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RELIGIOUS BOOK EXHIBITS

For the past six years it has been the custom of the Public Library of Fort Wayne and Allen County to present a Spring Exhibit of Religious Books. The year 1960 was one rich in the production of religious books and as usual the library purchased liberally in the field.

In distinction to a theological or university library, a public library must of necessity cater to many tastes. Hence scholarly and popular items must both be represented in the purchasing. From the many books selected for purchase throughout the year a small yet significant collection has been set apart as a "sample" exhibit. These have been chosen from the productions of many publishers and are representative of serious consideration in the areas of Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant thought.

May you enjoy browsing among them! Reserves to become effective at the close of the exhibit may be placed with the Circulation Department.

SOME RELIGIOUS BOOKS OF 1960

Afnán, Ruhi M.	THE GREAT PROPHETS. (Moses --Zoroaster--Jesus)	Philosophical Library.	290 Af6g
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A comprehensive, analytic survey of the history and basic teachings of the major Western religions--Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Christianity and Mohammedanism--showing how each in its turn played its role.

Allen, Charles L.	WHEN THE HEART IS HUNGRY. (Christ's parables for today)	Revell.	226.8 A45w
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The parables of Jesus--"earthly stories with a heavenly meaning"--presented here as "Spiritual food for hungry hearts" by the minister of Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Alméras, Charles	ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS.	B
Hanover House.		P1625a

A work which makes use of the most reliable and patiently gathered documents to give a true picture of the admirable Founder of the Passionists, too often the victim of his biographers.

Ammerman, Leila T.	INSPIRING DEVOTIONAL	(in process)
	PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN'S GROUPS.	W. A.
Wilde Company.		

A book written in the sincere hope that it will fill a need for resource material with which to build a worthwhile program for adult monthly class meetings.

Asquith, Glenn H.	LIVELY MAY I WALK.	(Devotions 242
for the golden years)	Abingdon.	As60

More than fifty devotions written for older people in realization of the fact that the best years of their lives are ahead--and beyond that a far better life awaits them.

Babbage, Stewart Barton and Siggins, Ian	LIGHT	269
BENEATH THE CROSS.	Doubleday.	B110

Two Anglican clergymen here show, in personal stories of conversion, how the peoples of every section of New Zealand and Australian life were radically changed through the Billy Graham tour in 1959.

Beach, Peter and Dunphy, William	BENEDICTINE	271
AND MOOR.	(A Christian adventure in	B35b
Moslem Morocco)	Holt, Rinehart and Winston.	

The story of Toumline, the only community of Christian monks in all Moslem North Africa. Strict, cloister-bound contemplatives they won the respect of their warring Berber neighbors.

Beegle, Dewey M. GOD'S WORD INTO ENGLISH. 220.5
 Harper. B39g

The Associate Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at the Biblical Seminary in New York City here deals with the problems of scholars in their adventurous search for more accurate knowledge and more exact translation of the English Bible.

Bell, Donald A. HOW TO GET ALONG WITH PEOPLE 253
 IN THE CHURCH. Zondervan. B41h

The Director of Graduate Studies and Professor of Psychology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary provides a fact-filled and practical manual on "how to get along with people in the church."

Blanshard, Paul GOD AND MAN IN WASHINGTON. 261.7
 Beacon Press. B613g

A vigorous and carefully documented report on the whole panorama of church-state relations throughout America, as reflected in the activities of all religious groups and the federal government in the nation's capital.

Bouyer, Louis (of the Oratory) CHRISTIAN 230.2
 INITIATION. Macmillan. B66c

Father Bouyer aims in this volume to deepen and enrich the reader's spiritual life by increasing his intellectual awareness of the basic truths of religion. (A translation from the French)

Bowie, Walter Russell JESUS AND THE TRINITY. (in process)
Abingdon.

A book written to deal with a reality so profound that it has always claimed hard thinking, but so immediate that it touches every human being at the center of immediate concern.

