

229. London, British Library, Cotton Tiberius B.v., Part I

Computistica, Historical Texts, "Wonders of the East," etc.
(with London, BL, Cotton Nero D ii [205];
Cambridge, University Library Kk.1.24 [102]
+ BL Sloane 1044, f. 2 [305])
[Ker 193, 194; Gneuss 373, 374; Lowe 2.190 (f. 75),
Lowe 2.139 (f. 76)]

HISTORY: A deluxe illuminated compilation of geographic, scientific, historical, and ecclesiastical texts, most in Latin but some in OE, copied in the first half of the 11c in southern England, possibly at Winchester (cf. [S]UUIDHUN, f. 21r/16d) or Christ Church, Canterbury (Dumville 1976: 67). By the 12c it was at Battle Abbey, where were added the annals, written ca. 1119-1206, once part of this manuscript, which are now in Cotton Nero D.ii (ff. 238-241) [205] (see below). Owned in the 17c by Lord Lumley, appearing as item 1295 in his catalog of 1609 (Jayne and Johnson 1956: 162). The order of the leaves has drastically changed since Lumley's day, whose catalogue has the order: four leaves now in Cotton Nero D. ii (ff. 238-241), Tiberius ff. 78-88, 2-54, 57-73, 55, 56, 77. A copy of Rabanus Maurus, "De laude crucis cum pulchris variarum crucium formis" followed f. 88 and is now missing, lost before the manuscript was described for Cotton. The contents, more or less corresponding to the present contents and order, are listed in the 1621 Cotton catalogue (BL, Harley 6018, ff. 84-85, no. 178); the inscription 'Robertus Cotton Bruceus 1598' is on f. 2r. Cotton added two leaves, f. 74 and 76, excised from the 8c English Gospel Book, C.U.L. Kk.1.24 [102], probably from Ely (Ker, *Cat.* 36). The missing upper part of f. 76 is now British Library Sloane 1044, f. 2 [305]. Cotton also added a leaf, f. 75, from an otherwise unknown 8c English Gospel, probably from Exeter (= Ker no. 194, Gneuss no. 374, Lowe 2.190). These three added leaves bear later OE documents. The manuscript was damaged in the Ashburnham House fire of 1731; rebound and the leaves mounted in paper frames in 1843 (McGurk et al. 1983: 27).

CODICOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION: Ff. [vi] + [i] + 88 + [vi]. The seventh front flyleaf is an original blank parchment fly (inlaid); the other front and back flyleaves are paper (17c and 19c). There are four foliations. The first, in ink in the right-hand corner of the recto, appears to have been inserted before the 1731 fire, based on its position on the page. A second, also in ink, corresponds to the first. The third, written in pencil in various positions on the page after the fire, likewise coincides with the original foliation, but fills in numbers which appear to be absent in the second foliation. The fourth, followed in this description, also in pencil, was done when the manuscript was inlaid in 1843 and is the official BL foliation.

Page size 260 x 218 mm., writing area ca. 225 x 190 mm. 33–35 lines, except 41 lines on ff. 2–8 and 17–24; 2 columns on ff. 78–87 and 30–33; 3–4 columns in lists (ff. 19v–23r). The arrangement of the now separately inlaid leaves appears to have been HFHF, although on several leaves it is difficult to distinguish hair/flesh. Rulings were made on the hair sides. Although McGurk states that on f. 54 the verso is the hair side (McGurk et al. 1983: 29), the recto actually appears to be the hair side, based on the textured quality of the recto as opposed to the verso, the rulings on the recto side, and that f. 53v also appears to be hair. The prickings in the manuscript are difficult to recover on the inlaid leaves, but clearly some of the prickings do not correspond to the rulings (e.g., f. 15v; see McGurk et al. 1983: 28). On f. 47v, the top 15 lines are pricked in the right margin. There are slits for some of the horizontal lines in the table on f. 14r. Similarly in the tables, lines done in dry point rulings do not always correspond to the grids drawn in ink (ff. 9r, 16r). The parchment is overall rather thick, stiff, and somewhat rough, although several of the pages (ff. 41, 51–52, 63) are thinner and smoother. Generally in poor condition, the parchment contains holes and creases throughout the manuscript, and the bottom and side edges of the pages are torn or cracked. The right edge of f. 73v is torn off/cut off. Many of the pages are stained and discolored in places, which in some cases has caused the ink to run (ff. 25v, 27r). The ink has run particularly on ff. 48–50. Water has appeared to have damaged some of the leaves (ff. 11, 13, 85). The fragments added by Cotton (ff. 74–76) are in very poor condition. The bottom of f. 74 is torn, water appears to have damaged f. 75, and the ink on f. 76 is either very rubbed or likewise affected by water.

