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Jerome, Two letters on eremitic and clerical life

1. ff. 1r-17r Quanto amore et studio contenderim, ut pariter in eremo moraremur, conscium mutue charitatis pectus agnoscit ... Dilectio tua me compulit, ut hec tibi, frater, dicerem, ut his tum interesse contingat, pro quibus nunc labor durus est. Vale.

Hieronymus Stridonensis (St. Jerome, 347-420), *Epistula 14 (Ad Heliodorum)*. I. Hilberg, ed., CSEL 54 (1910), pp. 44-62.

2. ff. 17r-46r Hieronymus ad Nepotianum de vita clericorum et sacerdotum. Petis a me, Nepotiane charissime, literis transmarinis, et crebro petis, ut tibi brevi volumine digeram precepta vivendi, et qua ratione qui seculi militia derelicta vel monachus ceperit esse, vel clericus, rectum Christi tramitem teneat, ne ad diversa vitiorum diverticula rapiatur ... Qui mihi irasci voluerit, ipse de se, quod talis sit, confitebitur. Anno Domini 393.

Hieronymus Stridonensis, *Epistula 52 (ad Nepotianum)*. I. Hilberg, ed., CSEL 54 (1910), pp. 413-441. The first two pages have interlinear and marginal glosses in Humanistica Cursiva.

3. ff. 46v-47v Sibyllae Erytreae de extremo in terris Domini ac servatoris nostri Iesu Christi iudicio vaticinium, e Greco Latine a Ioanne Lango versum. Acrostichis, hoc est primae carminum literae: Iesus Christus Dei Filius Servator, Crux. Iudicii metuet sudans praesagia tellus, / Et rex aeternus magno descendet Olympo, / Sublimis carnem mundumque ut iudicet omnem ... Carminis auspiciis qui crimina morte piabit / Servator rex aeternus Deus ipse patescit. Τελός. f. 48 blank

Iohannes Lange (1503-1567), *Sibyllae Erythraeae Vaticinium*, printed in Nicephorus Callistus Xanthopulus, *Ecclesiasticae historiae libri XVIII*, translated from the Greek into Latin by Iohannes Langus (Basel, 1560), p. 956 (wrongly paginated 965). The only difference between this edition and our manuscript is the closing word: *Finis* instead of Τελός.

Paper, ff. II + 48, 135 x 90 mm. In-8° folding.

I-III⁸ (ff. 1-24), IV⁸ (ff. 25-32; the structure is not clear, stubs appearing between ff. 26-27, 28-29, 30-31 and after f. 32; 27+28 is the central bifolium), V⁸ (ff. 33-40), VI-VII⁴ (ff. 41-48).

Frame ruling in lead for one column of 13-15 lines, 100 x 62 mm. (art. 3 seems to have full ruling).

Copied by two hands in Humanistica Cursiva, with large interlinear spaces: A (ff. 1r-40v = quires I-V, art. 1 and major part of art. 2); B (ff. 41r-47v = quires VI-VII, end of art. 2 and art. 3)

writes a more heavy and artificial script, with double-dotted y pointing to Germany; in view of the length of the verses the script is smaller and more compact in art. 3.

Undecorated, except for a Gothic flourished initial in brown ink on f. 1r and a Capital at the opening of art. 2, both probably later additions. In art. 3 the initial at the beginning of the text is not executed. The heading of art. 2 is partly in Capitalis.

Binding s. XVI: blind-tooled brown leather (very worn) over pasteboard, decorated with a fleuron in the center of the covers, rebacked.

There is a s. XX note in English on the content of this manuscript on the first flyleaf r. Purchased from H.P. Kraus, New York, on the Edwin J. Beinecke Fund.

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