Buber, Martin THE ORIGIN AND MEANING OF 296
HASIDISM. Horizon. B85o

This volume completes Buber's lifework of the recreation and interpretation of Hasidism, the popular communal mysticism that arose and flourished among the Jews of Europe in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

Cannon, William Ragsdale HISTORY OF CHRIS- 270.2
TIANITY IN THE MIDDLE AGES. (From the C16h
Fall of Rome to the Fall of Constantinople)
Abingdon.

Works on Christianity in the Middle Ages by English-speaking Protestant church historians have been marked by their paucity. This one by a member of the faculty of Candler School of Theology of Emory University fills a real need.

Cleveland, Philip Jerome THREE CHURCHES AND 250
A MODEL T. Revell. C59t

A most enjoyable book relating something of the multiple performances of a rural pastor in this troubled, bewildered, and all but incredible world. Most rewarding reading.

Daniel-Rops, Henri THE BOOK OF MARY. 232.931
Hawthorn Books. D22b

An investigation of the circumstances and conditions

of the historic existence of the Blessed Virgin by a great French scholar currently serving as acting editor-in-chief of the TWENTIETH CENTURY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CATHOLICISM.

Dawson, Christopher THE HISTORIC REALITY OF 261
CHRISTIAN CULTURE. Harper. D32h

The first volume of a series of books to deal with "religious perspectives"--a quest for the rediscovery of man. This one consists of eight essays considering "a way of renewal for human life."

DeWolf, L. Harold THE CASE FOR THEOLOGY IN 230
LIBERAL PERSPECTIVE. Westminster. D51c

The Professor of Systematic Theology at Boston University School of Theology here writes "with a conscious concern for conserving certain values stressed by outstanding Christian liberals" attempting to maintain "liberal perspective."

Fagley, Richard M. THE POPULATION EXPLO- (in process)
SION AND CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY. Oxford.

A study of the dilemmas posed by the pressures of population and the need for a more widely held and vigorously supported Christian doctrine of responsible parenthood.

Gerstner, John H. REASONS FOR FAITH. 239
Harper. G32r

Having in mind both the believer in search of rational proofs for the faith within him, and the nonbeliever wishing to encounter a clear, concise statement of the reasons for faith, Dr. Gerstner re-examines the classic arguments for the existence of God, adding some new variants.

Gerstner, John H. STEPS TO SALVATION. (The 234
 evangelistic message of Jonathan Edwards) G32s
 Westminster.

The evangelistic message of the greatest of Puritan divines made plain by the Professor of Church History and Government at Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Goodrich, Robert E., Jr. REACH FOR THE SKY. 252
 (Life at its highest) Revell. G62r

The minister of the First Methodist Church of Dallas, Texas, here, with penetrating clarity, provides a series of messages which suggest a jubilant formula for living life at its best.

Howell, Beth Prim LADY ON A DONKEY. 266.62
 E. P. Dutton. H83d

A fascinatingly told story of "Mama" Lillian Trasher, godmother of Egypt, whose efforts brought to fruition the now extensive orphanage at Assiout, Egypt, to which she still devotes the mature years of her life.

Iswolsky, Helene CHRIST IN RUSSIA. (The (in process)
 history, tradition, and life of the Russian
 Church) Bruce Publishing Company.

This document seeks to offer a panorama, a "bird's-eye" view of the Russian Church as she appears in history, tradition, and life--both of the nation and of the people.

Jones, Jessie Orton THE SPIRITUAL EDUCATION 268
 OF OUR CHILDREN. Viking Press. J71s

A thoughtful and thought-provoking discussion of the spiritual needs of children and young people, with an examination of the various ways of providing a rich and spir-

itual education "both in and out of the churches."

Kitagawa, Joseph M. RELIGIONS OF THE EAST. 290
Westminster Press. K64r

An approach to the study of the major Eastern religions, maintaining a balance between the study of historical facts and the systematic structuring and interpretation of these data.

