

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description
Cambridge, University Library, MS Dd.6.6

Title	Boethius
Secundo folio	quamuis ita
Language	Latin
Material	Vellum
Measurements	8 ½ x 5 ¾ ins.
Collation	1 flyleaf 1 pastedown. a ⁸ – f ⁸ (4 canc.) g ⁸ h ⁸ i ⁸ – l ⁸ m ⁴ (wants 3) [2 flyleaves. a – e ⁸ f ⁸ (4 canc.) g ¹⁰ (4, 8 canc.) h ⁶ i – l ⁸ m ⁴ (wants 3)]
Number of leaves	91[ii + 88]
Columns	Single
Lines to a page	31
Date	XII
Handwriting	Fine hand, good ornaments, English
Binding	Usual [rebound 1960]

Provenance? On f. 2 is (xvii – xviii) Sam Hoadly pret. 1. 0. 0.
[See on Dd. 4. 24 and 11. 79. It seems likely that this is no. 8731 in Cat. MSS. Angl. II. If so, it is probably Moore.]

Contents

The flyleaf and pastedown are from a large xvth cent. Psalter with antiphons noted.

On 2a[1r] a few xiiith cent. notes including the verse:

En asinus stella bos uir puer atque puella

for a picture of the Nativity.

On 2b[1v] a list of contents (xiv?). Hic continentur boetius de consolacione philosophiae

Id. de trinitate

Id. de ebdomadibus

Id. de fundamento fidei

Id. contra Nestorium de persona (?) trinitatis

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| 1 | De consolacione philosophiae (no title)
Carmina qui quondam
Very fine initial, green and red handiwork on blue ground. Opening words in blue, red and green capitals.
On 3b[2v] a half page picture at bottom: a building with central dome and cupola flanked by two slender towers. In that on <u>L</u> a door, in the other two windows in which are three trumpeters. The dome is supported by two slender columns with gold abaci. The ground within is blue. On <u>L</u> stands Philosophy crowned, with long pendent sleeves, holding a branch. On <u>R</u> sits Boethius in peaked headdress and gold-edged mantle over green robe, writing with stilus an a round-topped tablet. There are bands and tips of gold about the buildings.
The metres and proses have fairly plain initials.
Lib. II. 12b[11v] III. 24[23r] On 33b[22v] is a very fine initial IV.
41b[40v] V. 55[53], ends 63b[61v]: iudicis cuncta cernentis. Anicii. Manlii. Seuerini. Boetii. Exconsulis. ordinarii. patricii. De consolacione philosophie liber explicit. | 3[2] |
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- 2 Title in red, blue, green. 64[62]
 Anicii. Manlii. Seuerini. Boetii uiri clarissimi. et illustris. exconsulis. ordinarii. patricii
 inc. liber. quomodo trinitas unus deus et non tres dii. ad quintum memmum simacum
 [uirum] clarissimum et illustrem exconsulem. ordinarium patricium socerum suum
 Inuestigatam diutissime
 Good initial
 — est unus (con. to trinus) intellectus
- 3 Vita Boecii et finis eiusdem. 69b[67v]
 Anno dominice incarnationis quadringentesimo septuagesimo quinto odaacer quidam
 — et uocatur sanctus seuerinus a prouincialibus. quod ei prenomen fuit.
- 4 Epithaphium eius hoc est. 69b[67v]
 Hic iacet interpres et alumpnus philosophie
 — nomen per secula uiuit.
 Uxor is eius epithaphium que ibidem iacet
 Helpe dicta fui
 — coniugis egit amor
- 5 Utrum pater et filius et spiritus sanctus predicentur de deo substantialiter an non. 70[68]
 An pater et filius
 — rationemque coniunge.
- 6 De ebdomadibus. 71[69]
 Postulas ut ex ebdomadibus
 aut alia aliud! omnia bona.
- 7 Fundamentum catholice fidei a S. Seuerino conscriptum. 73[71]
 Christianam fidem noui ac ueteris
 — laus perpetua creatoris.
- 8 Inc. liber Anicii Manlii B. aduersus Nestorium et Euticem pro persona et natura. 77[75]
 Domino ... Iohanni diacono Boetius filius
 Anxie te quidem diuque
 — bonorum causa perscribit.

89a[87r] blank. On 89b[87v] in a large early xivth hand with music on 4-line stave:
 Virgo mater christi paritura deum peperisti
 fulgida stella maris nos protege nos tuearis dum paris et gaudes cantant celi agmina
 laudes.
 On the next page is a scribble in Hebrew.