Writing in dark brown ink. Script is English caroline minuscule of the second quarter of the 11c, with some Insular letter forms on ff. 68v–70. The manuscript was written mostly by one scribe, with the work of a second scribe appearing only occasionally. The additions from Battle Abbey, now in Nero

D.ii, show several hands from the 12c, and one from the 13c. These later additions to the manuscript are also written in dark brown ink, although some black ink is used on f. 88r. In f. 74, one of the pages added by Cotton, the ink is black. F. 76 shows a brownish ink, while f. 75 is a light brown.

The manuscript contains capitals, rubrics, and colored drawings in oils (Knock 1982: 63). There are sets of illustrations depicting the labors of the months (item 3; for discussion, see McGurk et al. 1983: 40–43), and accompanying the “Aratea” (item 47; McGurk et al. 1983: 73–78), the “Marvels of the East” (item 66; McGurk et al. 1983: 96–103), and a full-page illustration depicting the legend of Mambres and Jannes (f. 87v, item 67; McGurk et al. 1983: 99; for illustrations, see McGurk et al. 1983, *passim*, and Temple 1976: 104–5). There is a metrical calendar which appears also in British Library Cotton Galba A.xviii and Cotton Julius A.vi [199]. Oxford Bodleian Junius 27 [389] contains an incomplete version. The “Aratea” and its illustrations are most closely related to those in British Library Harley 647 and Harley 2506, British Library Cotton Tiberius C.i [231]. The illustrations in the “Marvels of the East” are similar to those in Oxford Bodley 614, but differ somewhat in content and iconography from those in Cotton Vitellius A.xv [251].

Rubrics throughout the manuscript are in an orange ink, while capitals in the text alternate between green and orange. Some letters in the text are also filled in with orange ink. This orange varies in shades from orange to russet to a deep reddish color. The green ink seems to have been more subject to fading than the orange ink and has eaten through the parchment in many places (ff. 15v, 25r, 26v, 41v, 43v, 68v, 78v). Ff. 84r and 87r show damage from the green ink used on the verso side. Much of the green ink on the map on f. 29r has flaked away. In the tables and charts, the grid is often drawn in orange and sometimes in green ink, and column/row headings also alternate between orange and green. The information in the tables is set down in red, brown, or green ink, frequently in an alternating pattern. The principal colors in the manuscript illustrations are orange, green, blue, gray, red/rust, and a pinkish tone. Other colors include yellow, olive, and purple [see color plates in McGurk et al. 1983].

COLLATION: The leaves have been separately mounted in paper frames. McGurk (in McGurk et al. 1983: 28–29) attempts to outline the quiration, but collation remains completely speculative. The facsimile in McGurk et al. 1983 rearranges the pages in the Lumley and, presumably, the medieval order.

CONTENTS: (contents and titles follow the more detailed listing in McGurk et al. 1983: 15–24.)

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f. 1rv Cottonian table of contents: 'Catalogue tractatuu(m) | in isto volumine'.

|**Note:** Items 1–39 comprise a Computus similar to that in the "Leofric Missal," Bodleian Library, Bodley MS. 718, ff. 38r–58r, ed. Warren 1883: 21–58; cf. McGurk et al. 1983: 51–54.]

1. f. 2r Three diagrams: (a) upper left: Months of the year; (b) upper right: Sun and seasons; (c) bottom: circles drawn for planetary spheres but empty.
2. f. 2v (cf. Warren 1883: 22): (a) Table, lines 1–5 (left): **REGULARES FERIARUM SECUNDUM ROMANOS**; (b) Table, lines 6–10 (left): **CONCURRENTES**; (c) Table, lines 11–15 (left): **REGULARES LUNARES**; (d) Table, lines 16–20 (left): **EPACTAE**; (e) Lines 2–19 (right): Rule for calculating age of moon on first day of month: 'Coniunge. | regulares. | singulor(um). | mensium. | & epactas'; (f) lines 35–40 **DE SINGULIS MENSIBUS**. | 'Ianuarius Augustus & Dece(m)ber .iv. nonas habent'.
3. ff. 3r–8v Metrical calendar, arranged one month per page and one verse per day, commemorating saints and feasts, etc., with illustrations of the Labors of the Months and a medallion depicting the month's zodiacal sign. **PRINCIPIUM IANI SANCIT TROPEC(US) CAPRICORNUS:- |IANUARIUS HABET DIES . XXX.I. LUNA . XXX.** | iii. A A A A A KL .F. IAN(UARIUS) 'IURE KALENDARUM S(AN)C(TU)S CONCIDITUR AGNUS' (ed. McGurk 1986; cf. McGurk et al. 1983: 44–50) [figures to left of incipit are related to tables that follow the calendar].
4. ff. 9r–9v Tables showing the age of the moon using letters in fifth column of calendar (cf. Warren 1883: 35–36).
5. f. 10r Table for the age of the moon on the first day of each month in decennovenal cycle (cf. Warren 1883: 37).
- f. 10v blank.
6. f. 11r Table showing the days of the week for the first day of each month in a twenty-eight-year cycle (cf. Warren 1883: 38).
7. f. 11v a) 11v/1–28 Table for the position of the moon in the zodiac; b) 11v/29–30 **LITTE(RAE) PRIM(A)E** (cf. Warren 1883: 40).
- f. 12r Blank; a table as on 12v(a) drawn and erased.

