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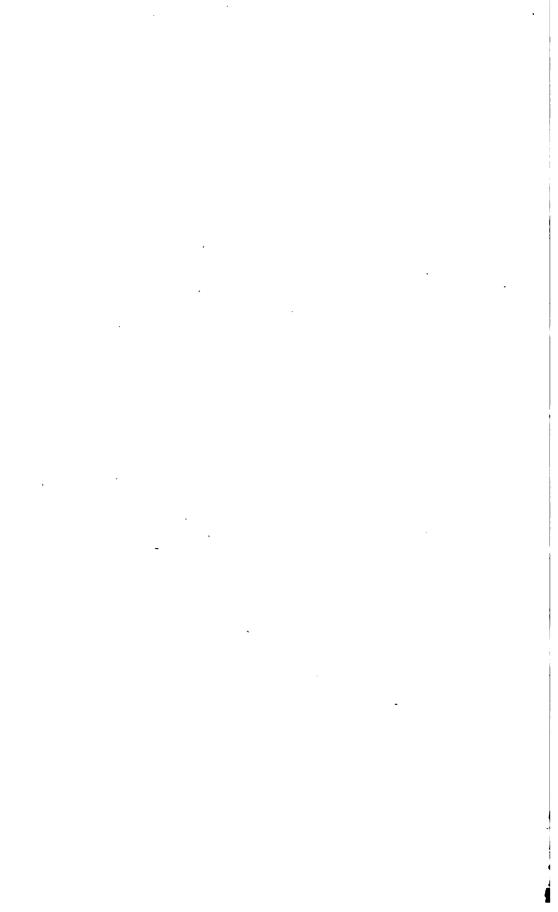
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A.D. 751.

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1027. Vita Sanctæ Eadburgæ.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. I. f. 299 b.

MS. Bodl. Tanner, 15. vell. folio, xv. cent.

ncip.—"Post Sanctæ Mildredæ consummationem Virgo "nobilis Edburga."

Expl.—"gratia litteris mandare decrevi."

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," f. 101. For a description of these MSS. see Nos. 35 and 38.

According to this version, Eadburga, daughter of Ethelbert, King of Kent, succeeded Mildritha as Abbess of Minster or Thanet. Her exemplary conduct and death are described. The author is uncertain whether her relics were removed to St. Augustine's or to St. Gregory's.

Great uncertainty prevails relative to the Anglo-Saxon Saints bearing the name of Eadburga.

One is said by John of Tinmouth, but most erroneously, to have been daughter of Ethelbert, the first Christian King of Kent, by his Queen Bertha, and to have succeeded her niece

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A.D. 751. Mildritha as Abbess of Thanet. The time of her death is uncertain, but it has been placed under the several years of 664, 670, and 751. This uncertainty has led some persons to the belief that there were two Abbesses of Thanet named Eadburga; while others, more correctly no doubt, are of opinion that there was only one so called. In point of fact, it seems next to impossible that Eadburga,* daughter of King Ethelbert, should have been Abbess of Thanet, inasmuch as that abbey was founded by Domneva, granddaughter of Eadbald, son and successor of Ethelbert; to say nothing of the improbability of the daughter of Ethelbert the First of Kent succeeding her great grand-niece as Abbess in an abbey which was not in existence before the year 672, at the earliest. The mistake appears to have arisen from a confusion between the names of Ethelburga and Eadburga, in consequence of John of Tinmouth calling Eadburga (who succeeded Mildritha

* She seems to have been also called Aethelberga.

Mabillon then proceeds to show that this Egburga, or Bugga, was the same person as Eadburga, the successor of Mildritha as Abbess of Thanet, and that she was the daughter of Abbess Eangytha, who addressed certain letters to St. Boniface, in which she mentions her only child Heaburg, surnamed Bugga.

Eadburga, the correspondent of St. Boniface, was a highly accomplished woman, and wrote Latin with considerable facility. One of her pupils sends to St. Boniface a specimen of her own acquirements in Latin metres, and states that she learnt the art from Eadburga: "Istam artem ab Ead-" burgæ magisterio didici." Eadburga also wrote books, and sent them to St. Boniface for the instruction of his German converts; and, on one occasion, sent him, at his request, a copy of the Gospels beautifully written in letters of gold.

[†] Mabillon (Acta Sanct. Ord. Benedict., iii. i. 424 § 10) thus writes on this subject, "Non adsentior Eduardo Maiheuuio, dum in martyrologio "Anglo-Benedictino ad diem 13 Decembris distinguit Eadburgas duas "Tanetensis Monasterii Abbatissas; unam Ethelberti Cantiorum Regis "filiam sæculo vii., aliam Eadburgam, regio itidem sanguine, ortam sæculo "viii. Nulla siquidem Ethelberti Regis filia præfuit Tanetensi Monasterio, quod Domneva seu Ermenburga, ex Eormenredo Ethelberti regis "nepote progenita, circiter annum 672 construxit, eique præposuit filiam "Mildredam, cui Eadburga successit, anno 751 mortua, uti ex Chronico "Willelmi Thorni discimus, cap. 24, ubi beata Erburt et Edburga appellatur. Hæc endem esse videtur Egburga, seu Heaburh, alio nomine "Buggan appellata, cui S. Bonifacius, ut ipsa vicissim Bonifacio, plures "epistolas direxit."

in the abbacy of Thanet) the daughter of Ethelbert the A.D. 75%. First of Kent. If she really was a daughter of a King Ethelbert of Kent, it would seem more probable that her father was Ethelbert II., who died about 760. Another Saint Eadburga, daughter of Redwald, of East Anglia, was a nun at Aylesbury, where she died about the year 620. Her body was translated to a place which was called after her Edburgstown, now corruptly Edburton. Another Eadburga was daughter of Edward the Elder, and died about the year 960. Her Life was written by Osbert de Clare, and will be mentioned under the beforenamed year.

A.D. 754.

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1028. Vita Sancti Bonifacii, Episcopi Maguntini et Martyris, auctore Willibaldo ipsius discipulo.

MS. Bibl. Aulicæ Carlsruhanæ, 19. small folio. vell. viii. cent.
MS. Bibl. Cæsar. Vindobonensis, 99. vell. x. cent.
MS. Bibl. Gray's Inn, 3. vell. dble col. xi. cent.
MS. Bibl. Cæsar. Vindobonensis, 5. vell. xiii. cent.
MS. Bibl. Windbergensis in Bavaria. vell. xiii. cent.
MS. Cott. Nero, C. vii. f. 59. vell. folio. xiii. cent.
MS. Cott. Tiber. D. iii. pars ii. vell. folio. xiii. cent.
MS. Bibl. Rebdorfensis prope Rubilocum Cœnob.
MS. Bibl. Sancti Maximini Trevirensis.
MS. Bibl. Bartholomæi Francofurtensis. vell. xiv. cent.
MS. Harl. 3597. f. 123 b. paper. xv. cent.

Incip. Prol.—"Dominis sanctis et vere in Christo charis-" simis, Lullo et Megingozo co-episcopis."

Expl. Prol.—"et ad meliora profectus sui perfectione per-"ducitur."

Incip. Vita.—"Illustrem igitur ac vere beatam S. Bonifacii."
Expl. Vita.—"die Nonarum Junii, martyrii triumpho remu"neratus, migravit ad Dominum; cui est honor et gloria in
"sæcula sæculorum. Amen."*

^{*}Some MSS. add a paragraph commencing "Enumeratis igitur beati "viri gestis," and ending "ea quæ viderunt plebibus divulgaverunt," and Mabillon (p. 25) adds, "Conclusio Auctoris, quam Georgius Vuicelins in "Hagialogio edidit ex MS. cod. Fuldensi. Ego Wilibaldus Episcopus, &c.,

A.D. 754. Several editions of this Life have been printed. Surius, "Vitæ Sanctorum," (5 Jun.) first published it, then Canisius (Antiquæ Lectiones, iv.) in 1603; it was next published by Serarius in his edition of Boniface's Epistles, then by Mabillon

(Acta Sanct. Bened. iii. ii. 1.), afterwards by Henschenius (Acta Sanct. i. 452, 5 June), as also by Pertz (Monumenta Germaniæ Histor., ii. 331). It is also reprinted by Giles in his Edition of the works of St. Boniface, ii. 143.

The Life of Boniface was written shortly after his death, at the instance of Lullus, Bishop of Mayence, and Megingoz, Bishop of Wurtzburg. The author sent it to them written on tablets of wax; and after their examination and approval it was transcribed on parchment.

Henschenius thinks that its author was not Willibald, Bishop of Eichstadt, but that it was written by one of the same name, who was a priest of Mayence and curate of St. Victor. Mabillon, however, assigns it to that individual; though Basnage again doubts whether that Bishop was the author, because he calls himself "presbyter," and speaks of Willibald as "bonæ industriæ virum." Mabillon, however, had anticipated these objections, and shown that they afford no sufficient ground for hesitation.

The facts that occur in this Life, relating to England, are few, but the work is of value as exhibiting the energy and the prudence with which Boniface and his companions laboured for the conversion of Germany. They derive considerable importance, too, from the circumstance that they are based upon the evidence of those who were intimately acquainted with Boniface.*

Boniface, or Winfrid, as he was first named,† was born near Exeter [Adestancastre] about the year 680, and passed

[&]quot;Vitam et Passionem Bonifacii conscripsi, primum in ceratis tabulis ad
"probationem Lulli et Megengaudi, post corum examen in pergamaneis
"rescripsi, atque hoc in loco qui dicitur S. Victoris extra muros Moguntiæ,
"ubi Lullus et Rabanus vacabant orationibus, etc."

[&]quot; qui quotidiana ejus colloquia, et religionis conversatione sedulo præsentati, ea quæ audierunt vel viderunt, in exemplum posteris tradiderunt." § 3 Fd. Mabillon.

[†] Pope Gregory changed his name of Winfrid into Boniface on the occasion of his being ordained Bishop.

the first years of his life under Abbot Wolfard at Exeter; he A.D. 754. was afterwards placed in a monastery at Nutescelle,* under Abbot Winbercht. During the reign of Ina he was sent to consult with Berchtwald, Archbishop of Canterbury, upon some important negociations, and he sailed for Friesland in 715 to convert the heathen; being, however, unsuccessful, he returned to his monastery in England shortly afterwards. He obtained a general letter of recommendation from Daniel, Bishop of Winton, in 718, and went to Rome. He undertook a second journey to Rome in 723, when he was made a Bishop. His pallium, as Archbishop of Mayence, was given to him in 731. He was put to death 5th June 754.

Willibald, the reputed author of this Life, is said to have been a kinsman of Boniface, and was the son of an individual mamed Richardus, who, by one of the monkish writers, has been honoured with the title of "King of England," as appears by the epitaph,—

"Hic Rex Richardus requiescit sceptrifer almus.

Rex fuit Anglorum,

Hic genitor Sanctæ Walburgæ, virginis almæ, Et Willibaldi sancti simul et Winibaldi."

Willibald is supposed to have been born about the year 700. He exhibited from his earliest youth a passion for travelling; to gratify which his father sold his possessions in England and went with him, and his son Wunibald and his daughter Walpurga or Walpurgis, and settled in Rome. Willibald afterwards made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land; and visited Constantinople and all the cities of importance in Italy. He was admitted to priest's orders by Boniface in 739, who finally consecrated him at Saltzburg as Bishop of Eichstadt. He built a monastery at Eichstadt, and died about the year 786.

