Watermarks

Ee.4.31 ROBERT OF GLOUCESTER, ETC.

Vellum and Paper (the outer and inner leaves of each quire normally vellum), $11\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4}$ in., 273 ff (38, 201, 202, and all after 276 lost, in addition to a number of unspecified leaves wanting after 274 and 275), single column, 33–49 lines to a page
Six xv cent. current hands (changing at 7, 25, 53, 84, and 203), with headings, paragraph marks, and capitals in red, the capitals in the text sometimes touched with red
a^{6} (1, 2 fragments) | 1^{10} 2^{8} | 3^{10} 4^{10} (wants 4) 5^{8} | $6-23^{8}$ 24^{6} (wants 5, 6) | $25-33^{8}$ 34^{6} (2 leaves only); catchwords
Quarter niger, marbled paper sides, vellum tips (Gray, Cambridge, 1955)

2° ff planettys

1–6b. (1) Here begynneth the Boke of Astrono[my] ... made of the wysyst Philosofers pat ... pat is to sey of the Lond of Grece ffor ... compelid pe Boke oute of grew into Englyss[h] ... Firste this boke telleth how meny he[venes]-trewely and perfitely he may pne a deme Ff 1 and 2 fragments, 5 mutilated Cf DL. 4. 14, art. 4

7–24. (2) Cum anima[d] verterem etc. Whenne I advertice in my remembraunce — Love every wyght and that schall the avaunce IMEV 3955 no. 3 7b. Si deus est animus etc. For thy that God ys inwardely the wytt — Nought causeth me but symplenes of wytt. Explicit Cato Jf. 854 no. 5 Benedict Burgh's version of Cato Minor and Cato Major run together 24b blank but for scribbles

25–50. (3) Chronicle of Popes and Emperors. Iheau Crist was I bore in the two and fourty yeer of Octovyan that was the first Emperour of Rome in Bedlehem a Cite of Iude of the mayde Marye in a Sunday nyght. He was oure hieghst Bischop —

and vnnethes he was drawe out a lyve and yet leved fro Saterday to Sunday after (John xxi, A.D. 1276) 38 lost; 50b blank; 51-52b scribbles

53-200b. (4) Ingland ys ryght good. I wene hyt ys best — He wanne the signorye were they nevere so fronte ROBERT of Gloucester's Chronicle, the B. text in 10600 vv., ending unfinished with the fourth line on Edward I; IMEV 727 no. 8 201, 202 (blank) cut out

203-276. (5) A continuation of the History of England in prose. How after Kyng Henre Regnyd hys sone Edward the worthiest knyght of alle the worlde and of Kyng Alexaundyr of Scotland. And after this King Henry Regnyd hys sone Edward — ending imperfect on Henry VI, sworn to hym to ben gode and trewe to kepe þe lady in sauffe warde tille he come azen (the Lady being the Duchess of Gloucester; in the Isle of Man). There are other breaks in the text after 274 and 275 On 158 the xvi cent. note Be yt knowen unto all men by thes presene that I Water Lyre of Chromarsh in the county of Oxon the Somme of iij li. iiij. s. vij. d quod Water... 51. Thys ys Thon Olyveres booke kep wytnis (xvi) 51b. The Large initials H.C. and the name Hugh Cook, and on 52 Hughe Cooke is a nebulo the true owner of this booke. Record of good man Nobodye and others (xvi) 215b. To the right vertuouse gentle woman Mrs Hungerfoord (xvii) On 3 and 4 Will. Cliffe his booke (xviii)

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