8. f. 12v (a) 12v/1–27 Table to find the position of the moon in the zodiac (cf. Warren 1883: 41); (b) 12v/28–35 “Argumentum ad inveniendum in quota hora luna accendatur”: ‘Luna ianuarii in media nocte accenditur’ (cf. Warren 1883: 54–55).
9. f. 13r Table to find the lunar number for any day in the future from column three of the calendar (cf. Warren 1883: 42).
10. f. 13v Lunar table to be used with column two of the calendar (cf. Warren 1883: 39).
11. f. 14r Table for terminal dates over nineteen-year cycle of movable feasts of Quadragesima, Easter, Rogation, Pentecost, and Septuagesima, with note on finding the day of the week of these feasts: (line 28) ‘His suprapositis regularibus p(er) singulos annos’ (cf. Warren 1883: 47).
12. f. 14v/1–23 Notes on the termini of movable feasts. **TERMINUS . SAECUNDE LUNAE INITII.** | ‘Omnis luna quae accensa fuerit ab octaua idus februarii’ (cf. Warren 1883: 48).
13. ff. 14v/23–15r/1 [3 columns on 14v, read across] (a) Lines 23–29 Verses on termini for quadragesima and paschal regulars in nineteen-year cycle: **TERMINUS SECUNDE LUNAE INITII.** | ‘I. Octone martis k(a)l(en)de quinque. ii. Ternis februi idib(us) assim. iii. (S [altered from D])enas martis nonas insenis . . . xix Pridie nonas martis in ternis’ (cf. Warren 1883: 48); (b) lines 29–15r/1 **TERMINUS . XIII. LUNAE . PAS[C]HAE** ‘i. None aprelis norunt quinos . . . xix Quindene constant tribus adeptae’ (cf. Warren 1883: 49).
14. f. 15r/1–15 Rules on the appearance of the moon. **DE INITIO. LUNAE. QUADRAGESIMAE:-** | ‘Luna in initio quadragesime non potest esse minor’ (cf. Warren 1883: 54).
15. f. 15r/16–25 Notes on termini of Septuagesima, Quadragesima, Easter, Rogations, Pentecost: **TERMINUS . DECIMAE . LUNAE . SEPTUAGESIMAE:-** ‘Vbicumq(ue) inuenieris .x. lunam post .xxx.’ (cf. Warren 1883: 48).
16. f. 15r/25–34 **DE CONCURRENTIBUS.** | ‘Si uis inuenire concurrentes. in ix. k(a)l(endas) april(is) i(n)ueneris’ (almagamation of several texts; cf. Warren 1883: 52–54; McGurk et al. 1983: 18).
17. f. 15v/1–3 “Argumentum qualiter adventum Domini celebrare debes” ‘[Q]uicumq(ue) aduentu(m) d(omi)ni célébrare desiderat’ (title from Warren 1883: 52).

