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List of contents of reels, with incipits from Robinson and James; "The Manuscripts of Westminster Abbey", and N.R. Ker: 'Mediaeval Manuscripts in British in British Libraries', I, pp 401-415. Some additional descriptions based on these catalogues; the full catalogue entries are needed for study of the manuscripts (Robinson and James is on the micro-film).

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REEL 1 A

Ms.No.

- 9 PSALTER. 142ff. 15th c.
Contents: Kalendar (Sarum), Psalter, Office of the Dead, etc.
- 11 GENEALOGIAE BIBLIAE ETC. 52ff. 13th c.
Biblical genealogies to the Apostles and Barnabas; and Text to Tiberius.
- 18 JOSEPHUS ISCANUS. 49ff. 13th c.
Contents: Joseph of Exeter 'de bello Troiano ...'
- 22 BESTIARY. 70ff. 13th c.
Contents: (1) Liber Bestarius. (53 folios of pictures of beasts etc.). (2) De rota fortune. (3) De remediis fortuitorum. (4) De septem mirabilibus mundi. (5) Policraticon of John of Salisbury).
- 37 THE LITLYNGTON MISSALE (2 VOLS). 341ff. 1386.
The missal of abbot Nicholas Litlyngton. The scribe was Thomas Preston.

REEL 2A

- Ms.No.
- 38 ORDO CORONATIONIS ETC. (the LIBER REGALIS). 34ff. 14th c.
The later and longer version of the 14th c. coronation order.
- 39 PRECES PRIVATAE (PARTLY IN ENGLISH). 119ff. 15th-16th c.
A collection of prayers made for Lady Margaret Beaufort
(mother of Henry VII). There are 15 items.
- 42 HOURS OF JEAN DE BOURBON. c.1450
- 43 ANTIPHONAL, made for Sir Reginald Bray. 15th c.
- 44 CATALOGUE OF THE KINGS, QUEENS AND NOBILITIES ...
INTERED [sic] within the Church of St. Peter's Westminster.
1645-7.
- 45 THE HISTORY OF SAINT PETERS OR WESTMINSTER ABBY [sic] CONTINUED:
being the eleveneth and twelveth chapters thereof ... Part the
second. 1680.
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MONOCHROME MICROFILM

REEL ONE

CATALOGUE: THE MANUSCRIPTS OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY. By J.A. Robinson and
M.R. James. Cambridge, 1909

- 1 (NOT MICROFILMED, DUE TO FRAGILITY OF MANUSCRIPT)
- 2 PSALTERIUM HEBRAICUM-LATINUM. 39ff. 13th c.
The Psalter in Latin (Gallican version) and Hebrew.
- 3 BIBLIA. 492ff. 13th c.

REEL TWO

- 4 BIBLIA. 631ff. 13th-14th c.

REEL THREE

- 5 BIBLIA. 517ff. 14th c. (?)

REEL FOUR

- 6 XII PROPHETAE GLOSATI. 155ff. 13th c.
Contents: (1) Duodecim prophetae glosati. (2) Sermon on
St. Thomas. (3) Rules for behaviour of schoolboys. (4) Note
on the man with the withered hand.

REEL FOUR (CONTD)

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- 7 (HAYMONIS) EPISTOLAE PAULI CUM COMMENTO. 147ff. 12th-13th c.
8 NEW TESTAMENT IN ENGLISH. 389ff. 15th c.

REEL FIVE

- 10 MANUALE. 12ff. 15th c.
Fragment of a manual, formerly used as covers to Dering's music-books. Contains 'Ordo ad facienda sponsalia', etc.
- 12 LEGENDA AUREA. 308ff. 14th c.
Contents: (1) Kalendar (includes notes of diet and beverage).
(2) Jac. de Voragine Legenda Aurea. (3) Hugo Cardinalis de confessione. (4) Extracts (Jerome etc.)
- 13 GRAYSTON SUPER SENTENTIAS. 306ff. 15th c.
Contents: (1) Doctor Grayston Monachus Dunelmensis Super Sentencias. (2) Eiusdem quaestiones.

