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Humanistic miscellany

1. ff. 1r-2r *Varro in sententiis moralibus*. Cum natura litigat qui mori grave fert. Duplex est malum ... Multi laudem amittunt qui ipsi eam de se predicant. Hoc autem uno modo sapiens se laudat, quod in ipso apparent bona, in aliis predicando. Desiderata non habita magni sunt, habita vilescunt. Utile sed ingloriosum est ex illaborato in alienos succedere labores. Item idem Marcus Terentius Varro prope nonagenarius moritur primo imperii Augusti, XV regni Herodis V. [f. 1v:] *Augustinus libro sexto de civitate Dei de laude Varronis sic inquit*. Quis Marco Varrone ista deorum figmenta conscius, quis invenit doctius ... *Idem Augustinus libro VII° de civitate Dei*. Marcus Varro tria genera theologie esse posuit ...

Marcus Terentius Varro (116-27 B.C.), *Sententiae*, as transmitted by Vincentius Bellovacensis (Vincent de Beauvais, d. c. 1264), *Speculum historiale*, 6.59. J. Quicherat, ed., *Bibliothèque de l'Ecole des Chartes*, 1 (1849), pp. 3-13. Followed by notes on Varro excerpted from Augustine, *De civitate Dei*, 6.2; 6.4.

2. ff. 2r-3r *Flosculi librorum Virgilii. In Bucolicis ... Idem in Georgicis ... Idem in libro primo Eneidos [etc.]... Idem in sexto ...* [f. 2v:] Hic est Virgilius, cui enim obicitur ab invidis quod alienos versus suo operi inserebat ... Augustinus in libro decimo de civitate Dei dicit quedam prophetata esse a Virgilio de Cristo ... Virgilius tres libros tantum creditur edidisse, ut in epitaphio eius apparet ... Ab hoc Virgilio multa dicuntur mirabiliter actitata. In porta Neapolis Campanie ... Augustinus in libro primo de civitate Dei sic commendat Virgilium ... Anno Augusti XXV Virgilius Brundusii moriens ...

Excerpts from Virgil (70-19 B.C.), followed by notes on this poet.

3. ff. 3r-4v *Oratius in poetria ... Flosculi epistolarum eiusdem ... Flosculi sermonum Oracii poete ... Flosculi carminum odarum eiusdem ...* [f. 4v:] Hic Oratius anno LVII etatis Rome moritur, anno imperii Augusti XXXV° ...

Excerpts from Horace (65-8 B.C.), followed by a note on this poet.

4. ff. 4v-8r *Flosculi librorum Ovidii, et primo in libro epistolarum ... Item in libro sine titulo ... Ovidius libro primo [2°, etc.] de arte amandi ... Flosculi Ovidii ex libris de remedio amoris ... Flosculi librorum methamorphosios ...*

Excerpts from Ovid (43 B.C.-17 A.D.), in the order of the books of the various works.

5. ff. 8v-10r *Valerius Maximus in libro primo [2°, etc.] ... Et sic habetur finis huius oppusculi.*

Excerpts from Valerius Maximus (beginning of first century A.D.), *Facta et dicta memorabilia*, in the order of the books.

6. f. 10r-v *Sequitur epistola. Audio Poggium alteram in me composuisse invectivam, longe priorem [sic] acerbiorem ... Sed, quo res sit iocundior legentibus, sub appologo tamquam Gwarinus cum scola sua atque domo assit. Erit autem vel apologus, vel scenicus quidam actus.*

Laurentius Valla (1407-1457), *Dialogi in Poggium*, 1. Prologue. Bertalot, *Initia (Prosa)*, 1570 and 20480. Laurentius Valla, *Opera omnia* (Basel 1540; reprint with a foreword by E. Garin, Turin, 1962), pp. 366-367.

7. f. 11r-v *Proverbia Enee incipiunt. Divinitatem credendo melius quam disputando ... Celum moribus aperiri, non verbis. Finis adest huius feliciter.* f. 12r-v blank

Aeneas Sivius Piccolomini (1405-1464), *Proverbiorum libellus*, ed. Vienna, 1509; see J.G.T. Graesse, *Trésor des livres rares et précieux*, v. 1 (Dresden etc., 1859), p. 27.