18. f. 15v/3–8 **Argumentum ad terminum inueniendu(m) xiiii. lunę paschalis.** | ‘Si uis inuenire quotus terminus paschalis sit’ (cf. Warren 1883: 52).
19. f. 15v/9–16a [2 columns from line 9] **De nominib(us) vii^{tem} dierum ebdomadis** | ‘PRIMA DIES PH̄EBI SACRATO NOMINE FULGET’.
20. f. 15v/17–23a **De regularib(us) VII. dieru(m) metrice compositis** | ‘[I]anus et octemb(er) binis regulant(ur) habenis’ (cf. Warren 1883: 51).
21. f. 15v/24–36a **DE REGULARIBUS LUNAE SUP(ER) K(A)L-(EN)DAS.** | ‘Septe(m)ber semp(er) quinos octamber habens’ (cf. Warren 1883: 51).
22. f. 15v/37a–39a, 9b–14b **DE OCTO SUP(RA)SCRIPTIS TRAMITIB(US) CICLI DECEN(NOVALIS)** | ‘LINEA chr(ist)e tuos p(r)ima est q(u)i continet annos . . . Seruauit numeros epactas tercia certas . . . Aetatem lunę monstrat nouissimus ordo.’ (cf. Warren 1883: 51).
23. f. 15v/15–36b **De concordia mensium metrice dictum et a d(om)no beda compoſitu(m) quoṭ mensib(us) annus . Et quod ebdomadib(us) quodque dieb(us) stare uideatur : Et quod nonis idibusue atque kalendis singuli | menses moderentur . | ‘Bissenā mensium uertigine uoluitur annus’ (cf. Warren 1883: 52).**
24. f. 16r Two decennovenal Easter cycles for 969–1006 with eight columns (cf. Warren 1883: 50).
25. f. 16v/1–13 **VERS(US) DE SINGULIS MENSIBUS.** | ‘Primus romanus ordiris iane kalendas’ (cf. Warren 1883: 52).
26. ff. 16v/14–17r/1–4, 8–18 Bede, “De Temporibus XIV”: **INCIPIT ARGUMENTUM Q(UA)LIT(ER) ANNOS | AB I(N)CARNATIONE D(OMI)NI INUENIRE DEBEAS.** | ‘Si nosse uis quoṭ anni ab incarnatione domini | sint’ (ed. Jones 1943: 301–2) [the sections **ARGUMENTUM AD SOLAREM CICLUM INUENIENDUM** (17r/5–7) and **ARGUMENTUM AD F(E)R(IUM) .XIIII. LUNAE INUENIENDUM** (17r/19–23) are not from Bede].
- 27a. f. 17r/24–8 “De epistola Theophili Alexandrini episcopi ad Theodosium imperatorem missa”: ‘S(an)c(t)ae memori(a)e theophilus alexandrinus episcopus datis apostolis apud niceam’ [continues on f. 18r/1] (ed. Wilson 1896: 39).
28. f. 17v Concordance and tables: (a) f. 17v/1–4 Concordance of decennovenal cycle, lunar cycle, age of moon on first of January and 22 March; (b) f. 17v/5–34 Table of epacts through a decennovenal cycle for

- 532–1045; (c) f. 17v/36–47 Table of dates for Quadragesima, Easter, Rogations, Pentecost, Regulars.
- 27b. f. 18r/1–6 Continuation of the “Epistola Theophili” from f. 17r: **RATIO.**
QUARTA DECIMAE LUNAE. | ‘Quarta decima uero luna .a xii.
 k⟨a⟩l⟨endas⟩ aprilis’.
29. f. 18r/7–20: (a) lines 7–10 **DE INITIO | .XL. LUNAE .** (6–7 right) | ‘Luna initium .xl. non potest esse minor . . . habueris pascha. nonarum mai habebis rogationem’ [same as item 14 above]; (b) lines 12–20: **ITEM ALIA RATIO |** ‘Si luna inito .iiii. xl^{me}. in pascha .vi.’.
30. f. 18r/20–29 **DE CELEBRATIONE PASCHAE |** ‘Pascha namq⟨ue⟩ caelebratur . ab .xi. k⟨a⟩l⟨endas⟩ ap⟨ri⟩lis’ (cf. Warren 1883: 53).
31. f. 18r/29–35 **ARGUM⟨EN⟩TU⟨M⟩ AD XIII^{mam}.** LUN⟨AM⟩ I⟨N⟩UE-NIENDU⟨M⟩ | ‘Argumentu⟨m⟩ ad i⟨n⟩ueniendu⟨m⟩ .xiiii. luna⟨m⟩ sumē regulares’.
32. f. 18r/35–38 **ARGUMENTU⟨M⟩ AD F⟨E⟩R⟨IAM⟩ .XIIII. LUNA-MINUENIENDUM .** | ‘Si nosse desideras quota sit f⟨e⟩r⟨ia⟩ . xiiii . lunę’ (same as part of item 26 above [f.17r/19–23]).
33. f. 18r/38–18v/3 **DE BISSEXTO.** | ‘Bissextu⟨m⟩ n⟨on⟩ ab illo die fieri ut q⟨ui⟩da⟨m⟩’ (cf. Wilson 1896: 42) [this is conflated confusedly with the following item]:
34. f. 18v/3–5 Isidore, “De natura rerum,” chap. 5: ‘[I]an⟨uarius⟩ cum dece⟨m⟩brio in horarum mensarum concordat . . . Iunius compar est iulio’ (ed. Fontaine 1960: 191).
35. f. 18v/5–8 Concerning termini of movable feasts: **.VIII.** ‘Scito quantos | dies ante pridie . . . habebis quadragesimam’ (same as item 15, above, f. 15r/11–12; cf. Warren 1883: 54).
36. f. 18v/8–10 **MUTATIO CONCUR⟨RENTIUM⟩ ET AEPACTE ET CICLI.-** | ‘Muta concurrentes in k⟨a⟩l⟨endas⟩ mart⟨ii⟩ . . . Muta indicione⟨m⟩ in vii. k⟨a⟩l⟨endas⟩ ap⟨ri⟩l⟨is⟩’; f. 18v/10–14 ‘Annus | communis . Vt sup⟨ra⟩’ (cf. item 16 above, f. 15r/27–28 and Warren 1883: 53).
37. f. 18v/14–16 **AD INUENIENDUM PAS[C]HA** (same as item 30, above, 18r/24–25 and item 29, 18r/8; cf. Warren 1883: 53, 54).
38. f. 18v/16–20 **DE CONCURRENTIBUS.** | ‘Si uis scire concurrentes tene k⟨a⟩l⟨endas⟩ ap⟨ri⟩lis anno p⟨rae⟩senti’.
39. f. 18v/20–27 **DE QUATTUOR | IEIUNIS ANNI .** ‘Sunt .iiii^{or}. ieunia .iiii^{or}. temporum anni’ (cf. Warren 1883: 53).

