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MS 481.2

Luxeuil, France, s. VIIIⁱⁿ

Pseudo-Augustine, Sermon 190 (from a Homiliary)

f. 1 [Inc: Dominus noster Iesus qui erat apud patrem antequam natus esset ...] //creauit
utrumque sexum etiam nascendo ... ad praesepe accedamus//

Pseudo-Augustine, Sermon 190 (Christmas); B. M. Peebles, "St. Augustine, Sermo 190: The Newberry-Yale Text," in *Corona gratiarum, miscellanea patristica, historica et liturgica* Eligio Dekkers, O.S.B. (Brugge, ~~1975~~ 1981), here 346.82-348.153. The sermon, a reworking of Augustine's Sermon 190 (PL 38.1007-9), is also preserved in Chicago, Newberry Library, MS 1, art. 16 (Southwestern France, s. XI¹, formerly Sir Thomas Phillipps MS 1326); see P. Saenger, *A Catalogue of the Pre-1500 Western Manuscript Books at the Newberry Library* (Chicago, 1989), 4, MS. 1, art. 16.

Parchment (recto is badly stained; the fragment is torn in several places, including the upper corner of the recto where a few letters of text are lost). 1 folio. 212 x 132 mm (written space 180 x 108 mm). 1 column. 20 lines, recto, and 21, verso. No visible ruling; if any was once present, the scribe

did not observe it, for the number of lines on each side of the leaf, within the same space, differs.

Written in Luxeuil minuscule which Lowe dated to the beginning of the eighth century (CLA 7:16, no. **173 with plate of verso; see also the description in P. Salmon, *Le lectionnaire de Luxeuil*, 2 vols. [Rome, 1944], 2:10-11 and pl. II). 1-line capitals are written in brown uncials and are not set apart from the text. There is only minimal word separation and no punctuation.

Fourteen other leaves from this manuscript survive: London, British Library, Add. MS 29972 (13 folios; CLA 2:16, no. 173) and Metz, Bibliotheque Municipale, Salis 140, 1 (1 folio; CLA 6:27, no. **173, where Lowe incorrectly reports that the leaf was destroyed in 1944). The manuscript was broken up before 17 September 1831, when a transcript of the London leaves was made that does not include the Metz or Yale leaves.

Lowe suggested that these fragments may have been part of the manuscript now in New York, Pierpont Morgan Library, MS 17 (plate in CLA 11:23, no. 1658 and in Salmon, pl. III). They are of similar size, format and content and seem to be written by the same scribe (see also Etaix, 8-9).

A modern hand has written "VIII" (for "saec. VIII"?) in pencil in the upper margin of the recto.

Zinniker 201. The number "1" is written in ink in the upper margin of the recto.

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