8. ff. 13r-30v *In scienciis diligenti studio firma cum virtutum adhesionem proficere per morum ac virtutum incrementa. Scienciarum uberem fructum attingere viciis postpositis per virtutum gradi vestigia ... Interioris hominis celestilius [?] illustracione perfrui divine caritatis cum incremento. Mentem multipliciter mundanarum affectionum mole depressam divine caritatis rore erigi salutarium actuum cum augmento. - Ad doctorem, magistrum vel alium superiorem, quondam autem familiarem et equalem. Venerabilis et eximie domine doctor, post obsequiosam commendacionem ... Domino doctori S. ceterisque patribus et dominis nobis notis nomine nostri vota nostra velitis obsequiosius nunciare. Datum.*
ff. 31r-34r blank

Extensive collection of Latin (and one German) letter models and letter formulas without a clear order. The addressees are mostly clerics or students. Mentioned are the necessity for students to dedicate themselves to study, the love of one's country (f. 20r: "Salvator e patria longe, ymo usque ad inferos peregrinatur, a Martha humanissime suscipitur ..."), recommendations of persons, the death of the widow of the German King Albert II (d. 1439) and a peace treaty with Poland (f. 21v), a Diet, the Duke of Saxony and the barons (f. 24r), Bohemia (f. 30v), a "missale ... michi placidum multum ac optima notula secundum ritum Pragensis ecclesie, mixtim in papiro et pergameno conscriptum" (f. 23v). A special mention deserve (1) a German letter to a prince, in which the author promits to forward a message from the King of Bohemia to the King of the Romans (f. 21r); (2) verses "Esto animo Cesar, forma Paris et actibus Hector, / Tullius eloquio consiliisque Catho, / Actibus ethereum dignus habere locum", followed by "Oracio contra Turcos et hostes Christianorum. Paveant pavore magno et confundantur qui persecuntur Christianos ..." (f. 24v); (3) a letter from Frederick III, King of the Romans (1440-1493), dated Wiener Neustadt ("in Nova Civitate"), 8 April 1443, dealing with Hungary, his young cousin Ladislaus (Posthumus), and calling for a meeting with the Hungarian representatives at or near

Posen and another meeting in Hamburg (ff. 25r-26r); (4) a passionate letter from an astronomer against the reform of the calendar proposed by friar Herman of Münster at the Council of Basel (ff. 28v-30r).

9. ff. 34v-44v Liber Cippriani sive Augustini de XII abusionibus seculi. Et incipit: Hec sunt duodecim abusiva huius seculi per que rota etc. ... [f. 36r:] Incipiunt capitula sancti Augustini de verbis Domini in evangelium secundum Matheum. § Cap. primum. Agite penitentiam, appropinquabit enim regnum celorum ... § Inicium libri sancti Augustini de gracia novi testamenti. Quinque michi proposuisti pertractandas questiones atque solvendas, dilectissime mi frater Honorate. Hinc inde raptas, sicut te nolente [*l. vel legentem*] monere vel cogitanti tibi in mente.

Bibliographical notes on works by or related to St. Augustine (354-430). Two sections can be distinguished. One deals briefly with Ps.-Augustinus (Cyprianus?), *De XII abusionibus saeculi*, Augustinus, *Sermones de verbis Domini et de verbis apostoli* (ff. 34v-35v) and Martinus Bracarenensis, *Formula vitae honestae* (CPL 1080, f. 41r). All the other notes for each work provide a list of the chapter headings, followed by the opening lines of the text of the first chapter. After *De verbis Domini et de verbis apostoli* follow: *Epistola Prosperi ad sanctum Augustinum* (CSEL, v. 57, pp. 454-468, f. 38r); *Hilarius ad sanctum Augustinum* (PL 33.1007-1012, f. 38v); *Augustinus de praedestinatione sanctorum* (CPL 354, f. 39r); *Augustinus ad Dardanum = De praesentia Dei* (CPL 262, CSEL 57, pp. 81-119, f. 42v); *Augustinus de utilitate credendi* (CPL 316, f. 43v); *Augustinus de gratia novi testamenti* (CSEL 44, pp. 155-234, f. 44v).

Artt. 1-7 occur also in Stuttgart, Württembergische Landesbibliothek, MS HB VIII 13, which contains also an *ars epistolandi*. See S.M. Buhl, *Die Handschriften der ehemaligen Hofbibliothek Stuttgart*, v. 4.1. Die Handschriften der Württembergischen Landesbibliothek Stuttgart, Reihe 2 (Wiesbaden, 1972), pp. 22-23.

Paper, ff. 45, 205 x 140 mm. Watermarks: Piccard, Waage V.135 ... Many blank leaves.

I-III¹² (ff. 1-36), IV??

Frame ruling in ink for one column of script on ff. 1r-31v?? (artt. 1-8); no ruling?? ff. 32r??-44v. 27-42 lines; many pages are only partly written.

Copied by various hands writing either Gothica Cursiva Libraria/Currens or Gothica Hybrida Libraria/Currens.

Headings in red in artt. 1-7; the planned initials in that section were not executed, except the first one (f. 1r, 3-line plain red initial); art. 8 is undecorated; paragraph marks, underlining and 2-line plain initials with guide letters, all in red, in the main section of art. 9. Pointing hands in artt. 1-5.

Binding s. XIX-XX: ... paper over cardboard.

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