REEL SIX

- 14 GERVASE OF CHICHESTER. 127ff. 16th c.
Contents: (1) Gervasius ... super Malachiam. (2) Sermo eiusdem in festo S. Thome Cant.
- 15 MARTIALIS. 57ff. 13th-14th c.
In five parts, including 'Epigrammata Godfredi Wintoniensis Abbatis monasterii Sancti Swithuni ...'
- 16 MARTIALIS EPIGRAMMATA. 209ff. 15th c.
- 17 ARATOR, ETC. 57ff. 11th-12th c.
Contents: (1) A short tract ... mainly on the Virtues.
(2) Aratoris Subdiaconi Historia Apostolica.
- 19 IOH. DE ALTA VILLA ARCHITRENIUS. 72ff. 14th c.
- 20 TRACT. DE SPHAERA ETC. 38ff. 14th-15th c.
Contents: (1) Joh. de Sacro Bosco Tractatus de spera.
(2) Tract on Arithmetic. (3) A Christmas Carol in English.
(4) Astronomical diagram. (5-6) Grammatical Tract and verses.
- 21 FRENCH POEMS. 79ff. 15th c.

REEL SEVEN

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- 23 GIRALDUS CAMBRENSIS. 69ff. 12th-13th c.
Contents include: Topographia Hiberniae; ... de mirabilibus hibernie ...; Illustri anglorum regi H. Secundo ...
- 24 FLORES HISTORIARUM. 374ff. 14th c.
Contains pictures of Coronations of 11 kings, including Arthur, Eadred, Harold, Edward the Confessor, William I.
- 25 BRUTE CHRONICLE. 98ff. 14th c.
Contents include: Chronicle ... from Brutus to the execution of Roger Mortimer (1330); Tables of dates in British history, 1100 B.C. to 1382 A.D.
- 26 CHRONICLE ETC. 128ff. 15th c.
Contents: (1-2) Chronicle, coronation dates etc. (3) Misc. series of historical notes. (4) Coronation of Edward III. (5) Of the occupation of Winchester by monks ... canons. (6) Statutes, incl. Magna Carta.

REEL EIGHT

- 27 CHRONICA ETC. 110ff. 15th c.
Contents: 19 items, including John Erghom's commentary on certain metrical prophecies; various prophecies and wonders; lists and dates etc. of the Kings of England; History of Richard I.
- 28 PETRUS BLESENSIS ETC. 95ff. 13th-15th c.
I Tractatus de fletu ecclesie, addressed to Urban VI. II. Petri Blesensis Epistolae C I. III. Indulgences of Churches in Rome.
- 29 IOH. FLETE. 58ff. 15th c.
J. Flete: de fundatione ecclesie Westmonasteriensis.
- 30 AELFRIC'S GRAMMAR. 51ff. 16th c.
- 31 POEMS TO QUEEN ELIZABETH. 84ff. 16th c.
- 32 COMPENDIUM METAPHYSICAE. 80ff. 17th c.
' ... in quo succincta Methodus et ordo Suarez probe observatur'.

REEL NINE

- 33 CONTROVERSIAE. 300ff. 16th-17th c.
Controversiae nostri temporis in Epitomen redactae.

REEL NINE (CONTD)

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FRAGMENTS.

- (1) Trotula, etc. 13th c. (2) De scismate 14th-15th c.
(3) Priscianus, etc. 13th c. (4) Jacobus de Losanna, In
Genesis 14th c. (5) Philosophica, etc. 14th-15th c.
(6) Comment. in Aristotilem 15th c. (7) Medica 15th c.
(9) Croniques de Normandie 15th-16th c. (11) Lat.-Fr.-Eng.
vocab. 14th c. (13) De septem rebus naturalibus principalibus
15th c. (19) J. de Sancto Paulo, Breviarium 13th c.
(20) Sermons (in English) 15th c. Nos 8, 10, 12, 14-18 are
single page or very fragmentary items.

REEL TEN

- 35 STATUTA ANGLIAE. 202ff. 14th c.
A volume of statutes, charters, etc., containing 46 items.
- 36 (FRAGMENTS OF MANUSCRIPT REMOVED FROM OXFORD BINDING IN
WESTMINSTER ABBEY LIBRARY).
30 items, listed on the microfilm, including two fragments
of a handsome 11th c. English missal, and two leaves of an
Italian copy of the Decretals of Gregory IX.
- 40 ANTIPHONALE. 166ff. 16th c.
An antiphonal for the period from Septuagesima to Easter Eve.
- 41 (BOOK OF POEMS, VARIOUS - DR. CORBET ETC.)
Commonplace book, mainly early 17th c., including some poems
by John Donne
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