Laymon, Charles M. THE BOOK OF REVELATION. 228
(Its message and meaning) Abingdon. L45b

A serious, scholarly study of the most unique book of the Bible, at one and the same time the most revered, yet the most misunderstood, and too often the most neglected of the New Testament writings.

MacLennan, David A. BE A WONDER TO YOURSELF. 248
Revell. M22b

The senior minister of the Brick Presbyterian Church of Rochester, New York, tells how you can begin life over again, how to start at once to build a better life, "how to be a wonder to yourself."

Macpherson, Ian SERMON OUTLINES FROM 251
SERMON MASTERS. Abingdon. M24s

A compilation, by an outstanding Scottish preacher, of 550 sermon outlines, selected from the best of the pulpit masters, both past and present. Divided into groups according to the New Testament books from which the texts are taken.

Marney, Carlyle BEGGARS IN VELVET. 248
Abingdon. M34b

Guidance and hope for richer, fuller, and more sat-

isfying living, presented in a series of reprints of popular T.V. programs by the minister of the Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mead, Jude THE HOURS OF PASSION. Bruce 232.96
Publishing Company. M46h

In the pages of this book the author has sought to catch the spirit of the Hour Books of old, and the mission of St. Paul of the Cross continued in a modern world.

Morgan, G. Campbell THE MINOR PROPHETS. (The 224
men and their messages) Revell. B47mi

A full exposition of the minor prophets originally delivered at the famous Northfield Conference, recorded only in the NORTHFIELD ECHOES in 1902-03 and now first published in book form.

Paul, Robert S. THE ATONEMENT AND THE 232.3
SACRAMENTS. Abingdon Press. P28a

A scholarly study of the relation of the Atonement to the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper by the minister of Christ Church (Congregational), Leatherhead in the county of Surrey, England.

Prater, Arnold SEVEN KEYS TO A MORE (in process)
FRUITFUL MINISTRY. Zondervan.

The minister of the First Methodist Church of Lebanon, Missouri, here examines without flinching his own imperfections and passionately yearns to be a better witness for Christ as he seeks to help others.

Rupert, Hoover AND JESUS SAID . . . (The 232
Master's answer to human needs) Abingdon. R87a

Inspirational messages based on selected conversa-

tions of Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels and the Acts.
By the minister of the First Methodist Church of Ann Arbor,
Michigan.

Sessions, Will Press.	WEEK OF THE CROSS.	Bethany	232.96 Se7w
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In a masterly way, and in a style which is exceedingly
pleasing, the author looks at each day of Holy Week through
the eyes of a devoted twentieth-century disciple.

Slusser, Dorothy Mallett FOR ADULTS.	BIBLE STORIES RETOLD Westminster.	221.95 S98b
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A fascinating retelling of some of the most significant
Biblical stories in a sincere attempt to erase some of the
Biblical illiteracy too often characteristic of the average
layman.

Trueblood, Elton Harper.	CONFRONTING CHRIST.	226.3 T76c
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This study is an effort to help contemporary readers
to obey the injunction of Thomas à Kempis: "Let our fore-
most resolve be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."

Weatherhead, Leslie Abingdon.	AFTER DEATH.	218 W37
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A popular statement by a great English divine of the
modern Christian view of life beyond the grave, with a
questionnaire for group discussion.

Williams, Clayton E. TRIUMPH.	THE DARK ROAD OF Crowell.	232.96 W67d
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Passion Week sermons preached from a Paris pulpit
by the minister of the American Church in Paris. Also in-
cluded are meditations on the seven words from the cross.

Williams, Colin W. JOHN WESLEY'S THEOLOGY 230
TODAY. Abingdon. W671j

An examination of the main beliefs of John Wesley as to salvation, experience, original sin, repentance, atonement, new birth, church, perfection--to give a complete picture of Wesleyan theology.

Wright, G. Ernest THE RULE OF GOD. 220.6
Doubleday. W93r

Seven essays in Biblical theology by the Parman Professor of Divinity at Harvard Divinity School originally presented on various lectureships throughout North and South America.

