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Overshadowed for too long by the glories of the Bodleian, the libraries of the older college foundations in Oxford are emerging as a rich and little explored source for mediaeval scholars. The illuminated manuscripts certainly deserve to be better known; they include fine miniatures by the Oxford illuminator de Bralles as well as a good range of French and English Psalters, Books of Hours, Bibles and Law texts. Bequests of Greek mss. from Archbishop Wake, Humanist texts, many of them Italian, from William Gray are also outstanding. But given the nature of the mediaeval curriculum, it is not surprising to find that theological and patristic works form by far the largest group of mss. and that many of these were written by contemporary Oxford scholars.

Since many of the colleges preserve large proportions of their original mediaeval holdings and founding bequests, these collections present vital evidence for our understanding of the intellectual life of one of the world's oldest universities. These are the complete mediaeval manuscript collections of these colleges, and each college may be purchased separately.

Classified by Subject:—

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SECTION I: BIBLICAL TEXTS & STUDIES

The manuscripts in this section reflect the working life of a university. Students were required to lecture on one of the books of the Bible and there are a large number of glossed books of the Bible as well as many small one-volume 'University' Bibles. There are numerous texts of commentaries by the Church Fathers as well as by later theologians. Amongst the 14th and 15th century mss. there are many by contemporary Oxford scholars such as Kilwardby, Scotus and Ockham; the influence of the Mendicant Orders is a notable feature.



LIST OF MANUSCRIPTS INCLUDED IN THIS SECTION

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The majority of the mss. are Old Testament commentaries – Nicholas de Lyra, Gregory the Great, etc. – and many contain good initials and penwork. There are a number of fine Italian mss. from William Gray's library.

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B1	1	Bible. 13th c.	B3	11	W. Brito. Vocabularium Bibliae. Peter Comestor. Historia Scholastica. 14th c.
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	22	Stephen Langton. Commentary on the Prophets. 13th c.	B18	166B	Nicholas de Lyra. Commentary on Old Testament. c.1400
	23	Peter Comestor. Commentary on the Old Testament. 12th c.		167	Rhabanus Maurus, etc. Biblical Studies. 13th c.
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	25	Peter of Herenthals. Commentary on the Psalter. 15th c.		169	Rhabanus Maurus. Commentary on St Matthew. 15th c.
B9	26	Robert Holcot, etc. Commentary on the Minor Prophets. 15th c.	B20	170	Old Testament Glosses. 13th
	27	Robert Holcot. Commentary on the Wisdom Books. 14th c.	B21	171	Nicholas de Lyra. Commentary on the Old Testament. 15th c
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	29	Thomas Docking. Commentary on Isaiah. 15th c.	B22	173B	Peter of Lombard. Commentary on St Paul's Epistles. 12th
B11	30	Thomas Docking. Commentary on St Paul's Epistles. 15th c.		175	Bede. Commentary on the Wisdom Books. 12th c.
B12	31	Augustine of Ancona. Commentary on the Canonical Epistles, etc. 1432		177	Bede, etc. Commentary on the Acts, etc. 13th c.
	32	Commentary on the Psalms. 13th c.	B23	178A,B	Florus Diaconus. Commentary on St Paul's Epistles. 12th
B13	34	Thomas Ringstede. Commentary on the Proverbs. 1461		181	Johannes de Hesdino. Commentary on St Mark, etc. 1444
	35A	Peter Lombard. Commentary on the Psalter. 12th c.	B24	182	Haimo. Commentary on Isaiah. 12th c.
				183	Haimo. Commentary on St Paul Epistles. 11th c.

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B28	280	Gregory the Great
	A&B	Moralia in Job. 13th c.
	292	Ricardus de Furnellis. Commentary on the Proverbs. 13th c.
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B30	348	Bible. Incomplete. 13th c.
B31	351	Bible. Incomplete. 13th c.

CHRIST CHURCH

This section contains many of Archbishop Wake's collection of Greek Manuscripts, which are mainly Gospel Books. The Latin manuscripts include a number of 'University' Bibles.

XC1	3	John Chrysostom. Commentary on St John. 11th c.
	11	Collationes Mss Novi Testamenti. (Wake) 1685-56
	12	New Testament Texts and Studies. 12th c.
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XC10	43	Psalter. 12th c.
	44	Psalter. 11th - 12th c.
	51	Euthymius Zigabeni. Commentary on the Gospels. 12th c.
XC11	52	John Chrysostom. Commentary on Genesis. 11th-12th c.
	54	Theophylacti. Commentary on the Gospels. 14th c.
	58	John Chrysostom. Commentary on Acts. 12th c.