         | 395                | 17. 3          | 551                |
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| 15. 4          | 567                | 15. 34}        | ○                  | 17. 5          | 252                |
| 15. 5          | 648                | 15. 35         | 433                | 17. 6          | 553                |
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| 15. 7          | —                  | 15. 37         | —                  | 17. 8          | —                  |
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