THE NEW ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CATHOLICISM

The year 1960 saw steady additions being made to the TWENTIETH CENTURY ENCYCLOPEDIA OF CATHOLICISM being produced by Hawthorne Books, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

The general editor of the series is Henry Daniel-Rops, one of Catholicism's outstanding writers and author of some seventy books.

The eventual goal is 150 separate volumes in a series essentially uniform in format and each prepared by an outstanding Catholic scholar. The individual volumes are issued as completed and not in a sequential series.

The volumes catalogued and available in the General Reference room of the library can be found listed under the heading: "Twentieth Century Encyclopedia of Catholicism" in the main library catalog.

MANUSCRIPTS OLD

Even in this day of rapid communication only a favored few people have been able to travel to Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland, to view that great religious treasure THE BOOK OF KELLS.

Similarly, few people have been to the British Museum and have viewed the original manuscript of the LINDISFARNE GOSPELS.

For a look at an original Gutenberg Bible even in America one must journey to Harvard or Yale University, or one of the few other centers having one.

Now "the mountain has been brought to Mohamet." Through the wonder of modern printing facsimile copies of each of these three items will be displayed in the lobby of the main building of the Public Library of Fort Wayne and Allen County.

The following explanatory notes will be helpful in understanding these exhibits.

THE REPRINTING OF THE GUTENBERG BIBLE

When one speaks of rare books, there is one that readily comes to mind. This is the Gutenberg Bible, the first printed edition of the world's all-time best seller. In all, there were 1,282 different pages with 300 copies of each. Bound together Gutenberg's pages made 300 identical Bibles. This became the most important of all editions of the Bible, for it was the second (See ADDENDA - 1) book printed in the Western world with movable type. Although 300 were printed in 10 sections on six presses working simultaneously, only 47 originals are known to exist at present, and only 14 of these in the United States. As a matter of fact in the whole of the United States, with the exception of the Scheide original in Titusville, Pennsylvania, there are no originals between the East and West coasts. As a result very few persons have seen originals of this item which in an earlier day brought "the word of God to the people."

It is easy to understand why this is the case. In 1926, Dr. A. W. S. Rosenback, perhaps the world's most outstanding dealer in second hand books, paid \$106,000 dollars for the copy which Mrs. Edward S. Harkness later presented to Yale University. Few institutions in this country could afford to buy copies at such a price if they were available.

Now a new era is in the making--a reprint of the 42 line Gutenberg Bible has been made. The Public Library of Fort Wayne and Allen County through its chief librarian, Mr. Fred Reynolds, has purchased a copy.

This copy will repay close examination. While printed in Latin its magnificent initial letters and other illumination make the Bible a thing beautiful to behold. It is significant that the pages were illumined to give the effect of a hand-copied manuscript, as desired by the printers, who did not want their invention of movable type to be discovered.

This edition has in the tradition of old-time English book sellers been printed by a book seller, Pageant Books of 59 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

After it had been determined to reproduce a facsimile, the prospective publishers were faced with a dilemma. No one would want to lend an original, nor even a facsimile; for the whole book had to be dismantled to work on it.

Finally, the publishers were able to purchase a copy of the facsimile published in 1914 by the Insel Verlag in Leipzig, Germany. This was purchased for a little under a thousand dollars and was taken apart so that two New York firms could make facsimile copies.

Of the 1,282 pages of the Gutenberg Bible some 97 are illumined in gold and six other colors, with religious miniatures, dragons, peacocks, and medieval flowers

One of the real problems facing the New York Photogravure

and Color Company working out the five-color process was the reproduction of gold in natural color. At first actual gold was used-- at \$72.00 an ounce--but it came out a dirty brown, so a switch was made to bronze powder which proved successful.

A Gutenberg original would cost around \$500,000, if it were possible to get one. Fort Wayne is one of the favored libraries to have this two-volume reprinting.

