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THE LIBRARY at Corpus Christi contains a marvellous range of illuminated decoration of the highest quality. Two early works with monastic provenance stand out. The Chronicle of Florence and John of Worcester (Ms.157) c.1140 contains five tinted drawings, some of the earliest extant chronicle illustrations. They show visions which Henry I was said to have had in 1130, relating to protests over the imposition of taxes. Two Leaves of a Psalter from St. Albans (Ms.2) show the Deposition and the Marys at the Sepulchre and are early works of the Lambeth Palace Bible Master.

The later English manuscripts include a fine Bible from the workshop known after the William of Devon Bible (Ms.1); and a Psalter 1270-80 (Ms.285) with fine miniatures, calendar pictures and marginal drawings. There are also three manuscripts connected to the workshop of William Scheere: John Gower's Confessio Amantis (Ms. 67), a Book of Hours (Ms. 350) and the famous Lapworth Missal 1398 (Ms.394).

The continental manuscripts are equally fine. The Meditations on the Life of Christ by the Pe. Bonaventura (Ms. 410) contain a large number of miniatures by a Central Italian hand.



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