

MANUSCRIPT 155

Augustine, Saint, bishop of Hippo, 354-430.

Homeliae.

Bound with other homilies, religious essays, etc., in Latin, written by the church fathers and others, under the binder's title Homily and other minor works.

Caption title of first extract: "Comedatio Pet. Damiani de vita solitaria"

BV240.H75 MS 155

* (Germany?)

* Late 14th cent.

A 14th-century compilation of miscellaneous sermons and religious treatises, written in a single hand, possibly in Germany, on paper which appears to be either of Northern Italian or of Netherlands origin, and whose watermarks seem to indicate a date of manufacture between 1358 and 1392. The first item in the codex is a very brief, 5-page essay, "Commendatio de vita solitaria," by St. Pietro Damiani (1007?-1072), of which much of the first leaf is missing. The second item, running from f. 3 to f. 128, occupies more than half of the codex and consists of 51 homilies attributed to St. Augustine (although some of them may have been written by other ecclesiastical authors).

The contents of the remainder of the codex can be divided into six parts, as follows:

[item 3] ff. 129-57--short sermons by St. Ephraim of Syria (306-73), including "De beatitudine animarum," "De praemiis beatorum," "De paenitentia," "De die Judicii," "De computatione," "De virginitate animae," and "Oratio.";

[item 4] ff. 158-72--"De virtutibus" and "De septem vitiis principalibus," anonymous essays on the virtues and on the seven mortal sins;

[item 5] ff. 173-94--St. Cyril (ca. 315-386), bishop of Jerusalem, De miraculis S. Hieronymi (amuddled and perhaps incomplete version of the "Epistola de miraculis Hieronymi");

[item 6] ff. 196-218--"Meditatione," a work spuriously attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153);

* abbreviations, script, & marginal notes suggest Italy, not Germany. I think script could be early 15th century. BR 2/20/78

[item 7] ff. 218-25--Hugo of St. Victor (1078-1141), "De institutione novitiorum"; ~~and~~ *Chs 1-11 (imperfect) P.L. 176: 925-936D.*

[item 8] ff. 226-8--the words of a few Latin hymns, copied out in another hand, later than the other works and without any relation to them.

All of these materials can be found in numerous printed versions.

4°, 20 x 14 cm.

228 leaves.

University of Chicago binding.

Fair copies in one hand, written in black ink, two columns per page, on coarse thick paper with lines and margins ruled in light ink. Rubricated, with very little ornament. Partly foliated in light pencil. No table of contents or index.

Purchased 1925. See De Ricci, Census, I, 571-2.

Bibliographical note.

For the homilies of St. Augustine, see the Benedictine edition of his complete works (8 vols.; Paris, 1679-1700; reprinted in 11 vols., Paris, 1836-9). For the sermons of St. Ephraim of Syria, see Sermo Sancti Ephrem (Rome 1495; Venice 1501; Paris, 1505; &c.). See also the various versions of the Homeliarius doctorum (Cologne, 1475; &c.) Cyril's letter on the miracles of St. Jerome can be found in many editions, including at least eight from the early days of printing 1472-1500. There are also numerous printed versions of the meditations attributed to St. Bernard. The other minor works in the codex can no doubt also be found in printed editions.

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