ADDENDA - 1

The Oldest Typographic Book

For nearly two centuries the Gutenberg Bible held the honored title of the world's oldest book printed with movable type. Today we know that it was the second oldest, being edged out by an older volume known as THE CONSTANCE MISSAL used in the German diocese of Constance. First brought to light by a German typographer named Otto Hupp he declared it to have been printed by Johann Gutenberg around 1450, several years before he produced the Bible. Many years of controversy followed his announcement, during which time two other copies of the Missal were found. Hupp's contention was justified when in the Spring of 1954 the Pierpont Morgan Library in New York City announced the acquisition of one of the three existent copies of the Missal, proudly labeling it "the oldest typographic book" and "the most important printed work ever acquired by an American library."

The Morgan library paid more than \$100,000 dollars for the book.

NOTE: For an excellent article on the Missal, see LIFE 30: 80-81, March 1, 1954.

FOR LATER EXHIBIT

Shortly after the close of the present exhibit copies of THE BOOK OF KELLS and THE LINDISFARNE GOSPELS will be put on display.

CODEX CENANNENSUS, OR THE BOOK OF KELLS

This is a decorated manuscript of the four gospels in Latin and contains also some local records. It was written somewhere between the 7th and 11th centuries A.D. (Originally scholars set a date of 700 A.D. but there has been of late a disposition in favor of a later period.) The work was produced in the town of Kells, County Meath, Ireland, the work of scribes in the monastery of St. Columbkille (St. Columba) founded at Kells about 554 A.D.

St. Columba "famous as the great evangelist to Scotland" has been characterized as "the greatest saint of the Celtic race and after St. Patrick, the most striking figure in Celtic history." He was a poet, a statesman and a scholar as well as a great missionary, the apostle to many tribes and founder of many churches.

The pages of THE BOOK OF KELLS are approximately 10 by 13 inches with some decorated initials that occupy a full page. For in this illuminated manuscript the enrichments are not so much in miniatures, as is usually the case, as in the artistic treatment of the letters of the text itself. These are worked with great ingenuity into fantastic knots and monograms and decorated with applied ornament of great beauty.

The original manuscript of THE BOOK OF KELLS is now on exhibit in the library of Trinity College in Dublin. Each day one of the 339 sheets is turned over so that two new pages are on exhibit.

CODEX LINDISFARNENSIS, OR LINDISFARNE GOSPELS

This is another beautiful and highly interesting Irish manu-

script of which copies were made in Switzerland in 1956. It is variously known as THE DURHAM BOOK, THE BOOK OF ST. CUTHBERT, or as a NORTHUMBRIAN GLOSS ON THE GOSPELS. This is because the Latin text is translated or "glossed" in English, the gloss appearing between the Latin lines.

The Latin text dates from the close of the 7th century A.D., and is the work of Eadfrith, bishop of Lindisfarne from 698-721. The English gloss was added about a century and a half later (circa 950) by one Aldred, who is held to be the bishop of Durham of that name. (See ADDENDA - 2)

The Codex consists of some 259 sheets (over 500 pages) measuring about 10 by 13 inches. As in the case of THE BOOK OF KELLS the illumination is such that in some instances a full page is devoted to the illumination of one letter.

The Irish manuscripts show a richness of decoration unparalleled, so far as is known, up to that time. The various Gospels are preceded by whole pages with carpet-like designs. THE LINDISFARNE GOSPELS also have pictures of the Evangelists, which are not Irish in style but are only explained by the influences of the Italo-Saxon monasteries.

In spite of numerous contacts with England, Irish illumination pursued a path of its own. It is one of the most interesting phenomena in the whole range of medieval art, and in the art of illumination it represents, perhaps, a climax never reached again. What is more remarkable is that it appeared suddenly, fully developed, without any preliminary stages and with no source to which it can be traced.

The present repository of the original LINDISFARNE GOSPELS manuscript is the world famous library of the British Museum in London, England.

