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Life of St Lambert, in Latin

1. ff. 1ra-14rb *Incipit vita sancti Lamberti episcopi et martiris.* Gloriosus vir Lambertus eterno Regi sacerdos et martir electus, insigni ex prosapia in Traiecto oriundus extitit, qui est super Mosam fluvium grandis vicus non longe a dirutis urbis Tongrorum menibus ... circa cuius sepulchrum tantam considerabant gloriam et magnificentiam nostri Redemptoris, qui vivit et regnat in secula seculorum. Amen.

Nicolaus canonicus Leodiensis (s. XII), *Vita S. Lamberti*. BHL 4688. AA.SS. Sept. V (Paris, Rome, 1866), pp. 603-617. There is only one subdivision, for section 52, on f. 8vb: "*Incipit passio*. Pippinus ut premisimus eo tempore sub rege Theoderico regnum Francorum strenue gubernabat ..." (ed. p. 612). In the lower margin of f. 11r a long passage has been added by a contemporary hand, which had been omitted in the text of f. 11ra. Same text in Beinecke Library, Marston MS 267, ff. 75r-98r.

2. f. 14rb-va *De miraculis Legie ostensis XXV in loco passionis beati Lamberti.* Legia, que illustrari meruit patroni sui martirio, quamvis corpore se ad tempus doluerit viduatam esse ... in illo loco positus est, ubi sanctus telo iniqui transfixus est.

Sigebertus Gemblacensis (c. 1030-1112), *Vita S. Lamberti*, 57-58. BHL 4687. AA.SS. Sept. V, pp. 600-601.

3. f. 14va-b *De vindicta et quibusdam miraculis eius.* Postea anni circulo expleto in visione nocturna sanctus Lambertus thesaurario Amalgisilo ... Sanctus autem Lambertus insignis martir palma victoriae coronatus cum angelis et archangelis et cum omnibus semper exultat in secula sanctis.

Godescalcus canonicus Leodiensis (s. VIII?), *Vita S. Lamberti*, 27-28. BHL 4680. AA.SS. Sept. V, pp. 579-580.

4. ff. 14vb-15va *De translatione sancti Lamberti.* Suffragante Deo volumus narrare quod nuper post aliquot annos sanctus Lambertus cuidam viro venerabili apparuit ... dum numquam iuxta presulis et gloriosi martiris tumbam usque in hodiernum diem signa et mirabilia fieri cessant per auxilium Domini nostri Ihesu Christi.

Godescalcus diaconus Leodiensis, *Vita S. Lamberti*, 29-33. AA.SS. Sept. V, p. 580.

5. ff. 15va- 16ra *Quod Oda virgo visum recepit.* Fuit etiam in pago Taxandrie, quam prestante Deo preciosus idem martir ... tamen quantas potuit gratiarum actiones Deo beatoque martiri pro beneficio divinitus sibi exhibito reddidit.

Cf. Sigebertus Gemblacensis, *Vita S. Lamberti*, 58. AA.SS. Sept. V, pp. 600-601.

6. f. 16ra-b *De interfectione Grimoaldi ante altare sancti Lamberti.* Hic sanctus martir, sicut piis et fidelibus pius et oportunos adiutor erat, ita erat contra iniquos aut severus correptor aut iustus ultor ... quia longum est et tediosum singula sancti Lamberti miracula particulariter enarrare, Dei per eum operantis potentiam laudemus universaliter.

Sigebertus Gemblacensis, *Vita S. Lamberti*, 61-62. AA.SS. Sept. V, p. 601.

7. f. 16rb *Epylogus.* Vitam sancti Lamberti primus iussu Agilfridi episcopi scripsit Godescalcus dyaconus ... quo tempore fastigium Romani imperii invaserat Tyberius, Leone ab imperio expulso et in custodia retruso. Explicit legenda beati Lamberti episcopi et martiris. Deo gratias.

Sigebertus Gemblacensis, *Vita S. Lamberti*, 63. AA.SS. Sept. V, p. 601. The last sentence is from Nicolaus canonicus Leodiensis (s. XII), *Vita sancti Lamberti*, 81. AA.SS. Sept. V, p. 617.

Artt. 1-7: The life of St Lambert, bishop of Tongeren, Maastricht and Liège (d. c. 705), after Godscalc canon of Liège, Sigebert of Gembloux, and Nicholas canon of Liège.

8. f. 16va Erant duo monachi multum religiosi, quorum unus mortuus est, qui adiuratus erat ab altero ut rediret. Et apparuit ei tegens cor suum expansa manu ... in quo notari potest quanta sit illa delectatio, pro cuius momentanea fruitione ille libenter visum amborum oculorum suorum tam avide perdere voluit.
9. f. 16va Fuit iuvenis quidam volens ordinem exire propter asperitatem maxime cibi et potus. Hic tamen habuit pro consuetudine quod ivit ante crucifixum Deum et dixit orationes suas ... qui tanta extunc concepit consolationem, quod omnia sibi prius dura postea dulcia fuerunt.
10. f. 16va-b Legitur quod erat quidam magnus magister qui desideravit sibi revelari a Deo certiores vias perveniendi ad regnum celorum. Istud desiderium erat valde magnum ... Dicit ei magister: Et postquam Deum invenisti, ubi eum dimisisti? Respondit pauper: Ego eum dimisi in mundis cordibus et in hominibus // [catchword: bone voluntatis]

Artt. 8-10: Three legends, the last ending incomplete: a dead monk appears to his colleague; a young monk is dissuaded by Christ from leaving the convent; a magister wishing to learn the surest way to acquire heaven discusses with a poor devout man.

Parchment, ff. 16, 295 x 215 mm. Original foliation in black ink in the middle of the upper margin of the recto pages, "CXV"- "CXXX".

I-II⁸. There is a catchword on f. 16v (horizontal, at right, very low).

Ruling in lead for two columns of 42 lines above top line. There are four prickings in the upper and in the lower margin for the single bounding lines, and three prickings in the outer margin, one for the horizontal through line at the top and two for the two horizontal through lines at the bottom. F. 16va has 43 lines, f. 16vb 50 lines.

Ff. 1r-16r (artt. 1-7) are copied by a single hand in Gothica Hybrida Libraria; f. 16v (artt. 8-10) is written by another hand in a more rapid form of the same script.

Headings and stroking of majuscules in red. On f. 1ra 6-line red initial with interior reserved shapes. Red plain initials (2-5 lines) on ff. 8vb, 14rb, 14va and b, 15va, 16ra and b, 16va (on the two latter pages in a different style).

Binding s. XVIII/XIX: brown speckled paper over pasteboard.

The present two quires are part of a large manuscript. They belonged to the collection of Richard Heber (1773-1833), who on the front pastedown wrote a note in French about the manuscript; on the same pastedown cutting from a s. XIX printed catalogue containing a short description of the manuscript in French, dating it to the thirteenth century. Printed armorial bookplate with inscription "Bibliothèque de S.A.R. Madame la Duchesse de Vendôme, Princesse de Belgique"; this is Henriette, Duchess of Vendôme (1870-1948), sister of King Albert I of Belgium.