40. ff. 18v/27–19r Texts similar to Bede, “Opera Didascalica” [divided into sections with red headings; OE note at bottom of f. 19r]: **DE RATIONE LV[NAJ]M. PRIMO ANNO EMB(OLISMI) OGT(OAD).** | ‘In primo igitur anno embolismi hoc e(st) in ogdoadae .iii. sun(t)’ (cf. Jones 1980: 684–89).
41. f. 19va–22r/c Episcopal lists: **INCIPIUNT NOMINA PONTIFICUM ROMANE URBIS P(ER) ORDINEM.** | ‘I. Petrus ap(osto)l(u)s.’ (lists of English bishoprics, ff. 21r/16a–22r/c; cf. Page 1965, 1966; on items 41–48 see Dumville in McGurk et al. 1983: 55–58).
42. f. 22r/d West Saxon regnal list from 494 to the reign of Æthelred: **CCCC. XC. IIII.** | ‘i. Cerdic .xiii.’.
43. f. 22v–23r/25b **HAEC SUNT GENEALOGIE P(ER) PARTES BRITTANNIE REGU(M) REGNANTIU(M) P(ER) DIU(ER)SA LOCA NORðHYMBROR(UM).** [3 columns]; f. 22v/2a–15a Deiran genealogy: ‘Eadwine Ællinc’; f. 22v/16a–33a Northumbrian regnal list: **IDA REGNAUIT | DECEM ANNOS;** f. 22v/34a–41a, 17b–30b: Mercian regnal list: **PENDA REG(NAUT)** | **ANNOS .XXI.** ‘Peada i. . . Beornwulf’; f. 22v/2b–16b Bernician genealogy: Ecgfrid. Osweoing’; f. 22v/2c–9c Bernician genealogy: ‘Ceolwulf cuðwinning’; f. 22v/10c–16c Bernician genealogy: **ITEM NORðANHYMBRORUM.** | ‘Alhred eanwinning’; ff. 22v/16c–23r/7a: Mercian genealogies: **ITEM MERCIORUM.** | ‘Apelbald alewing . . . Cenwalh. pybbing’; f. 23r/8a–23a Lindsey genealogies: **ITEM.** | ‘Aldfrið eating’; f. 23r/24a–37a Kentish genealogies: ‘Æðelberht . wihtreding’; f. 23r/38a–11b East Anglian genealogies: **ITEM.** | ‘Alfwald. aldwulfin’; f. 23r/12b–25b West Saxon genealogy: ‘Yne. cenreding’ (ed. Dumville 1976: 35–37).
44. f. 23r/26b–c **HAEC SUNT GENEALO|GIAE REGUM OCCIDENT|TALIU(M) SAXONUM.** | ‘Eadweard. 7 eadmund. | 7 æðelred æðelingas. | syndon. eadgares suna | cyninges’ (ed. Wright and Halliwell 1845: 172–73).
45. f. 23v/1–19 (margin) List of Glastonbury abbots: ‘Hengils. | Weal-listod . . . Ælfweard’ (ed. Robinson 1921: 41–42).
46. f. 23v/1–15 List of 10c popes: ‘In nomine d(omi)ni n(ost)ri ie(s)u Christi iohanne’s rabennati sedit annos .xiiii. m(enses) .iii. dies .vii.’.
47. f. 23v/16–24r/5 The stations of Rome visited by Archbishop Sigeric and the itinerary of his pilgrimage, A.D. 990: ‘ADVENTUS ARCHIE-