For a full account of Willibald, see No. 1049.

^{*} This monastery was in the diocese of Winchester, and was destroyed by the Danes. It was never rebuilt.

A.D. 754. 1029. Vita Sancti Bonifacii, Germanorum Apostoli, auctore Presbytero Moguntino.

MS. Harl. 3597. ff. 123b-127b. paper. xv. cent. MS. S. Maximini Trevirensis.

Incip.—"Temporibus venerandi Karoli, qui Senior dicitur."

Expl.—"dote confirmans ditavit; regnante Domino nostro
"Jesu Christo, qui, cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto, vivit et

" regnat Deus per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Printed in the "Acta Sanctorum" (5 Jun.), i. 473, as a supplement to the larger Life, and in Pertz (Monumenta Germaniæ Histor. ii. 354).

1030. Vita S. Bonifacii, auctore Otholono, Monacho Benedictino.

MS. Monasterii Rebdorfensis.

Incip. Prol.—" Petitionibus vestris, Fratres Fuldenses."

Expl. Prol.—" Ut sibimet placita maneant præsentia scripta."

Incip. Liber Primus.—" Cumgens Anglorum sacræ fidei jugo."

Expl. Liber Primus.—" legendi lector et auditor vires
" possit reparare."

Incip. Liber Secundus.—"In priori quidem libello."

Expl. Liber Secundus.— "Habuit autem S. Bonifacius in "Episcopatu annos 35, menses 6, et dies 6. Passus est una "cum sociis Nonis Junii, anno scilicet peregrinationis sua "40, sed Incarnationis Domini septingentesimo quinquagesi- mo * regnante eodem Domino nostro, cui laus et gloria per "omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Printed by Mabillon (Act. Sanct. Bened. iii. ii. 25) from the texts of Surius (5 Jun.), and Canisius (Lect. Antiq. iv.).

Otholonus, the author, was a monk of Fulda, and lived at the end of the cleventh or commencement of the twelfth century. He divided his work, which was written at the request of his brother monks, into two Books. He does not seem to have well understood his original materials, and professedly omits all letters which do not relate to Germany. The portion of his work relating to Britain seems to be taken from Willibald.

^{*} Adde quinto ex Willibaldo (Mabil).

1031. Vita S. Bonifacii auctore presbytero A.D. 754. S. Martini Ultrajecti.

MS. Ultraject. S. Salvatoris.

Incip. Prol. — "Incertam ac lubricam vitæ hujus habi"tudinem."

Expl. Prol.—"sic primum telæ hujus ordiar filum."

Incip. Vita.—"Beatus Bonifacius genitale solum in insula."

Expl. Vita.—"crescente fide Catholica per_Jesum Chris"tum in sæcula."

Printed in the "Acta Sanctorum" (5 Jun.), i. 477-481.

1032. Vita S. Bonifacii auctore Monacho Cœnob. Trajectensis.

MS. Compendiens.

Incip.-" Postquam gens Anglorum."

Expl.—"crescente fide Catholica, per Christum Dominum "nostrum. Amen."

Printed in the "Acta Sanctorum" (5 Jun.), i. 481-483.* Mabillon did not consider this piece of sufficient importance to introduce it into his collection.

1033. De Sancto Bonifacio, Episcopo et Martyre.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. ff. 174-176 b. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15. vell. folio. xv. cent.

Incip.—" Sanctus enim Bonifacius, genere Anglus."

Expl.—"morte proxima demonstravit."

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda." It is an abridgment of the Life by Willibald, with an abridgment of Boniface's admonitory Epistle to Ethelbald.

A Life of St. Boniface was written in hexameter verse by Ruthard, a monk of Hirsauge, in the diocese of Spires, who died A.D. 865. He divided it into two Books, and dedicated

^{*} The Editors of the "Acta Sanctorum," pp. 487-504, have printed a collection of miscellaneous matter relating to St. Boniface, under the title of "Analecta Bonifaciana."

A.D. 754. it to Rabanus, one of the successors of Boniface. Vossius speaks of it on the authority of Trithemius and Possevin.

Ducange enters it in his list of authorities, in such a way as to lead to the conclusion that he had seen it.

Mabilion mentions another Life of St. Boniface written by an anonymous monk, but he expresses no opinion as to its value, nor does he give any extracts upon which to form an opinion.

Several libraries on the Continent possess MSS. containing the Life of St. Boniface, but as it is not apparent, from the entries in the Catalogues of those libraries, who were the writers of these Lives, and to which of the individuals of that name they refer, it does not seem necessary to call attention specially to them.

1034. Epistolæ Winfridi, sive Bonifacii, ad diversos scriptæ, ab an. 710 ad an. circiter 751.

These Epistles are 151* in number; many are by Boniface, addressed to Kings, Bishops, Abbots, &c., in England, and others are from them to Boniface. They frequently contain notices, more or less important, relating to England, and incidentally they illustrate the opinions and manners of the age.

The most important are Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 28, 31, 33, 35, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 44, 52, 53, 55, 58, 59, 60, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 76, 71, 74, 76, 77, 78, 85, 89, 90, 95.

A detailed analysis of the Epistles and Sermons of Boniface is given in the "Hist. Lit. de France," vol. iv. pp. 96-115.

Serarius† printed an edition of Boniface's Epistles, founded on two MSS., viz.,—1, Ingoldstadt, containing 177 Epistles, which he printed in the order of the MSS.—2, Vienna, which contained 78 Epistles, of which 29 had been already published.

^{*} In Giles's Edition they amount to 156, and his numbers are different from those of Serarius.

^{† &}quot;Epistolæ S. Bonifacii, Martyris, Moguntini Archiepiscopi, Germa"norum Apostoli, &c., per Nicholaum Serarium Soc. Jes. Presbyt.,"
4to., Mogunt. 1629. The Epistles were reprinted from the edition of
Serarius in the "Bibl. Mag. Patrum," tom. ii., in the "Bibl. Max. Patr.,"
1677, tom. iii.; in the "Bibl. Patrum," Colon. tom. viii.; and in the
"Bibl. Pat.," Lugd., tom. xiii.

Würdtwein* in his edition added letters from two other MSS., A.D. 754. viz., those of Mayence and Carlsruhe. He does not state the contents of the first, but the second contained 98 letters.

I Giles in preparing his Edition found another MS. in Paris, but very modern, circa 1550, and containing only 60 out of the 156 Letters; he has not, however, sufficiently identified it, as in one place he calls it No. 3285, and in another 3859. It is of little or no value.

There does not seem to be any MS. containing these Epistles preserved in this country.

A.D. 759.

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1035. Vita S. Cuthberti, Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, ab an. 741 ad an. 759 (metrice).

MS. Lambeth, 159. paper folio. xvi. cent.

Incip.—"Concrepet ut digne Cuthberti gloria Sancti."

A specimen, consisting of about fifty lines, of this Life is given by Wharton in the "Anglia Sacra," ii. 72, from the Lambeth MS. As a contribution to history, it is of little value.

A.D. 762.

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1036. Vita B. Bregwini, Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, auctore Eadmero.

MS. C.C.C. Cant. 371. p. 281.

Incip.—" Exordium propositi mei atque procursum."

Expl.—" honoravit, expeditius magnificetur. Sit igitur Ipse.

^{* &}quot;Epistols S. Bonifacii, Archiepiscopi Moguntini et Martyris, ordine "chronologico disposits. Notis et variantibus lectionibus inlustrats a "Stephano Alexand. Würdtwein, Episcopo Heliopolensi, suffraganeo "Wormatiensi," etc., fol. Mogunt., 1789. In this Edition the Epistles are arranged chronologically, and the Editor has added a brief running commentary explanatory of the principal events in the Life of Boniface, with the view of correcting them; but has exhibited neither acuteness nor industry in his performance. A critical edition of the Life and Works of Boniface is still a desideratum in our literature.

A.D. 762. " qui vivit, dominatur, et regnat per omnia, benedictus in " sæcula sæculorum et ultra. Amen."

Printed by Wharton in the "Anglia Sacra," ii. 184-190.

The author states that he wrote this Life at the urgent request of his friends.

Bregwin was born of noble Saxon parents; and made great progress in learning, "for the schools founded by Archbishop "Theodore were yet flourishing" in England. He next becomes a monk. An account is given of Archbishop Cuthbert; whom Bregwin succeeds (29 Sept. 759). The author apologizes for not inserting the miracles he performed during his lifetime; but narrates various miracles after his death, with an account of the burning of the church of Canterbury, and of the attempt to carry off his body to Germany; after which his remains are removed into a more secure place in the Cathedral church. Archbishop Bregwin died 24 Aug. 762.

Eadmer's knowledge of Bregwin seems to have been very slight; he has, however, incidentally given several curious particulars.

This work must have been written after 1122, as the death of Archbishop Radulf is mentioned (p. 188). Wharton has omitted a few of the miraculous incidents.

1037. Vita S. Bregwini, Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis Confessoris.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E 1. f. 229 b. vell. folio. xv. cent.
MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15. vell. folio. xv. cent.
MS. Lambeth. 593. f. 77. paper folio. xvi. cent.
MS. Lambeth. 159. f. 80 b. paper 4to. xvi. cent.
MS. Lambeth. 12. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

Incip.—" Fuit autem Beatus Bregwinus in matris utero a "Deo electus."

Expl.—"In medio jacet Sancta Siburga, virgo gloriosa."

Printed in the "Anglia Sacra," ii. 75, where it is attributed by Wharton to Osbern; whereas it is nothing more than John of Tinmouth's abridgment of the Life by Eadmer. The text of Tinmouth, as printed in Capgrave, varies only in a few words at the end from that in the "Anglia Sacra," ii. 75.

The remarks on this Life in the "Acta Sanctorum," v. 827 (26 Aug.) are deserving of notice.

A.D. 766.

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1038. Annales Northanhumbrenses, ab an. 731 ad an. 766.

MS. Phillipps 1089, vell. large 4to. xii. cent.
MS. Phillipps —— vell. small folio. xiv. cent.
MS. Addit, 10949.

Incip.—" Anno DCCXXXI. Ceoluulf Rex captus."

Expl.—"Frithubertus, vere fideles episcopi, ad Dominum "migraverunt."

These important Annals were first printed at Antwerp in 1550, from two of the MSS. cited above, and now in the possession of Sir Thomas Phillips, Bart. Several other copies of them are extant, and more than one of the 12th cent. They are also to be found in Smith's edition of Beda, p. 223, in the Appendix to Stevenson's edition of Beda's Works, edited for the "English" Historical Society," ii. 256, and in the "Monumenta Historica Britannica," p. 288.

The greater portion of these chronological memoranda are incorporated in the Chronicles of Simeon of Durham and Hoveden.

A.D. 772.

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1039. Vita S. Liobæ, Virginis et Abbatissæ Biscofheimensis, ad an. circiter 772, auctore Rudulfo, monacho Fuldensi.

Incip. Prolog.—" Scripturus vitam beatæ et venerabilis "Liobæ virginis."

Expl. Prolog.—" disciplinæ spiritualis primordia sumpsisse cognoverit."

Incip. Vita.—In Britannia insula, quam natio Anglorum "inhabitat."