ADDENDA - 2

A Rarity

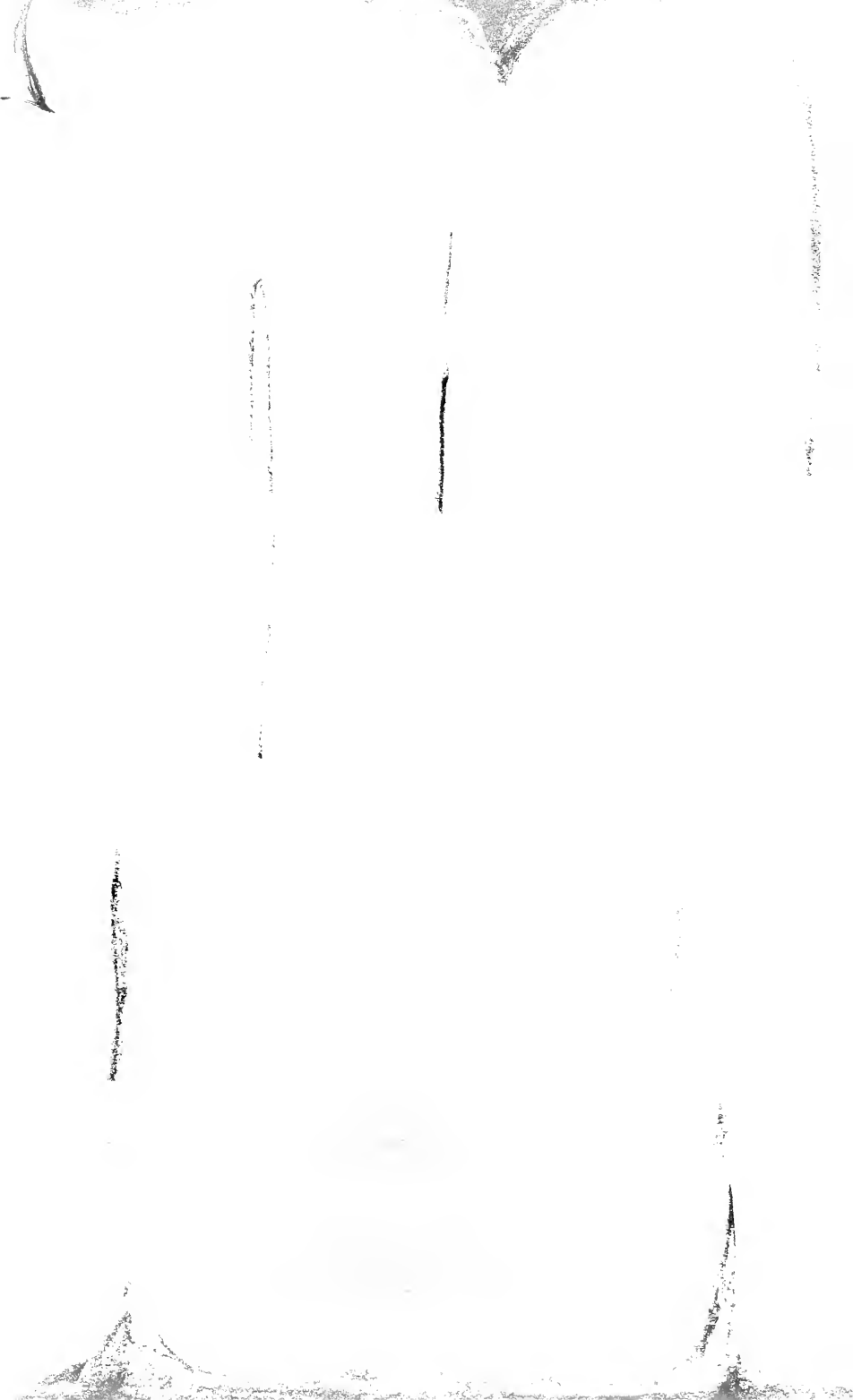
It is worthy of note that the "gloss," or Anglo-Saxon paraphrase in the Northumbrian dialect, which the priest Aldred inserted in this manuscript "is the first fragment of English translation to have come down to us."

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