- ⟨PISCO⟩PI N⟨OST⟩RI SIGERICI AD ROMA⟨M⟩ PRIMITUS AD
LIMITE⟨M⟩ BEATI PETRI AP⟨OSTO⟩LI' (ed. Stubbs 1874: 391–95).
48. f. 24r/6–28v/24 Ælfric, “De temporibus anni” (OE): **INCIPIUNT
PAUCA DE TEMPORIBUS BDAE PRESBITERI.** | IC WOLDE
EAC GYF IC DORSTE PLUCCIAN SV⟨M⟩ GEHWÆDE. (ed. Henel
1942).
49. f. 29r Zonal map (see McGurk et al. 1983: 65–66).
- f. 29v Blank [+ two blank modern paper leaves].
50. f. 30r/1a–15a **ORATIO AD SANCTAM TRINITATEM.** | ‘D⟨OMI⟩-
NE D⟨EU⟩S OM⟨NI⟩P⟨OTEN⟩S S⟨AN⟩C⟨T⟩A TRINITAS | et indiuisa
unitas’ (ed. Vogels 1884: 9–13) [colored incipit line; ff. 30–33 set up in
two columns].
51. f. 30r/16a–21a Incomplete text refers to sun and moon: ‘[S]⟨an⟩c⟨t⟩a
scriptura nobis a d⟨e⟩o p⟨er⟩ beatu⟨m⟩ moysen’ (ed. Vogels 1884: 13).
52. f. 30r/22a–32ra **DE DUODECIM | SIGNIS. PRIMITUS DE
ARIETE.** | ‘Regionem .xi^{ma(m)}. celi in qua⟨m⟩ sol cursum suu⟨m⟩’ (ed.
Vogels 1884: 9–13) [sections marked in red].
53. f. 32v–49v/9 Cicero, verse “Aratea” and Hyginus, “Scholia upon Aratea”: (scholium) **FABULA ARIETIS.** | ARIES HIC EXISTIMATUR ESSE
QUI FRYXUM ET | hellen transtulisse dicitur’; (Aratea) ‘Aquib⟨us⟩ hinc
subter possis cognoscere fultum’ (ed. Buescu 1966; scholia ed. Kauffmann
1888) [scholia are above, generally in two columns when separated by a
picture, ending on f. 44v; colored illustrations of constellations].
- [Illustrations: f. 32v Aries, f. 33r Deltonon, f. 33v Pisces, f. 34r Perseus, f. 34v Pleiades,
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43v Hydra, Crater, Corvus, f. 44r Anticanis, f. 44r Planets, f. 46v Winds (male) and
Seasons (female), f. 47r Sun and Moon.]
54. f. 49v/9–15 **DE CONCORDIA SOLARIS ET LUNARIS.** | ‘Nouem
horis in luna p⟨ro⟩ quinque dieb⟨us⟩ i⟨n⟩ sole’.
55. f. 49v/15–21 **ITEM DE EADEM RATIONE.** | ‘Luna lucere dodrantis.
semuncias d⟨icitu⟩r’.
56. f. 49v/21–27 **DE CONCORDIA MARIS ET LUNAE.** | ‘Unius sem-
p⟨er⟩ horę dodrante et semuncia transmissa’.
57. f. 49v/27–51r/14 From Pliny, “Naturalis Historia”: **DE PRESAGIIS
TEMPESTATUM PRESAGIA SOLIS .XXVII.** | ‘Purus oriens at-

- q⟨ue⟩ non ferauens serenu⟨m⟩ diem n⟨un⟩tiat’ [sections with red titles] (= 18.342–65, ed. Mayhoff 1892: 3.238–45).
58. ff. 51r/14–52r/5 from Macrobius, “Commentarii in Somnium Scipionis”: (a) f. 51r/14–51v/11 **AMBROSII MACROBII THEODOSII DE MENSURA ET MAGNITUDINE TERRAE ET CIRCULI PER QUEM | SOLIS ITER EST.** | ‘IN omni orbe u(e)l sphaera medietas centrum uocatur’ (= 1.20.14–24, ed. Willis 1963: 81–83); (b) ff. 51v/11–52r/5 **ITEM EIUSDE⟨M⟩ DE MENSURA ET MAGNITUDINE SOLIS.** | ‘His dictis q(u)ib(us) m(en)sura qua(m) terrę ⟨ue⟩l ambit⟨us⟩’ (= 1.20.25–32, ed. Willis 1963: 83–84).
59. ff. 52r/5–23 Paraphrases of Martianus Capella: (a) f. 52r/5–19 “De astronomia”: **FELICIS CAPELLE DE MENSURA LUNAE.** | ‘Luna ite⟨m⟩ circuli sui sexentesima⟨m⟩ obtinet portione⟨m⟩’ (cf. 8.860, ed. Willis 1983: 325–26); (b) f. 52r/20–52v/3 “De Geometria”: **QUOMODO TERRAE DEPREHENSA EST.** | ‘Erathostenes philosophus idemq⟨ue⟩ geometra. subtilissim⟨us⟩’ (cf. 6.598, ed. Willis 1983: 209).
60. ff. 52v/3–54r/17 from Pliny, “Naturalis Historia”: (a) f. 52v/3–23 **DE POSITIONE ET CURSU SEPTEM PLANETARUM.** | ‘INter celu⟨m⟩ et t(er)ra⟨m⟩ certis discreta spatiis .vii sidera pendent’ (= 2.32–44, ed. Mayhoff 1892: 1.136–40); (b) f. 52v/23–30 **DE INTERVALLIS EARUM.** | ‘INt(er)ualla eoru⟨m⟩ a terra multi indagare’ (= 2.83–84, ed. Mayhoff 1892: 1.153–54) [f. 53r diagram of planetary circles]; (c) f. 53r/22–53v/17 **DE ASSIDIBUS EARUM.** | ‘Tres ⟨autem⟩ quas supra solem diximus sitas’ (= 2.59–64, ed. Mayhoff 1892: 1.145–47); (d) f. 53v/17–54r/17 **DE CURSU EARU⟨M⟩ P⟨ER⟩ ZODIACUM CIRCULUM.** | ‘Cur ⟨autem⟩ magnitudines suas et coleres mutent’ (= 2.62–77, ed. Mayhoff 1892: 1.146–51).
61. f. 54r/17–24 **DIMENSIO CAELESTIU⟨M⟩ SPATIOR⟨UM⟩ SC(E)-C(UN)D(U)M QUOSDAM.** | ‘A terra ad luna⟨m⟩ tonu⟨m⟩ e(ss)e. adnuntiant’.
62. f. 54r/24–54v from Macrobius, “Commentarii in Somnium Scipionis”: **DE MUNDANO ANNO QUINDECIM MILIB(US) SOLARIU⟨M⟩ CON|FICITUR ANNORU⟨M⟩ TULLII CICERONIS SOMNIU⟨M⟩ SCIPIONIS DICTANTIS ET MACROBII EXPO|NENTIS AC SENECE PHILOSOPHORU⟨M⟩ AUTORITAS.** ‘Annus n(on) is solus que⟨m⟩ n(un)c co⟨m⟩munis omniu⟨m⟩ | usus appellat’ (= 2.11.5–17, ed. Willis 1963: 128–30) [two scribbles at bottom in 14/15c hands].