Expl. Vita.—"in hoc sæculo honoris tribuit nobilitatem; cui "est gloria, cum Patre et cum Spiritu Sancto, per infinita "sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Printed in Surius (28 Sept.), pp. 396-406, and from that text, by Mabillon, "Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened." iii. ii. 221, and in the "Acta Sanctorum" (28 Sept.) vii. 750, ex Surio collato cum MS. Maximini Trevirensis.

Leobgitha, or Leoba, a native of England, is frequently mentioned in the Epistles of Boniface, to whom she addressed that numbered xxi. (p. 61, ed. Giles). Ep. xxiii. is written to her by Boniface, and xcii. by Lullus, Archbishop of Mayence. Her knowledge of Latin seems to have been great, and the

A.D. 772. examples she has left behind her show that the cultivation of letters among the Anglo-Saxon females* was not so limited as it has been generally thought. Her history is connected with that of the English mission in Germany, and is too important to be passed unnoticed.

The Life of Leobgitha is founded on pre-existing authorities. It was finished before the translation of her remains in 837; for not only does the author omit to mention this circumstance, but he says that her body remained where it had originally been deposited. Rabanus, by whose order the Life was written, was not then Archbishop, which proves that it was composed at least before 847.

Rudolf is an able writer for the time; his narrative is based upon the memoirs of four disciples of the Saint, and on what a monk of Fulga, named Mago, told him, who had learned from herself an account of many of her actions. His Prologue is explicit upon these sources of his information.

A.D. 778.

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1040. A Chronicle of England, from 639 to 778.

MS. Sloane, 4792, f. 191, paper. xvii cent.

It begins imperfectly under the year 638 (?) thus, "bishop off the East Angles," and ends, "at Yorke was ordeyned bishop of———."

This piece is apparently only a translation of a portion of Florence of Worcester's Chronicle, and is of no historical value.

A.D. 780.

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1041. Vita Sanctæ Walpurgis, Abbatissæ Heidenheimensis, auctore Wolfhardo Presbytero Hasenrietano.

Incip. Prol—" Domino beatissimo, Deoque vere dignissimo, " Erchanbaldo Pontifici, Wolfhardus presbyter suus."

^{*} She sent to Archbishop Boniface a specimen of her skill in Latin versification, the art of which she had learnt from Abbess Eadburga.
"Istos autem subterscriptos versiculos componere nitebar secundum poeticæ

[&]quot;traditionis disciplinam, non audacia confidens, sed gracilis ingenioli

[&]quot; rudimenta excitare cupiens et tuo auxilio indigens. Istam artem ab

[&]quot; Eadburgæ magisterio didici, quæ indesinenter legem divinam rimari non

[&]quot; cessat." See note (†) p. 476, ante.

A.D. 780.

Expl. Prol.—" et felici itinere perducant ad calcem."

Incip. Vita.—" Igitur postquam felix gens Anglorum."*

Expl. Vita.—" ubicumque potuit, divulgavit."†

Printed by Mahillon (Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened. iii. ii. 261) from the previous editions of Canisius ‡ (ii. iii. 265–279) and the "Acta Sanctorum" (25 Feb.), iii. 511. Mahillon has discreetly omitted many of the Miracles. Peter Steuart, Canon of Liege, and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Ingoldstadt, also printed this Life in 1616 in one vol. 4to. § This piece has been reprinted by the Abbé Migne, in the "Patrologiæ Cursus" Completus," tom. cxxix. 867.

Of the personal history of Walpurga or Walburga, Abbess of Heidenheim, very little is known that is authentic; at least, there is a great confusion in her biography, owing, perhaps, to her having been confounded with others of the same name. She was the daughter of St. Richardus, and sister of Willibald and Wunibald. She was born in the kingdom of the West Saxons, and educated in the monastery of Wimburn, in Dorsetshire, where she took the veil. After passing twenty years in that house, she was sent by the Abbess Tetta, with several others, into Germany, at the request of her relative St. Boniface. She eventually became abbess of a nunnery founded by her two brothers at Heidenheim, in Suabia, where she died in 779 or 780.

^{*}Peter Steuart's text of the Life commences, "Interea dum tanta optati "muneris patrocinia," and ends, "concedit esse quod est, quia in eo con"sistit quod est." "Finibus est Libellus Miraculorum, S. Walpurgis
"Virginis feliciter. Amen."

[†] The remainder is omitted by Mabillon. Another chapter follows this in the "Acta Sanctorum," beginning, "Duo, favente miseratione superna," and ending, "quia in eo consistit quod est."

[‡] Canisius published this Life from an imperfect MS. It contained only the Dedicatory Epistle, the First Book, and a portion of the Second, as far as Chapter 6.

[§] Under the Title of "Commentarius de Vita et rebus gestis S. Walpurgue "Virginis, Abbatissum Monasterii in Heidenheim, ordinis S. Benedicti

[&]quot;Diecesis Eystettensis patrone, ex Philippo xxxix. Episcopo Eystettensi

[&]quot; concinnatus; item de Miraculis ejusdem Virginis, libri quatuor, auctore

[&]quot; Wolffardo, Hasenrietano presbytero."

^{||} Her name is also written Gauberge, Vauburg, Falbourg, Walfpurde, Walpoure, and Warpurg.

A.D. 780. Six Lives of this Saint have been written at various times, but this by Wolfhard, a priest of Eichstadt or Aichstadt, in Bavaria, is the most important. He lived about a century after her death, and dedicated his work to Erchenbald, who occupied the see of Eichstadt from 886 to 902. Viewed as a biography, however, it is very imperfect. Indeed, the author only professes to relate the miracles performed at the intercession of the Saint; though in his First Book he gives a brief history of her Life. The remaining three Books, and a portion of the First, he devotes to her miracles, to many of which he states that he himself was a witness. This work is deficient in ordinary power of discernment, bearing evident marks of a predominant passion for the marvellous.

1042. Vita S. Walburgis, auctore Adelbaldo, Episcopo Ultrajectino.

Incip.-"Postquam Deo cara Anglorum natio."

Expl.—" plura excellentioraque præconio digna efficiuntur " per Jesum, cui est cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto perennis " gloria in sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Printed in the "Acta Sanct.," (25 Feb.) iii. 542, "ex MS. "Ultraject. collato cum Capgravio, Surio, et Breviariis." Its author, Adelbald, was consecrated Bishop of Utrecht A.D. 1008. Appended are two Epistles (ex MS. Antuerpiensi Societatis Jesu), addressed to the author, respecting miracles wrought by the Saint, the first commencing, "Cum scribere cogitarem "quædam miracula," and the second, "Si amicos ad judicia "vocari liceret."

1043. Vita S. Walburgis, auctore anonymo.

Incip. Prol.—" Sublimitas supernæ pietatis."

Expl. Prol.—"sunt comperta, enarrare incipiam aliqua."

Incip. Vita.—"Advenientibus quondam multis mercato"ribus."

Expl. Vita.—" eadem ecclésia usque hodie jure sempiterno "possidet."

Printed in the "Acta Sanct.," (25 Feb.) iii. 548, "ex MSS. "Windgartensi et Coloniensi."

1044. Vita S. Walburgis metrica, auctore Medibardo A.D. 780.

Incip.-" Walpurgæ sacræ tot signis glorificatæ."

Expl.—"Consecrat hunc numerum qui Spiritus est ope" ratus."

Printed in the "Acta Sanct." (25 Feb.), iii. 551, "ex MS.

" Eystettensi."

This piece seems to be nothing more than a versification of the Life by Wolfhard; as stated in the tenth line of the Prologue:—

"Prosam Wolfhardus, rhythmum fecit Medibardus."
Who Medibardus was has not been ascertained.

1045. Vita S. Walburgis, studio Sanctimonialium Eystettensium scripta.

Incip. Prol.—" Nova non cupimus, sed vetera."

Expl. Prol. — "apud Altissimum intercedere dignentur.

" Amen."

Incip. Vita.—"Igitur B. Walpurga, virgo Deo placida."

Expl. Vita.—"pro quibus sit laus Deo, per infinita sæcula
"sæculorum. Amen."

Printed in the "Acta Sanct." (25 Feb.), iii. 563, "ex duobus "MSS." It was also published in the year 1616 by Peter Steuart, with the Life by Wolfhard. See No. 1041 ante.

1046. Vita S. Walburgis, auctore Philippo Episcopo Eystettensi.

Incip. Prol.—"Excellentissimæ Dominæ suæ, Ungarorum "Reginæ."

Expl. Prol.—"quo possumus, ut decet, exordiamur."

Incip. Vita .- "Igitur B. Walpurgis virgo."

Expl. Vita .- " contritio corde medetur. Amen."

Printed in the "Acta Sanctorum," (25 Feb.), iii. 553, "ex "MS. Antuerpiensi."

The piece is dedicated to Agnes, Queen of Hungary, and, consequently, was written between A.D. 1291 and 1302.

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1047. De Sancta Walburga Virgine.

MS. Bodl. 240. 606. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15. MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1, £ 316 b.

Incip.—" Postquam Anglorum natio."

Expl.—"ad Haistatensem transtulit ecclesiam."

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Anglin; "it closely resembles that by Adelbald. No. 1042, ante.

As to the last two of the above-mentioned MSS., see Nos. 35 and 38.

1048. Legenda in Festo S. Walpurgæ.

MS. Arund. 198. 21. vell. small quarto. dble col. xiii. cent.

Incip. — "Eodem die celebratur festum Walpurgæ, quæ "Christum secuta fuit cum duobus fratribus Winnebaldo et "Willibaldo."

Expl.-"et multa alia miracula decessit."

There are extant in the public libraries of France, Germany, and Austria several MSS. containing the Life of St. Walburga; but as the Catalogues of those libraries do not mention by whom the Life is written, it has not been deemed necessary to refer specifically to these MSS.

A.D. 786.

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1049. Vita Sancti Willibaldi, Episcopi Eistetensis primi, scripta a quadam Sanctimoniali Heidenheimensi, ipsius æquali et consanguinea.

Incip. Prol.—" Venerandis, immoque in Christo carissimis, "omnibus."

Expl. Prol.—" ut in omnibus læti laudemus nos liberantem, "dona tribuentem Dominum."

Incip. Vita " Primum igitur venerabilis summique Dei

" Sacerdotis."

Expl. Vita.—"quia secundum Apostolum, 'Qui gloriatur,

"' in Domino glorietur.' Amen."

This work was first printed by Canisius (ii. ii. 99), after-A.D. 786. wards by Surius, and again by Mabillon (Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened.), iv. 332. A later text is given in the "Acta Sanctorum," ii. 485 (7 Jul.), together with a copious history of his Life.

In the third year of his age Willibald's life was despaired of, whereupon his parents consecrated him at the foot of the cross, which was erected near their dwelling, to the service of God. At five years of age he was placed in the monastery at Waltham, under Abbot Egbald, where he remained until he was about seventeen, when he determined to accompany his father and brother, Wunibald, in their visit to the Holy Places. Their father died at Lucca, and the two brothers proceeded to Wunibald being now compelled to return to England, Willibald set out with two companions for the Holy Land. After seven years passed in this pilgrimage, during which they suffered most severe privations, they returned to Italy, and settled, with the permission of the Pope, at the monastery of Monte Cassino. St. Boniface, having come to Rome, obtained the Pope's permission for Willibald to accompany him in his mission into Germany. Boniface ordained him priest, and a short time afterwards consecrated him Bishop of Eichstadt. Having held the See for upwards of forty years, he died on the 7th July 786, aged eighty-seven. The Life of St. Boniface, the Apostle of the Germans, his relative, is said to have been written by Willibald. See No. 1028.

