

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description
Cambridge, University Library, MS Gg.1.34(4)

Title	Hayto. Gesta Alexandri
Secundo folio	3f. carent
Language	Latin
Material	vellum
Measurements	8 x 5 ½ ins.
Collation	1 ¹² – 6 ¹² 7 ⁶ 1 flyleaf
Number of leaves	80
Columns	single
Lines to a page	39 to 40
Date	XIV & XIII late
Handwriting	good black hand
Binding	new

See on 34 (1). On 78^a at bottom (XV) is: Ex dono Willⁱ Thornton

Contents

1. Iste liber intitulatur flos ystoriarum terre orientis quem compilauit fr. Haytonus dominus curthi consanguineus regis armenie ex mandato summi pontificis sanctiss. d. n. Clementis pape quinti anno incarn. dominice M^o CCC. VIJ^o in ciuitate pictauen' regni fra(ncie)
Diuiditur autem liber iste in IIIJ^{or} partes
Capitula follow
Regnum cathay est maius regnum quod in orbe sit 2
- illam repleat et conseruet qui potens est deus in sec. sec. Amen (ter)
See on Ff.
2. Inc. prohemium in hystoria Alexandri regis macedonum a uilikino ciue spoletano 43^b
metrie compositum et primo de IIIJ^{or} principatibus regni
Post abrahe legem qui circumcisis habetur quatuor huic mundo regna fuisse ferunt
Written as prose throughout.
... De macedum rege prosequor ipse modo. Expl. prohem.
Inc. hystoria de sciencia egypciorum et de neptanabo rege eorum qui postea fuit uerus pater alexandri.
Stellarum curis egyptus dedita quondam
Doctrine cupida dogmata plura sciens
Lib. II. 46 (accession of Alexander)
III. 56^b de sede regali ubi sedet alexander coronatus post mortem darii
IV apparently not marked
V 73^b return to Babylon
Nomina XIJ ciuitatum quas alexander construxit 77^b
... XI. ypsiacon XII. egyptus
Expl. hystoria de rege alex. magno. Completa ystoria querit dictator operis huius cur fecit deus omnia mirabilia et inconstancia cum ipse sit constans et inuariabilis.

O deus alme pater audet cui dicere nullus
Responsio creatoris ad creaturam
Respondit que deus cur terrea testa superbis.

De dictatore huius hystorie.

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Historiam dictam dictavit carmine quidam
Qui uilikinus nomine dictus erat
Iudex officio genitus de gente spoleti
Gesta ducis macedum wersibus [uersibus] ipse docens
Post natum christum sunt anni mille ducenti
Terque duodeni quando fit opus istud (istud opus)
Et conexit opus anno durante sequenti
Ut sibi dictanti contulit ipse deus
Romanus princeps fredericus scepra tenebat
Scilium regnum ierusalemque regens
Quando deuicit reprobos straitque rebelles
Inter lumbardos qui caruere fide
Non omnes caruere fide pars magna remansit
Que domino proprio subdita rite fuit
Sunt alibi scripta preconia principis huius
Que uilikynus condidit [edidit - MCB] ipse metris.

Expl. Deo gracias

Tu autem domine miserere nobis

f. 78^b is covered with writing partly in English, largely obscured by the set-off writing of the flyleaf, which is from a MS in double columns of a medieval commentary on St. John. Pars VII.

On Wilkinus see Sabbe, Bibl. Nov. p. 68, & Fabricius-Harles, Bibl. Gr. III. 50.

Another copy is in the Library: Add. 2828.

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