63. f. 55r/1a–12a Added early 12c poem on St. Nicholas (Fragment 3), written in two columns, two verses to the line, on originally blank leaves (ff. 55–56r, 73, 77): '[I]nfit ille cu(m) cecidi senex michi apparuit . . . cui quasi preposito. uota redditum ex debito' (ed. Wright and Halliwell 1845: 202).

[Note: This work comprises items 63, 64, 66, 70: see Dumville in McGurk et al. 1983: 104–5, who posits the order of the fragments as (1) ff. 73r–v, (2) 73v–55r, (3) 55r–v, (4) 55v–56r, (5) 77r. Walther 1959: no. 4394a classifies the text on 77r as the beginning.]

64. ff. 55r/13a–56r Part of added poem on St. Nicholas (Fragment 2): 'VANDALORU(M) exercit(us) ab africanis partib(us) . . . Vt hui(us) s(an)c(t)i precib(us) coniungam(ur) cèlestib(us)' (ed. Wright and Halliwell 1845: 202–6).

f. 56v World map (see McGurk et al. 1983: 79–87).

65. f. 57r–73r/8 Priscian's verse "Periegesis": **Incipit liber pergesis id est de situ terrae prisciani grammatici urbis rome caesariensis | doctoris quem de priscorum dictis excerptis ormistarum sed et huic operi de tribus | partibus. Uidelicet asia. africa. europa. mappam. depinxerat. aptam.** | In qua. nationum promontoriorum fluminum insularum que situs atque | monstrorum. formatur Honeste:- | 'NATURE GENITOR QUE MUNDUM CONTINET OMNEM. | Annue rex caeli positum telluris et unde . . . (ends) Omnipotens p(er) quo genitor mihi premia donet' [written a single column to the page] (ed. Woestijne 1953).

66. f. 73r/9a–73v/33b Beginning (?) of added poem on St. Nicholas (Fragment 1): 'In litię p(ro)uintia. fuit q(u)idam chr(ist)icola. | post transitu(m) s(an)c(ti)ssimi. Nicholai pontificis. | . . . [T]ande(m) post pia oscula pat(er) natu(m) interrogat. Quom(od)o se habuerit qu(a)ndo in und(is) cor|ruit' (ed. Wright and Halliwell 1845: 199–202).

67. f. 74 added leaf: (a) f. 74r–v/1–15, 22–28 Record of arrangements (Ely, second half 10c): '+Her is on þis gewrite siu geswitelung þære gerædnisse | þe þius geferræden geræd hæf . . . (ends imperfectly at bottom of verso) [:]egilda þe [:]esece his[:]de [. . .]' (ed. Thorpe 1865: 610–13); (b) f. 74v/16–21 Record of a grant of land at Potton, Beds. (second half 10c): '+Her is on þysse crystes bec siu geswytelung þære healfre hyde æt pottune þe ælfhelm | leofsige sealde.' (ed. Robertson 1939: 144).