The notices connected with England are but few. The writer, a nun of Heidenheim, says that she had received her information from Willibald himself; but it does not appear whether she wrote during his lifetime, nor is it known who she was, except that she was related to him. Her work has been the basis of other biographies of Willibald, but nothing of importance has been added to her labours. She also wrote a Life of Wunibald, the brother of Willibald.

1050. Vita S. Willibaldi, auctore anonymo.

Incip. — "Præsul igitur Willibaldus, angelicæ castitatis "instar."

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Expl.—" quam miracula apud sepulcrum ejus coruscantia " testatur eum recepisse."

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A.D. 786. This Life, which is little more than an abridgment of the preceding piece, with some few additions of no value, is said to have been versified by Reginaldus, the eleventh Bishop of Eichstadt, who died in the year 989.

It is printed by Mabillon (Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened. iv. 347) from the text of Canisius.

Adelbert, abbot of Heidenheim, who lived in the twelfth century, wrote a brief account of the Lives of Willibald, Wunebald, and Walpurga; and Philip, Bishop of Eichstadt (1306-1322), also wrote a Life of Willibald.

A.D. 787.

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1051. Part of a Saxon Chronicle, from 622 to 787.

Translated by Hogg.*

MS. Sloan. 3371. f. 36. paper. 4to. xvii. cent.

In this fragment, the source of which seems very doubtful, the leaves have been misplaced in the binding, as f. 36 ought to come after f. 51 b. In other words f. 44 should stand first, and the foliation proceed regularly to f. 51 b, f. 36 coming after that number, and so on regularly to f. 43 b. The fragment itself is of no historical value.

A.D. 789.

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1052. Vita S. Willehadi, Episcopi Bremensis, ad an. 789, auctore Anschario, Bremensi Archiepiscopo.

> MS. Eccles. Hamburgensis. MS. Abdinghofensis.

Incip. Prol.—"Cum Sanctorum laudes et actus."

Expl. Prol.—" et exemplum sanctitatis ejus ad imitandum
"aliis proponamus."

^{*} This is the entry in the Sloane Catalogue, but its meaning is by no means clear.

İncip. Vita. — "Fuit itaque vir venerabilis de genere A.D. 789, "Anglorum."

Expl.—"et peracto boni certaminis cursu, feliciter migravit "ad Dominum, cui est honor et gloria, potestas et imperium, "per infinita sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

A very imperfect edition of this work was published by Surius, under 8 Nov.; it being next given, and more satisfactorily, in 1642, by Ph. Cæsarius in his "Triapostolatus Septentrionis," and again by Mabillon in his "Acta Sanct. Ord. Bened.," iv. 364. This last edition exhibits the text of Cæsarius, collated with a MS. which had belonged to the monastery of Old Corby. It is also given in Langebek, "Seript. Rerum Danicarum," i. 342. In Pertz (Monument. German. Hist. ii. pp. 378-390) will be found the best edition of this Life.

Willehad, by birth a Northumbrian, was probably educated at York, and was one of those who carried on the work so successfully begun by Boniface in Germany. He died Bishop of Bremen in A.D. 789. His Life was written by Anscharius, who was born about A.D. 801, and died about 869.

The work is divided into two Books, the First containing the Life of Willehad: the Second is confined to his Miracles, and was not finished until some years after the First. The Miracles begin thus, "Dono Omnipotentis Dei," and end, "Agitur autem dies Depositionis ejus simul et Translatio cor- "poris 6 Idus Novembris, ad laudem et gloriam nominis "Domini nostri Jesu Christi, qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto, "unus et verus Deus, vivit et dominatur per immortalia "sæcula sæculorum. Amen." The author has prefixed his name to the Prologue to the Second Book.* He regrets, from the inadequacy of his memory and the imperfect nature of his materials, his inability to do justice to his subject: it might, however, be supposed that, as he was only the third in succession from Willehad, he must have had abundant opportunities for obtaining correct information relative to his predecessor.

^{*&}quot; Ansgarius, Bremensis ecclesiæ Præsul." (Mabil. iv. 373.)

A.D. 790.

A.D. 790.

1053. Vita Soli, Monachi et Confessoris in Norico, auctore Ermanrico, Monacho Elwangensi.

Incip. Prol.—"In paganorum itaque multorum."

Incip. Vita.—" Igitur beatissimus cœlicola, Solus Apostolus." Expl.—" vitam suam dixerat, tali syllogismo subjaceat."

Printed by Canisius, Surius, and Mabillon (Acta Sanct. Ord. Bened. iv. 389).

Solus was born in England, and was induced, by the example of Boniface, to go into Germany about the year 752. He died 3rd Dec. 790. His remains were translated about the year 842. His Life was composed by the deacon, Ermanric, afterwards abbot of Elwangen, in the diocese of Augsburg, about the middle of the tenth century.

Prefixed are two Epistles, the first from Gundram to the author, the second from the author in reply.

A.D. 793.

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1054. Passio Sancti Athelberti, Regis et Martyris, auctore Osberto Monacho de Stoke Clare.

MS. C. C. C. Cant. 308. 4to. vell. xi. cent. MS. Coll. Univers. Oxon. No. 135.* folio.

Incip.—" Gloriosus ac summo Regi acceptus Rex Athel"berhtus."

Expl. — "devotissima congaudent. Quod ipse præstare "dignetur, qui, Trinitas in unitate et Unitas in Trinitate per- "fecta, vivit et regnat per sæcula Deus."

Osbert, or Osbern, the author of this piece, was a native of Stoke Clare.† He became a monk of Westminster, and eventually was appointed Prior of that monastery. More than once he visited Rome on the affairs of his abbey, and on

^{*} This MS. is now missing. See Coxe's Catalogue of the MSS. in the Colleges at Oxford, i. 38.

^{† &}quot;Frater Osbertus municipio quod Clara dicitur oriundus."—Ep. ix. "Frater Osbertus de Clara."—Ep. xviii. "Municipii Clarensis indigena."—Ep. xxxiv.

one occasion he was despatched thither by the King for the A.D. 793. purpose of establishing a festival in honour of Edward the Confessor, whose body had been exhumed in Westminster Abbey. He commemorated this circumstance by a Life of that monarch; which will be mentioned hereafter at its proper date. See the Preface to Luard's "Lives of Edward "the Confessor," pp. xxv., xxvi.

Osbert also composed a Life of Eadburga,* and an account of St. Edmund the Martyr; but he is, perhaps, better known by his Epistles, forty in number, which occur in MS. Gale, O, x. 16, in the Library of Trinity College, Cambridge,† and several of them in MS. Cott. Vitell. A. xviii. Among them is a rhyming poem in Latin on the accession of King Henry the Second to the Throne. A Life of St. Dunstan has been erroneously attributed to him. He died early in the reign of Henry the Second, but the exact date is not known.

1055. De Sancto Ethelberto, Rege Orientalium Anglorum et Martyre.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. f. 144. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip. — "Gloriosus Orientalium Anglorum Rex Ethel- bertus."

Expl.—"possessionibus atque regalibus ornamentis deco"ravit."

Printed in Capgravo's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," ff. 136-139.

For a description of these MSS. see Nos. 35 and 38.

The following is a summary of the contents:—His amiable character in his youth; he is advised by his nobles to marry; he refuses Seledrida, the daughter of Earl Egeor, and determines to ask the daughter of Offa, King of Mercia; his friends are alarmed by portents for his safety; his vision; Offa's queen advises that he be put to death, and he is ac-

^{*} See Leland's Collectanea, x. 337.

[†] A limited impression of these Epistles has been printed at Brussels, 8vo., 1846, by Anstruther. They furnish scarcely any facts connected with English History.

A.D. 793. cordingly murdered in Offa's presence; Alfthritha, his intended bride, makes known his death to his followers, who return to East Anglia; she foretells the calamities of her father's house, and resolves to retire to Croyland; Ethelbert's body is buried; a light from Heaven rests upon it; Offa, alarmed at this, grants tithes of his lands, &c. to the church. The body is removed to Hereford, formerly called "Fernley." Some time after, King Milfrid, hearing of his miracles, founds a noble church of stone there.

This account is evidently derived from the same source with that given by Brompton, though each has incidents not in the other. It may be questioned whether there be anything really credible in the narrative, except the fact of Ethelbert's murder. It is abridged from the Life in the "Speculum "Historiale" of R. Cirecestrensis in the University Library at Cambridge. Ff. 1. 28.

The Bollandists, Acta Sanct. 20 Maii, v. 241, print the Life of King Ethelbert from Brompton,* to which they append, p. 246, certain miracles written by one Giraldus, of which they had been supplied with a copy from the Cotton MS. Vitell. E. vii. (since destroyed by the fire of 1731) by the assistance of Dugdale. They remark upon the great conformity between the narrative of Giraldus and that of Brompton, the latter of which appears to have been derived from the former, or possibly both may have originated in a common source.

1056. Vita Ethelberti Regis.

MS. Cott. Nero. E. i. f. 409 b-410 b. vell. folio. xii. cent.

Incip.—"Gloriosus igitur Orientalium Anglorum Rex "Ethelbertus."

Expl. (imperfect in the middle of some verses)—" Quis gazis et opibus innumeris"

^{* &}quot;Decem Scriptores," col. 748 et seq.

A.D. 793.

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1057. Vita Sancti Blaitmaici, Abbatis Hiiensis et Martyris, cum aliis Monachis, auctore Walafrido Strabone, Abbate Augiensi.

Incip.—" Si tantam meruere suo pro carmine famam." Expl.—" Regnat, et æterno pollet sine fine decore."

This piece was printed by Colgan,* "Acta Sanctorum Hiber"niæ," i. 128, and also by Canisius; from whose text it was
inserted in the "Acta Sanctorum," ii. 23 (19 Jan.), and afterwards Mabillon (Acta Sanct. Ord. Bened., iv. 398) published
it from the editions above mentioned. The whole consists of
about 176 hexameters.

Blaitmaic was a native of Ireland, and of royal blood. He became a monk, and was afterwards Abbot of Iona. He was martyred by the Danes, who ravaged the north of England and the Scottish coast in A.D. 793.

This piece was written by Walafrid Strabo, about the beginning of the ninth century.

A.D. 796.

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1058. Fragmentum Historiæ de Pontificibus et Sanctis ecclesiæ Eboracensis, scriptæ a Poeta quodam anonymo, Aelberti Episcopi discipulo.

MS. Trin. Coll. Camb. Gale O. ii. 26.

Incip.—" Christe Deus, summi Spiritus, sapientia Patris." Expl.—" Ad portum vitæ meritis precibusque gubernent."

This fragment was first printed by Mabillon, "Acta Sanct "Ord. Bened.," iv. 504, from two MSS., one at Rheims, and the other at St. Thierry, near that city. He communicated it to Gale, who inserted it in his "Scriptores," i. 703. The best edition, however, is that of Frobenius, in "Alcuini "Opera," ii. 241. No other MS. copy than that above mentioned appears to exist in our libraries.

^{*} Colgan also prints another short Life under this title, "Vita S. Blaith"maici Martyris." Incip.—"Hugo Menard in Martyrologio Benedictino."

Expl.—"Decimo nono Januarii in Iona insula." It is a comparatively modern composition.

