

Transcription of M.R. James's unpublished description
Cambridge, University Library, MS Gg.1.10

Title	Macrobius, Platearius, etc.
Secundo folio	in custodia
Language	Latin
Material	vellum
Measurements	8 ½ x 6 ins.
Collation	1 pastedown 1 ⁸ (wants 4, 5) 2 ⁸ – 6 ⁸ 7 ⁶ 8 ⁸ – 11 ⁸ 12 ⁶ 13 ¹⁰ 14 ⁸ – 18 ⁸ (1, 2 canc., 8 a fragment). Three volumes. [1 flyleaf. 1 ⁸ (wants 4, 5) 2-7 ⁸ 8-11 ⁸ 12 ⁶ 13 ¹⁰ 14-17 ⁸ 18 ⁶ (1, 2 cancelled) 19 ² (2 a fragment): i + 138ff (out of 140; 4,5 lost; 140 a fragment) ¹
Number of leaves	138
Columns	double & single
Lines to a page	34 to 41
Date	XII and XIII
Handwriting	1) fine & minute 2) 3) very good: of rather Italian aspect
Binding	usual

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Contents

I. 1

Somnium Scipionis and comment. Macrobian

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Inc. Somnium Scipionis

Cum in affricam uenisset – solutus sum 3^b

Two leaves gone with the beginning of the comment.: it begins imperfect f. 4[6]: da patefecit.
ideo et nullum

(I. ii. 15 fin?)

There are neat diagrams in margin and text & marginal scholia in a small contemporary hand.

Lib. II f. 34^b[36^v], ends 52^a[54^r]: immersa philosophic continetur integritas. TE DEUM

LAUDAMUS

A note in an English hand (XIII – XIV):

In libello qui intitulatur Regula S. Benedicti et Augustinis sunt ·xvi· folia uersus finem de
creacione mundi elementis et aliis quoniam ut ait Tullius in prologo Rethoricorum etc.

This and other marginals show that the book has been long in England, but I do not think the
writing of the text is English.

On 52^b[54^v] are two paragraphs in the hand of the early marginalia?

a Macrobius orincretes ·i· somniorum interpres comentatus est in scipionis apocalipsi ... non
multorum distans eloquio ab ambrosio mediolanensi ep. qui ut multis placet auctor fuit in
scribendo hoc libello.

b another script, very small

Monas trias hoc opus contineat: In exordio mundane creationis

elaborate prelude to a declaration that ego. N. gives half his property to his wife

ut potestatem habeas faciendi quicquid tuo libuerit arbitrio

¹ From later collation at end of manuscript - MCB

double columns

II. 2

Inc. summa m. plate(arii) super antidotarium

53[55]

Liber iste quem in presentiarum [...] assumpsimus

Ends 90^b[92^v] (de iera ruffini): per duos annos seruat

There are various marginal additions.

III. 3

Inc. liber simplicis medicine (Math. Platearii): an English hand adds: secundum ordinem
literarum alphabeti

91[93]

Circa instans negotium

Ends 135[137] on Zuccarum: nisi propter diuturnam decoctionem. Expl.

On 135^b[137^v] – 136^a[138^r] are supplements: Allium Acorus Galanga Galbanum

Margin at 136[138]: Experimentum Joh. Alemanni circa fistulam in torace

On 136^b[138^v] are receipts and scribbles in several hands & on 137[139] (138[140] a
fragment) part of a medical text in another hand with many blank spaces and no rubrics or
initials.

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