[Note: Leaf is 255 x 205 mm., writing area 245 x 168, ruled for 22 lines on recto/flesh. Item (b) written on specially prepared lines on the verso; originally blank, probably from the 8c Gospel Book C.U.L. Kk.1.24 [102]. Item (b) was written first and its wording implies it is in a Gospel Book; Ker, *Cat.* 36, pointing out the similarity of

preparation and parchment, as well as the Ely connections of item (a), says f. 74 is probably a blank from C.U.L. KK.1.24, like Tiberius f. 76; he says it might have come from after f. 187, but only one folio is missing there and it must have contained the rest of the capitula to John. It must rather have come from the end of the book, and after present Tib. f. 76 (as Ker alternatively suggests), if it came from that book at all.]

68. f. 75 Added leaf of an 8c A-S Gospel from an otherwise unknown manuscript (= Ker 194, Gneuss 374, Lowe 2.190): (a) f. 75r two lines in top margin and 11 further lines in right margin Manumission in mid-10c writing: 'eadwi cing het gefreon abunet ælfnod' (ed. Thorpe 1865: 623); (b) f. 75r/1–24 Notice of guild assembly at Exeter in early 10c writing '+ þeos gesammung is gesamnod on exancestre' (ed. Thorpe 1865: 613–14); (c) f. 75v/1–12a (bottom left quadrant) Gospel of St. Matthew 28:15–19: '[hodier]num diem feriam pas|chae... eentes ergo nunc docete'; (d) f. 75v/1–9b (bottom right quadrant) Manumission in early 11c writing: '+ her cyþ on þisse bec þæt h[:::]flæd | gebohte wulfgyþe' (ed. Kemble 1848: 211).

[Note: Leaf is 260 x 200 mm., reversed; Gospel text side is hair. The upper two thirds is blank marked by conspicuous see-through. Lowe: "The whole text is erased except the lower half of the outer column of the verso," but the leaf appears to have been originally blank except for the 8c writing present; there is a small area of bluish rubbing about 15 mm. high above the 8c writing.]

69. f. 76, added leaf from an 8c English Gospel Book: a) f. 76r/1–13 Gospel of St. John, 21:18–23 '...nueris extendas manus tuas et alius te cinget et ducet quo non vis... sermo iste inter fratres'; (b) f. 76v/1 partially visible, John 21:25 'posse eos qui scribendi sunt libros' [ending of Gospel; most of text between items (a) and (b) is on Sloane 1044, f. 2v]; (c) f. 76v/2–23 Record of the freeholders at Hatfield, Herts. (10/11C) '+dudda wæs gebur into hædfelda 7 he hæfde þreo dohtor' (ed. Earle 1888: 276–77).

[Note: Leaf is 152 x 205 mm., 13 lines of writing, recto is hair; original last leaf from C.U.L. Kk.1.24 [102] = Ker 22, Gneuss 21, Lowe 2.*138; upper part of this leaf is B.I. Sloane 1044, f. 2 [305]), ¶.v.]

70. f. 77r Conclusion (?) of poem on St. Nicholas (Fragment 4) written in long lines, four verses to the line: 'Dicam<us> d<e>o gl<ori>am p<er> cui<us> p<ro>uidentia<m> NIC`h`OLAUS fit p<ro>p[r]ior. qua<m> for& ab initio ... (ends) [T]e NICOLAE petim<us>. ut qui ire n<on> possum<us>. Sim<us> bonoru<m> om<n>iu<m>. Participes euntiu<m>. AMEN' (ed. Wright and Halliwell 1845: 207–08).

- f. 77v 13/14c verses and other scribbles.
- f. 78r Blank.
71. f. 78v–87r/18 “Marvels of the East,” in Latin and OE, in two columns, with colored illustrations: **COLONIA EST INITIU(M) | AB ANTIMOLIMA QUIA HABET STADIA ... |** (line 8) ‘Seo landbuend on fruman from antimolima’ (ed. Orchard 1995: 175–203; also Gibb 1977; cf. McGurk and Knock in McGurk et al. 1983: 88–103).
72. f. 87r/19a–87r/25b “Apocryphal legend of Mambres and Jannes”, in alternating Latin and OE in two columns: ‘Ap(er)uit mambres libros magicos fratres sui | iamnis . & fecit nicromantiam & eduxit | ab inferis idolum fratres sui:- | Her segð hu mambres ontynde ða drylican | bec’ (ed. Orchard 1995: 181, 202).
- f. 87v Full page illustration of “Mambres and Jannes”.
73. f. 88r–88v Assets of churches belonging to Battle Abbey ‘Hec e(st) annotatio eccl(es)iaru(m) dotaliu(m) eccl(es)ie de Bello’ (Annals belonging with this document have been removed to B.L. Cotton Nero D. ii as ff. 238–241 [205], q.v.; see also Dumville in McGurk et al. 1983: 104).

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