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A.D. 796. This poem, ascribed, but erroneously, to Fridegode,* is in reality a production of the pen of Alcuin, himself a native of York, and a pupil of the celebrated school established in that city. As far as line 1210 it is little more than a versification of Beda's History, but it is continued from that period (A.D. 735) to the death of Archbishop Eanbald.

A.D. 796.

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1059. De eo quod Episcopi Candidæ Casæ esse debeant subjecti Archiepiscopo Eboracensi.

MS. Lord Gosford. olim S. John. fol. med. dble col. xii. or xiii. cent.

Incip.—"In historia et veteribus Anglorum voluminibus de " Ecclesiæ Candidæ Casæ Episcopis."

Expl.—"est sublimatus, et in regem consecratus."

Respecting the jurisdiction claimed by the See of York over that of Whitherne, see Wharton's note (9) in the "Anglia" Sacra," ii. 235.

A.D. 796.

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1060. Vitæ duorum Offarum, sive Offanorum, Merciorum Regum, Cœnobii Sancti Albani fundatorum, per Matthæum Paris.

MS. Cott. Nero D. i. f. 1. vell. folio. xiii. cent. † MS. Cott. Cland. E. iv. ff. 84-97. vell. large folio. xv. cent. ‡ MS. Cott. Vitell. A. xx. f. 67. vell. 4to.

Incip. Hist. de Offa Primo—"Inter Occidentalium Anglo"rum reges."

Expl.—"Senii valitudine marcuit enervatus."

Incip. Hist de Offa Secundo.—" Natus est igitur memorato " Tuinfredo.

^{*} Oudin, "Commentarius de Scriptoribus Ecclesiasticis," i. 1923.

[†] In this MS. there is at the end a short chapter entitled, "De pluribus "Regibus infra regnum Angliæ Offæ vocabulo vocatis."

[†] Vita Warmundi Regis Occidentalium Anglorum.

Expl.—" Stola duplici gaudeat, restauratus."

A.D. 796.

Printed by Wats at the end of his edition of Matthew Paris.

The elder Offa was the son of Warmund, King of the Western Angles, who built the city of Warwick.

His pretended history seems to be pure fable, based on the same materials that were used by Saxo Grammaticus, pp. 59, 63, 64, 65, in his account of Warmund and Offa; but Saxo declares that the acts of Offa after Warmund's death were lost.

In the Saxon genealogies of the Mercian kings, Warmund, the father of the elder Offa, was the fourth from Woden, and Crida, the seventh in descent from Warmund, was the first who reigned as King in Mercia.

The Life of the second or real Offa is to a great extent as fabulous as that of the first Offa. The writer has taken as his groundwork the few notices relating to Offa which occur in Henry of Huntingdon, and William of Malmesbury, and these he has enlarged or added to at his pleasure. Indeed, there is not a single incident worthy of credit in the whole of this biography that is not derived from these sources.

Wats is of opinion that, though these two Lives may not have been wholly written by Matthew Paris, yet that the style had been polished by him. That they were not both written by him seems pretty clear, as Wendover had, previous to his time, made use of the Life of the historic Offa (see Coxe's Roger of Wendover, vol. i., p. 251). We have the alternative, therefore, of supposing that the Life of the mythic Offa was written by Matthew Paris after his return from Norway, whither he had been sent by Pope Innocent IV., in the year 1248,* on a special mission, having possibly been suggested to him during his stay in Scandinavia; or that the tradition, carried with them into England by the Angles, had been taken up and adopted by Matthew Paris.

^{*} P. 755. ed. 1640.

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A.D. 449-800.

1061. De Regibus, Regnis, et Episcopatibus totius Angliæ.

MS. Bibl. Pub. Cant. Ff. 1. 27. 13. p. 215. vell. folio. xiii. cent.

Incip.—"Dominabantur Reges Cantuaritarum proprie in "Cantia; in quo sunt hi Episcopatus."

Expl.—"a sinistra Wintoniensem; cæteri secundum tempora ordinationum sedilia sua agnoscant."

This MS. contains merely a list of counties, Kings of the Heptarchy, &c.

The latter part of this piece, and various words in other places, have been inserted in a fainter ink than the remainder of the text.

A.D. 800.

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1062. Breve Chronicon a Bruto ad Egbertum.

MS. C. C. C. Cant. cccclxix. 4 vell. xiv. cent.

This is a short Chronicle from Brut to Egbert, taken from Geoffrey of Monmouth.

1063. Dicuili Liber de Mensura Orbis Terræ.

MS. Bibl. Imper. Paris. MS. Bibl. Imp. Vienna.

Printed at Paris, 8vo., 1807, under the editorship of C. A. Walckenser, from two MSS. in the Imperial Library at Paris, and re-edited by A. Letronne in 1814.

The "Liber de Mensura Orbis Terræ" contains a general description of Europe, Asia, and Africa, as then known, founded upon an older work said to have been undertaken by the authority of the Emperor Theodosius.* With this the author has interwoven extracts from early writers, such as Pliny, Solinus, Orosius, Isidorus, and Priscian, and such new information as he had collected in the course of his own enquiries. His account of the Northern islands is to us the

^{* &}quot;Secundum illorum auctoritatem quos Sanctus Theodosius Imperator "ad.provincias prædictas mensurandas miserat."

most interesting part of his book. It establishes two important A.D. 800. points of history; (1) that the Irish had made a settlement in Iceland in the 8th century, long before its discovery by the Northmen; and, (2) that the Ferroe islands had been inhabited by Irish monks nearly 100 years before they were driven away by the incursions of the Northern pirates at the beginning of the 8th century.

Dicuil was born in Ireland † about the latter end of the 8th century, and composed his work about the year 825; after visiting the British isles he entered an Irish monastery in France, for the purpose of obtaining instruction from his countryman, Suibneus, who taught there.

While Dicuil was attending the school of Suibneus, the latter received a visit from a monk named Fidelis, who had gone to the Holy Land in company with a number of pilgrims from England, and of whose information Dicuil availed himself.

The scanty information at which we can arrive respecting Dicuil has been carefully examined by M. Letronne, in his "Recherches Géographiques et Critiques sur le Livre 'De "'Mensura Orbis Terræ' composé par Dicuil."

A.D. 449.—A.D. 800.

A.D. 449-A.D. 800.

1064. Chronicon Regum Saxonum.

MS. Lansdown, 436. f. 2. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

A brief account of the Heptarchy, of no historical value. A portion of the MS. has been cut away.

^{*} The name Dicuil, Dicul, or Dichull, was common in Ireland during the seventh, eighth, and ninth centuries. One, a disciple of St. Fursey, flourished between 640 and 650. There was a hermit of that name who died in 700. Another was abbot of Cluain, in Ireland, and died in 747. A fourth was abbot of Innis de Muredaich, in Connaught, who died in 871, and another died in 889, abbot of Kilmore.

[†] This fact is evident from his own statement, "circum nostram Hi" berniam" (c. vii. § 2, i.). Again, he writes, "ex nostra Scottia," (ibid. § 3), where Scottia is used for Ireland. The same meaning occurs in the writings of Beda, Alcuin, and others about that period.

? A.D 802.

? A.D. 802.

1065. De Partitione Provinciæ in Schiras et Episcopatus et Regna.

MS. Norf. Arund. 220. ff. 93-95. vell. 4to. xiv. cent.

Incip.—"In Anglia sunt triginta duo Shires, exceptis." Expl.—" West Saxones caput optulerunt extulerunt."

This piece contains an enumeration of the bishoprics and kingdoms of the Heptarchy, and very much resembles William of Malmesbury's and Florence of Worcester's account of the same.

It appears to have been compiled during the reign of Edward the Third, as it reckons that ten kings of the Norman line had been crowned at London.* It is apparently a portion of John Pike's collections.

It has been printed in Gale's "XV. Scriptores," p. 560 (fol. Oxon. 1691), where it is ascribed to Ralph de Diceto.

A.D. 804.

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1066. Vita B. Alcuini† Abbatis, auctore anonymo.

Incip. Prol.—"Superna Christi rorante dextera et juvante "gratia."

Expl. Prol.—" aperto imperas jam sonare ore."

Incip. Vita.—"Vir Domini Albinus nobili gentis Anglorum exortus prosapia."

Expl. Vita—"Lamina scriptus in ærea, parietique insertus."
The "Epitaphium Alcuini," commencing, "Hic, rogo,
"pauxillum veniens subsiste viator," is appended.

This anonymous Life, first printed by Du Chesne in his edition of the works of Alcuin (fol. Paris, 1617), was reprinted by Surius, "Vitæ Sanctorum;" by Mabillon, "Acta Sanct." Ord. Benedict." iv. i. 139; in the "Acta Sanctorum," iv.

^{*} Reckoning King Henry the younger eldest son of King Henry II.

[†] Among the scholars of this period there was a custom of taking literary names and surnames. "Le premier nom d'Alcuin étoit Alcwin, " qui est Saxon; mais il prit ensuite celui d'Albinus qui est plus Latin, et le " prénom de Flaccus, peut-être pour s'accommoder au génie des savants de " ce temps, qui se plaisoient à prendre des noms mystérieux et allé- " goriques" (Hist. Liter. de la France, iv. 295).

335 (19 May); and also in Frobenius' editions of Alcuin's A.D. 804. works, p. lix. tom. i. (ed. 1777.)

All these editions are derived from a single MS. which had formerly belonged to the church of Rheims, but which could not be found when Mabillon required it for the purpose of collation.

In the Prologue the author states that, at the command of his ecclesiastical superior, he purposes relating the Life of Alcuin, as he had heard it from his master Sigulf, who had been one of Alcuin's disciples.

Alcuin was born of noble parents in England,* and was placed in a monastery in his earliest infancy, where, until he was eleven years of age, he preferred Virgil to Psalmody; but, upon being warned by a vision of demons punishing a rustic for neglecting to attend the nocturnal service of the church, he changed his pursuits and became wholly devoted to religious offices. He was then placed under Archbishop Ecgbert, the pupil of Beda, to complete his education, and afterwards under Elbert, whose favour he obtained by his virtue and application. Elbert was succeeded by Eanbald, who ordered Alcuin to proceed to Rome for his pall.† On his journey he met with Charles the Great, at Parma, who prevailed on him to promise to visit France when he had completed his mission. This he did (about 782), and became tutor to the Emperor, who bestowed two monasteries upon him. When the heresy of Felix, Bishop of Urgel, had made considerable progress, he was employed to refute it at the Council held at Aix-la-Chapelle. Alcuin was desirous of retiring to Fulda, but the Emperor insisted on his remaining at Tours, where he had many celebrated pupils, and among them several of his own countrymen. He is alleged to have given proofs of his foreknowledge of events, and, among the rest, to have declared that Louis Le Debonnaire would succeed his father. Remembering his own former neglect of religious duties, he forbade his pupils to read Virgil. He is said to have performed various miracles; and, at the request either of the Emperor or of persons of distinction, he composed several works. Above all things he eschewed idleness, and was always occu-

^{*} At York, about the year 735.

[†] A.D. 780. See Simeon Dunelm. col. 108.

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A.D. 804. pied either in reading, teaching, or in the performance of his religious duties. He died in the year 804, and was buried in the church of St. Martin, at Tours.

The name of the writer of this important piece of biography is unknown. He commenced his work before the accession of Abbot Aldricus to the See of Sens, an event which took place in the year 829 (Gallia Christiana, xii. 20). Although the notices in it respecting England are neither numerous nor extensive, yet the important position which Alcuin occupies in the history of European civilization invests with considerable interest any notice of this eminent individual.*

1067. Epistolæ et Poemata S. Alcuini ad res Angliæ spectantia.

MS. Monasterii S. Galli, 272. vell. ix. cent. † MS. Cott. Vesp. A. xiv. 4. f. 113. et 152-161. vell. 4to. x. cent. MS. Vienna Archiv. B. S. 188. et S. 604.

MS. Cott. Faust. B. iv. ff, 189. vell. 4to. xv. cent.

MS. Harl. 438. ‡ MS. Lamb. 218. vell. folio. xi. cent. MS. Trin. Coll. Cant. Gale. O. 10. 161.

MS. Reg. 8. E. xv. vell. 4to. ix. cent.

§ MS. Harl. 208. vell. 4to. ix. cent. MS. Cott. Tiber. A. xv. vell. large 4to. xi. cent.

MS. Bibl. du Roi. 3244. olim Colbert. Navarre 5. S. Martin 114. See Nos. 2183, 2341, 2387, 2388, 2390, 2731, 2847, 2848, 2850, 2851, 3480, 5577. MS. Bibl. de la ville de Rouen 407.

^{*} An extensive Life of Alcuin was written by Frobenius, and prefixed to his edition of Alcuin's works (ed. 1777). His Life has also been published by Dr. Friederick Lorenz, Professor of History in the University of Halle, translated into English by Jane Mary Slee (12mo. London, 1837). A valuable sketch of him occurs also in the "Hist. Lit. de la France," iv. 295.

[†] This contains only four Epistles, two to Ethelred, king of Northumbria, one to Einbald, Archbishop of York, and one to the Chapter of York.

[‡] Mutilated at the beginning and end.

^{§ &}quot;Flacci Alcuini Abbatis, Caroli Magni Magistri, Epistolæ numero xci,

[&]quot; ad diversos conscriptæ, quarum lxx. nondum typis excussæ sunt, uti " Theologus eruditissimus Jacobus Usserius, Antistes Armachanus, propria

[&]quot; sua in margine annotavit manu."

The chief Epistles which relate to Britain are 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, A.D. 804. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 30, 38, 42, 43, 44, 45, 48, 49, 50, 51, 57, 59, 60, 62, 64, 134, 150, 151, 163, 166, 167, 169, 170, 171, 173, 174, 175, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 219, 220, 221, 226.

The letters of Alcuin are of the highest value as illustrating the intellectual, social, moral, and religious condition of Europe at the period at which they were written. With less direct bearing upon the history of his native country than could have been wished, they yet possess sufficient connexion with English affairs to have an especial claim upon our attention. Several are to be found in the "Lectiones Antiquæ" of Canisius. Andrew Du Chesne published an edition in 1617, but the best edition is that of Frobenius (fol. Ratisb. 1777). A critical edition, based upon the MSS. which exist, and for the most part uncollated, in our libraries, is still a desideratum. The Surtees Society has more than once announced such a work among its intended publications, but none has yet appeared.

Of the poems of Alcuin, the most important are those upon the history of the Bishops of York (No. 1058), and the Life of Willibrord (No. 1011), already mentioned. They are collected in Frobenius' edition, ii. 203.

A.D. 806.

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1068. Historia Monasterii S. Augustini Cantuariensis per Thomam de Elmham thesaurarium ejusdem Monasterii.

> MS. Tren. Aul. Cant. MS. Harl. 686.

Incip. Prol.—"* Titulus I. De Fundatione. Tractatum de " statu hujus monasterii Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ."

^{*} Prefixed is a Chronological Table, arranged in ten columns, which, in addition to its other uses, will be found to serve the twofold purpose of indicating the chief contents of the author's work, and making us acquainted with the general nature of the materials which the author had intended to incorporate in that portion of the history which is not completed.

A.D. 806. Expl. Prol.—"hic intendo."*

Incip. Hist.—" Titulus II. De dotatione. Petrus itaque

" monachus, hujus monasterii abbas primus."

Expl. Hist.—"cui ejusdem facinoris et calamitatis fuit hæres "Baldredus."†

Edited, with a continuation to the year 1191, by Archdeacon Hardwick among "The Chronicles and Memorials" of Great Britain and Ireland, published under the direction of the Master of the Rolls. "The aim of the author," writes the learned Editor, "is more ambitious than that of Thorne, who " preceded him, and in the part which has come down to us, " the work has been constructed on a scale of grandeur, or " more properly of diffuseness, which has few examples in the " literary products of that age of compilations." We gather from the introductory Table, which may justly be regarded as a kind of index to the whole work, that the author had intended to distribute his materials under "Tituli," corresponding to the list of Abbots who ruled in St. Augustine's. The whole number thus obtained is sixty-two, including one "Titulus" of introductory matter "de Fundatione." But so vast was the conception of the author, and so fatal the facility with which he passed from St. Augustine's to the general history of the Anglo Saxon Church, that fourteen only of these "Tituli," embracing an account of little more than two hundred years, appear to have been absolutely finished." The work is superior to the Chronica of William Thorne, in giving us a large collection of the older archives, and narrating the chief events of all that early period in our history, where Thorne is well-nigh silent; while it is inferior to his Chronicle in the want of some historical commentary to illustrate the import of Rolls and Charters brought together in the last division. In other

^{*} This is followed by Versus de Fundatione et de adventu Sancti Augustini, commencing "Annis sexcentis præter tres Anglia munda," and ending "Stat patris almiflui domus hæc, puer ut veneretur."

[†] The narrative breaks off abruptly at this point, in the middle of the 15th Titulus, but it is resumed after two blank leaves with Titulus 43, and carried on with what Archdeacon Hardwick justly calls "preparations or "rough materials" for the continuation of the history, such as charters, bulls, and other muniments relating to S. Augustine's, and ranging, all of them, between the Norman Conquest and the early years of the reign of Richard I. (circa 1192.)

words, the two productions, as now extant, when regarded in A.D. 806. this light, become reciprocally complementary.

Mr. Hardwick has given satisfactory reasons for assigning the authorship of this History to Thomas of Elmham. It had, however, been attributed to Elmham by Wanley, when he compiled that portion of the Harleian Catalogue in which the MS. is described; but he gives no reason for such ascription. a fact too he does not seem to have been aware of when he drew up his Catalogue of Anglo-Saxon MSS. published by Hickes. It is due to Mr. Hardwick to state that he determined the authorship long before he was aware that Wanley had ascribed it to Thomas of Elmham.

Of the author not much is known. Of his parentage we are ignorant, as well as of the place of his birth. Fabricius, and others have supposed, from some vague expressions in his works, that he was born on the continent, but it seems pretty clear that he was born at Elmham, in Norfolk, ' and eventually became a Monk of S. Augustine's, at Canterbury, of which monastery he filled the office of Treasurer in 1407. In 1414 he ceased to be a Benedictine Monk, joined the Cluniac Order, and became Prior of Lenton, in Nottinghamshire, in June In 1416 he was appointed Vicar-General to Raymond, Abbot of Clugny, for the Kingdoms of England and Scotland, and ten years afterwards (1426) he received a fresh promotion to the office of Commissary-General in Spirituals and Temporals for all vacant benefices belonging to the Cluniac Order in England, Scotland, and Ireland. In the same year he voluntarily resigned his post at Lenton, but what office he held after this has not been discovered: neither is the exact time of his death known.

Besides this work he wrote "Vita et Gesta Henrici Quinti," published by Hearne, 1727, and "Liber Metricus de Henrico "Quinto," which has lately been edited by Mr. Charles A. Cole among the Chronicles and Memorials, and some other metrical pieces, one of which has lately been printed by Mr. Thomas Wright, in his second volume of Political Poems, p. 118, published among the Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland. Each of these will be described in its due place.

VOL. I.

A.D. 819.

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1069. Vita S. Kenelmi, Regis et Martyris, auctore anonymo.

MS. Coll. S. Joh. Oxon. 149. f. 72 b. paper. 4to. xvi. cent.

* MS. Bodl. 285. ff. 80-83. vell. folio. dble col. xiii. cent.

† MS. Bodl. Douce. 368. ff. 79-82 b. vell. large folio. dble col. xii. cent.

MS. Lansd. 436 ff. 88-91. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

‡ MS. C. C. C. Cant. 367. vell. 8vo. xi. or xii. cent.

Incip. Prol.—"De Beato Kenelmo in tota Anglia clarissi" mum est."

Incip. Vitá.—"Kenulfus gloriosissimus et piissimus Rex "Merciorum."

Expl. Vita.—"Qui in Trinitate perfecta vivit et regnat "Deus per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

The substance of the above MSS. is the same, but there are some verbal differences of no importance, especially at the termination of the Life.

^{*} This MS. ends somewhat differently to the St. John's MS., and is followed in the lower margin by a hymn of about 18 lines to St. Kenelm, commencing, "O Kenelme martyr alme, Merciorum gloria."

[†] This MS. is imperfect: upon it Douce has written this note, "Much "cannot be wanting of this Life of St. Kenelm, as it contains a great deal "more than that printed by Capgrave, which, as far as it goes, corresponds "with this MS. It probably supplies the loss of Tinmouth's Life of this "Saint. I suspect that this MS. was written by one of the monks of Win-chelcomb Abbey, to which it appears to have belonged." Except a few verbal variations, it agrees with the St. John's MS. till near the conclusion, when it begins a new series of miracles, which had taken place after the destruction of the church of Winchelcomb by fire in 1149; but it ends shortly after, being imperfect at the bottom of the page. It is preceded by the genealogy of the Mercian kings, as in Florence of Worcester.

[†] Imperfect at the commencement. To f. 6 it is apparently abridged (in common with MS. Bodley) from Goscelin, but retains much of his verbiage. Afterwards, to the arrival of the messages from Rome, where it ends, it agrees almost exactly with MS. Bodley, but transposes the last sentence, which in MS. Bodley forms part of the account of Kenelm's murder. The concluding part of this MS. is in a different hand from the other portion, though perhaps equally ancient, or nearly so.

1070. Vita S. Kenelmi, Regis et Martyris.

A.D. 819.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. f. 290.

MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15. vell. folio. xv. cent.

Incip.—" Rex Merciorum, Kenulphus, anno Domini octin-" gentesimo nonodecimo."

Expl.—". Quo facto, altare conscendit, et scrinium suum "subito intravit."

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," f. 206 b, and in the "Acta Sanctorum," iv. 297 (17 Jul.).

For a description of these MSS., see Nos. 35 and 38.

This is apparently similar to S. Joh. Bapt. Oxon. 149. See No. 1069, omitting the Prologue and the Conclusion.

1071. Vita S. Kenelmi.

MS. Coll. Trin. Oxon, lvii. 35. f. 66 b. vell. folio. xv. cent.

MS. C. C. C. Cant. 145. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

MS. Bodl. Laud. Misc. 463 (1596). ff. 64-66. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

MS. Bodl. Laud. Misc. 108 (1486) ff. 149-153. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

MS. Bodl. 779. ff. 89 b-93 paper folio. xv. cent.

MS. Harl. 2277. ff. 80-84 b. vell. 4to. xiv. cent.

MS. Cott. Jul. D. xi. vell. 12mo. xiv. cent.

Incip.—

"Seint Kenelme the 3 onge kyng that guod Martir is,

Kyng was in Engelonde of the March of Walis."

Expl.—"p' we mote to pulke joye p' he is inne wende.
"Amen."

These various MSS. all exhibit the same text, except some verbal differences of no moment. Mr. F. J. Furnivall has printed this piece from MS. Harl. 2277 for the Philological Society in his volume of "Early English Poems and Lives of "Saints." 8vo. 1862.

A.D. 819.

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1072. Ethelwulfi Monachi Carmen de Abbatibus et viris piis Cœnobii S. Petri in insula Lindisfarnensi.

MS. Bodl. 163. f. 209 b-226 b.

MS. Cott. Tiber. D. iv. f. 309. vell. folio. ix. cent.

MS. Bibl. Pub. Cant. Ff. 1, 27. f. 203. vell. folio. xiii. cent.

A.D. 819. Rubr.—"Incipit Præfatiuncula."

Incip.—"Amicorum præstantissimo atque dilectissimo, sa" cerdoti magno, Ecgberto presbytero, meritis exiguus Aetil" uulf intimæ caritatis salutem.

"Sume, pater placidus modulantis vota poetæ."*

Expl.—"Inferni vinculis verberibusque privans."

Printed, with some variations, in Mabillon, "Acta Sanct." Ord. Bened.," iv. par. ii. 317-335, from the Cambridge MS. Ff. 1. 27, in the Public Library, communicated to the editor by Gale.

The Bodleian MS., besides correcting many errors in Mabillon's text, furnishes four lines which do not occur in the transcript given by Gale.

This poem is addressed to Ecgbert (A.D. 802-819), Bishop of Lindisfarne, by Ethelwulf, a monk of that place. Its contents are to the following effect:—

Osred, King of Northumbria, among various other misdeeds and crimes, compels many persons to receive the tonsure. A nobleman, named Eandmund, who is one of the number, obtains instruction in monastic duties from Egfrid, Bishop of Lindisfarne (who presided over the See from 698 to 721), and afterwards applies to Ecgbert in Scotland (? Ireland) for regulations for a monastery; by whose direction he builds a church to St. Peter, and covers it with lead. He dies, and is buried in the church.

The most remarkable circumstances, next to Osred's tyranny, are the accounts of Ultan the scribe, Cuicuyn the smith, the church of St. Mary, built by Sigbald, and the ornaments of the church.

Mabillon confesses that he is unable to determine where the monastery here mentioned was situated, for although the author declares himself a monk of Lindisfarne, the monastery is evidently different from that founded at Lindisfarne by Aidan.†

^{*} This and the eleven lines following it precede the Rubric in the MS.

[†] The probability is that it was a cell or dependent monastery to Lindisfarne, and that it was destroyed by the Danes in their invasion of Northumbria, concerning whose devastations see Alcuini Epist. viii. (Opp. i. 11. Ed. Froben. 1777.)

The author wrote between A.D. 802 and 819. Mabillon A.D. 819. suggests, from a passage in cap. xx. (p. 329), that he had written some work of English history, but it seems merely to imply that he had already written the praises of certain pious Angles in verse.

A.D. 824.

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1073. Vita S. Angusi, Keldæi, Abbatis Episcopi in Hibernia, circiter A.D. 824.

Incip.-" Floruit in Hibernia sæculo octavo ad exitum." Expl.—" xi. Martii in feriam sextam inciderit."

Printed in the "Acta Sanctorum" (11 March), ii. 85, from Colgan ("Acta Sanct. Hibern." i. 579) who seems, however, only to have reduced the scattered materials into a continuous

The incidents which have reached us respecting the Life of Angus, or Æneas, are few and unimportant. He was descended from the ancient princes of Dalriadia, in Ulster, and became a monk in Cluainedhnagh, under St. Malathgen, where he acquired a high reputation for holiness and learning. He compiled the "Martyrologium Aengusii, filii Hoblenii, et " Moelruanii." He became Abbot of Clonenagh, and died on Friday (March 11), the year unknown, but supposed to be 824. His acts were written in old Irish verse, by a namesake and contemporary, probably Aengus, Abbot of Clonfert Molua, A.D. 855.

A.D. 837.

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1074. Catalogus Regum Saxonum a Cerdico ad Egbertum: unica pagina.

MS. Cott. Faust. A. ii. f. 22 b. vell. 4to. xv. cent.

Merely a table of the names of the Saxon kings from Woden to Ella; viewed historically, it is of no value.

A.D. 835.

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1075. Annales Juvavenses majores, ab anno 550 ad an. 835.

Incip.—" De hoc pascha Victor Capuanus scripsit." Expl.—" Heilram obiit 6 Idus Jan."

These Annals bear obvious tokens of Anglo-Saxon origin or interpolation, and contain information which is worthy of notice. They are printed in the "Monumenta Hist. German." of Pertz, i. 87, from a MS. in the Cathedral of Wurtzburg. See Lappenberg's "History of England under the Anglo-"Saxona," i., pref. p. xxxvi.

A.D. 838.

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1076. Chronicon Nicolai Gloucestriæ, a divisione terræ inter filios Noe ad an. 838.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. iii. ff. 12-145 b. vell. 4to. xiv. cent.

Incip.—"Tres filii Noe diviserunt orbem in tres partes post "Diluvium."

Expl.—" in suis parochiis, secundum quod dictum est."*

Nothing seems to be known of this author. Tanner thus dismisses him, "Quis fuerit, aut quando vixerit, haud constat." Neither Bale nor Pits mentions him.

A.D. 857.

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1077. Fragmentum Annalium de rebus Anglicis, quod desinit an. 857.

MS. Harl. 1808. ff. 98-105. vell. 4to. xv. cent.

Rubr.-- " Anno gratiæ primo."

^{*} It ends abruptly in the middle of f. 145 b. in the section commencing with Ethelwulph's Charter, dated A.D. 844.

Incip.—" Virginem gratiæ plenam."

Expl.—"Ethelbaldus regnavit in Westsaxonia, Ethelbricus . . ."

This fragment is of no value, and ends abruptly at the bottom of a page.

A.D. 863.

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1078. Vita Sancti Swithuni, Episcopi Wintoniæ et Confessoris.

MS. Arund. 169. f. 36 b. vell. medium folio. dble col. xii. cent.

MS. Bodl. Digby, 112. vell. 4to. xii. cent.

MS. C. C. C. Cant. 161. small folio. xii. cent.

MS. Cott. Tiber. D. iv. ff. 262–263. vell. folio. xii. cent.

Incip.—"Glorioso Rege Anglorum Ecgberto regnante, qui "Regi Cynegilso."

Expl.—" Exivit autem de ergastulo hujus sæculi, anno ab

- "Incarnatione Dominica octingentesimo sexagesimo-secundo,
- " Indictione decima, regnante eodem Domino nostro Jesu
- " Christo, cui est honor et gloria, cum Deo Patre et Spiritu
- " Sancto, per omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Explicit vita Sancti Swithuni Episcopi.

This Life is attributed to Goscelin, and if it really was composed by him it must have been written nearly 250 years after the death of St. Swithun, and is, therefore, of little authority. It contains but few incidents, and is occupied rather with his Miracles than his life.

It was altered and printed by Surius, and reprinted, with collations from Capgrave's text, in the "Acta Sanctorum" (2 Jul.), i. 327, with an addition at the end. The text of the Arundel MS. is far superior to that which has been printed.

Swithun appears to have been born about the year 800: from being a monk he became prior of Winchester, and was afterwards Bishop of that diocese. His death is referred by some authorities to 861, and by others to 862, but it probably occurred 2 July 863.

Since the above notice was written Mr. Earle has printed this Life among his illustrative pieces "On St. Swithun," p. 67. 4to. Lond., 1861.

A.D. 863. 1079. Miracula Sancti Swithuni, Wintoniensis Episcopi.

MS. Arundel 169. f. 52. vell. folio. xii. cent.

* MS. Cott. Tiber. D. iv. ff. 263-272. vell, folio. xii. cent. † MS. C. C. C. Cant. 161. vell. folio. xii. cent.

Title.—"Revelatio sive Translatio Sancti et beatissimi patris nostri, Confessoris Christi, atque Pontificis, Swithuni,

" cum Miraculis ad sepulchrum ejus patratis, Idibus Julii."

Incip.—"Temporibus religiosissimi ac serenissimi Regis "Anglorum, Edgari."

Expl.—" magnifice fecit succedere laudem."

The latest miracle that bears any mark of its date, mentions Bishop Walchelin, who held the See of Winchester from 1070 to 1098.

1080. Miracula S. Swithuni, Wintoniensis Episcopi, per Lantfredum Wintoniensem Monachum.

MS. Cott. Nero, E. 1. ff. 33-51. vell. folio. xi. cent.

‡ MS. Reg. 15. C. vii. ff. 1-51. vell. 4to. x. cent.

Title.—"Incipit Epistola doctoris eximii Lantfredi, vene-

" randæ sanctitatis presbyteri et monachi, de Miraculis Sancti

" Suuithuni Episcopi."

Incip. Epist.—"Dilectissimis fratribus Wintoniæ commoran"tibus."

Expl. Epist.—" secteturque humilitatem, magistram vir" tutum." §

Incip. Mirac.—"Notum est fratribus fidelibus ubique gen-"tium degentibus."

Expl. Mirac.—" et perducat ad cœlica templa."

Colophon.—"Finit libellus de Miraculis Sancti Swithuni "Episcopi."

^{*} This MS. has the four additional Miracles, as in the Corpus Christi MS., but the other Miracles are not abridged as in that MS.

[†] The Miracles are abridged in this MS., but, like the preceding one, it adds four Miracles at the end.

[‡] Pits states that when he wrote, a MS. of this piece was in the Lord Lumley's library. This is possibly the volume in question.

[§] As a Colophon to the Epistle are these words,

[&]quot;Pandit hic ex multis miracula pauca libellus. Per meritum Sancti quæ fecit Rector Olimpi; Pontificis nacto Suuidonui corpore sacro."

At the end of § vi. comes, "Explicit Præfatio.--Incipit narratio de "Visione Fabri."

A.D. 863.

Then follows, in both MSS. a Hymn in his praise. *Incip*.—" Aurea lux patriæ." *

Expl.—" Stent et in angelico nomina nostra choro.

Colophon.—" Finit hymnus in honore sancti et beati Patris "Suuithuni, gentis Anglorum pii suffragatoris, editus; elegiaco "et paracterico (hoc est repercusso) carmine per Abecedarium compositus, atque in cjus sacratissima depositione sub die "sexta nonarum Juliarum, qua feliciter ad regna migravit,

" cœlestia, sollempniter recitatus."

Lantfred's Epistle is prefixed to the narrative of the Miracles printed by Wharton, in the "Anglia Sacra," i. 322; and in the "Acta Sanctorum," is given in the Editor's "Commentarius "prævius," i. 324, (2 Jul.) from Wharton. The Miracles themselves, however, have not hitherto been printed.

Mabillon possessed a MS. of this piece, but did not think it expedient to print it.

Lantfred does not seem to have written a Life of St. Swithun, though such a composition is attributed to him by Bale and Pits. His work appears to have been limited to the Miracles of that Saint, and to have been composed by order of Bishop Ethelwold, shortly after the discovery of Swithun's relics. It contains many important notices illustrative of the manners and customs of that age; but its style is obscure. Nothing is known of the author, except the little that he has stated concerning himself in his Introductory Epistle. He was a monk of Winchester, and a disciple of Ethelwold.

Vita S. Swithuni, versibus hexametris per Wolstanum.

MS. Bodl. Auct. F. 2, 14 (2657). (Olim 799.) ff. 1-50. vell. MS. Reg. 15 C. vii. ff. 51-125 b, vell 4to. x. cent.

^{*} In the library at Alençon (MS. 14. formerly St. Evreul, 125) is a MS. of the twelfth century, and of English execution, in which occurs (fol. 37), "Elegiacus et paractericus de S. Swithuno Episcopo Hymnus."

Incip.-" Aurea lux patrize Wentana splendet in urbe."

The missal, formerly belonging to Robert, Bishop of London, and now deposited in the Public Library at Rouen, contains certain Collects, &c., commemorative of St. Swithun. The Bollandists had a MS. of English origin, from which they have printed a short extract, beginning,

[&]quot;O Swithune pater, Præsul mitissime noster."

See the "Acta Sanctorum," i. 323. (Jul.)

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A.D. 863.

Rubr.—" Incipit ad domnum specialis epistola Patrem Elfegum, Wenta residet qui præsul in urbe; De Sancti Patris Suuithuni insignibus, et de Basilica Petri, reserat qui limen Olympi."

Incip. Epist. — "Domino Pontifici, Wentanam Principe " Christo."

Expl. Epist. — "Unus ubique potens in Trinitate Deus. " Amen."

Rubr.

" Explicit ad domnum specialis Epistola patrem Alfegum, Uuentam qui regit ecclesiam; Incipit ad cunctos generalis Epistola fratres, Qui bajulant inibi suave jugum Domini." Incip. Epist. ad Fratres .- "Fratribus æternæ crescant aug-

" menta salutis." Incip. Præfat.—"Omnibus est notum quadri per climata

" mundi."

After a Table of Chapters,

Incip.-" Prima Dei nutu patuit nec visio ternis."

Expl.—" Et ad sui cultum corda excitant fidelia."

The piece is divided into two Books. It contains, in all, about 3,600 lines.

Wolstan, monk and precentor of Winchester, wrote the above work, which he dedicated to Bishop Elfheah (A.D. 935-951). This work is highly praised by Leland, as the best Latin poetry of that period in England. It has never been printed as a whole. Mabillon had a copy of it, but did not think it expedient to give more than some extracts, which are to be found in vol. vii., pp. 614-621 of the "Acta Sanct. "Ord. Bened." See also vol. vi. 73, § 6.

1082. Historia Translationis et Miraculorum S. Swithuni, ex antiquissimo MS. Bigotiano.

MS. Bibl. Imp. Paris 5362. Lat. olim Bigot. 174. E. 36. small folio. vell. xii. cent.

Incip.—"Temporibus felicissimi Eadgari Regis Anglorum ". . . cunctipotens Deitas dignata."

Expl.—"hactenus observatum audivimus; cui gloria et " laus Deo Omnipotenti, qui sic Sanctum suum glorifi" care dignatus est, qui vivit et regnat in sæcula sæculorum. A.D. 863.
" Amen."

Printed by the Bollandists, "Acta Sanctorum," i. 328 (Jul.). This History treats of the Translation of the body of the Saint in 971, and of the Miracles which occurred shortly afterwards, during the episcopate of Ethelwold of Winchester, who died in 984. The author (whom the Bollandists suppose to have been Lantfred) was an eye-witness of some of the incidents which he relates. (See §§ 5 and 7.)

1083. Miracula S. Swithuni, ex antiquissimis Membranis Reginæ Sueciæ, in cod. num. 769.

Incip.—"Postquam sanctissimi corpus Pontificis."

Expl.—"exoravit nomen Omnipotentis, quatenus" (cætera desunt).

Printed in the "Acta Sanctorum," i. 331 (Jul.).

The author of this piece (which is imperfect at the conclusion) appears to have been a monk of Winchester, and to have written shortly after the Translation of the Saint's remains. (See § 1.) He was witness of many of the incidents which he records. From the frequent use of Greek words, it might be conjectured that this also is the work of Lantfred, whose style is marked by this peculiarity.

1084. De S. Swithuno, Wintoniensi Episcopo.

MS. Lansd. 436. ff. 91 b-95. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

Incip.-- "Glorioso Rege Anglorum Egberto regnante."

Expl.—"in sancto suo glorificans et laudans, Cui sit laus et gloria per infinita sæcula. Amen."

This text in the early part agrees with MS. Bodl. Digby 112 (No. 1078); afterwards it is an abridgment of it to the death of St. Swithun.

A.D. 863.

1085. Miracula S. Swithuni (Saxonice).

* MS. Cott. Jul. E. vii. f. 94 b. vell. folio. xi. cent.†

Incip.—"On Eadgares dagum öæs æðelan cýningges þam se "Cristendom."

Expl.—"Sý puldor j lof þam pelpillendan scýppende. þe his "halgan mærsað mihtiglice mid pundrum; se þe á rixað on "ecnýsse. Amen."

1086. Miracula S. Swithuni (Saxonice.)

MS. Bibl. Eccl. Gloucest.

Incip.—". ofer worht syppan · oboæt his wundra " swutelodon his gesælba mid gode."

Expl.—" j his cyne rîce wæs wunigende on sibbe . . ."

Three leaves of Alfric's Life of St. Swithun as it occurs in MS. Cott. Julius E. vii. Both texts appear to have been copied from some common source, though their orthography slightly differs from each other. The Museum MS. is the older and more carefully written of the two. About 17 lines at the beginning and 19 at the ending are wanting in the Gloucester MS., as well as about six leaves in the middle. The fragments probably formed a portion of the Homilies of Alfric, as found in Julius E. vii. See note to No. 1085.

Facsimiles of these fragments have been made in photo-zin-cography, and Mr. Earle, the late learned Professor of Anglo-

^{*} This MS., which is entitled "Passiones et Vitæ Sanctorum translatæ "ex Latino in Saxonicum sermonem per Aelfricum," belonged to the Abbey of St. Edmund's Bury. These Homilies were compiled and translated from the Latin by Alfric, at the request of Aethelwerd, the Ealdorman. They contain brief sketches of lives of such saints as were acknowledged by the Anglo-Saxon Church. Alfric evidently derived this Homily from Lantfrid's work on the Miracles of St. Swithun ("and Landfred's e ofer sæwisca hit ge sette on Leden.") Wanley (Hickes ii., 186) prints Alfric's two Prefaces, one in Latin and the other in Anglo-Saxon, and gives an analysis of this MS.

[†] MS. Cott. Otho B. x., which was consumed in the fire of 1731, also contained a copy of this piece. See Wanley's description of that MS. (Hickes, ii. 192.) It is there called "Depositio Sancti Suuithuni, mitissimi "Episcopi."

Saxon in the University of Oxford, was induced, at the solici- A.D. 863, tation of the Archæological Institute, to publish them at his own expense. Mr. Earle has also given a printed version of the Saxon, line for line and page for page, with a literal translation and notes.

1087. De Sancto Swithuno, Episcopo et Confessore.

MS. Cott. Tiber E. 1. f. 198. MS. Bodl. Tanner, 15.

Incip. — "Glorioso Rege Anglorum Egberto regnante." Expl. — "et sanatum se ostendit."

The same text as that printed in Capgrave's "Nova Le-"genda Angliæ," and an abridgment of MS. Arund. 169 (See No. 1078). It is also printed in the "Acta Sanctorum," i. 327 (2 July), slightly altered.

For an account of these MSS. see Nos. 35 and 38.

1088. Seint Swithin be Confessour.

MS. Bodl. 779. f. 93-94 b. paper. folio. xv. cent.

MS. C. C. C. Cant. 145. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

MS. Bodl. Laud. Misc. 463 (1596.) ff. 63-64. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

MS. Coll. Trinit. Oxon. lvii. 34. f. 65. vell. folio. xv. cent.

MS. Harl. 2277. f. 64. vell. 4to. xiii. cent.

Incip.—" Seynt Swepin pe Confess: ur was here of Inge"londe."

Expl.—"p" bring us to be joye of hevene porw our Lourdes "sonde. Amen."

The orthography varies in all the MSS., and the version also varies in some of them.

Since this notice was written, Mr. Earle has printed the text of this Metrical Life from the Laud. MS. 463, in the Bodleian Library, at p. 78 of the Illustrative Pieces on St. Swithun. 4to. Lond., 1861; and Mr. F. J. Furnivall has published it from MS. Harl. 2277 for the Philological Society in his volume of "Early English Poems and Lives of Saints." 8vo. 1862.

A.D. 863,

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1089. "H. Erin oll oirdnett Gaoidhill."

MS. Stowe. 1. 9. vell. 4to. xii. cent.

This is a poem of 144 verses by Eochoid, giving a metrical list of Irish kings, from the most ancient times to the reign of Aodh Finnliath, who was King of Ireland in 863, when Eochoid lived. It occurs in the "Leabhar." It would seem from this poem that Eochoid was one of those "peritissimi "Scotorum," whom Nennius consulted in 850, concerning the origin of the Irish; for his account and Eochoid's agree in the principal facts, and Nennius confirms his account by saying, "Sic mihi peritissimi Scotorum nunciaverunt.* Novissime "autem Scoti venerunt a partibus Hispanise ad Hiberniam."† (O'Connor's Catal. p. 26.)

A.D. 867.

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1090. Itinerarium trium monachorum Bernardi et sociorum ejus, et de Sanctis Locis et Babylon.

MS. Cott. Faust. B. i. f. 192-203. vell. small folio. xii. cent. MS. Coll. Lincoln. Oxon, 96 ff. 118. vell. folio. xii. cent.

Incip.—"Anno ab incarnatione Domini nostri Jesu Christi."

Expl.—"Sed lectionis orationisque studio tibi temporare
"satagas."

An extract from the Itinerary is printed in Mabillon's "Act." Sanct. Ord. Benedict," vol. iv. p. 472-75.

This work perhaps ought not to be included in this Catalogue, but as Bernard‡ was an Englishman, and his work has been quoted with approbation by William of Malmesbury

^{*} See sec. 15 of Nennius, ed. Eng. Hist. Society.

[†] Id., sec. 13. In each of the Prologues of Nennius reference is also made to the "Annales Scotorum."

[‡] Bernardus cognomento Sapiens, natione, puto, Anglus (Dempsterus Scotum esse vult). Hic Hierosolymam peregrinatus loca sancta sancte invisit, ubi Sapiens factus est archiepiscopus Edesanus; et tanquam testis oculatus scripsit "De ipsa urbe Hierusalem, et de multis adjacentibus locis" lib. i. (Dempster lib. x.) Cujus initium est Anno 970, et perducit ad finem Gothofredi. Habetur MS. in Coll. Lincoln. Oxon. Arch. Austr. 55. Pits. Append. p. 827—Præter libros de urbe Hierusalem, scripsit "Ad Suffraganeos suos" lib. i. "De Bello Sacro" lib. vii. Extant in Bibl. Cæsarea Viennensi. E. Scotia egressus est 1105. Dempster. ii. 181 et 171. Bernardum Monachum a nostro male distinguit. (Tanner. 97.)

(Gesta Regum lib. iv. § 367. ii. 561), it has not been considered A.D. 867. advisable to exclude it.

Bernard, with two companions, Theudemund and Stephen, sailed from Italy to Alexandria, and travelled thence by land to Jerusalem, in the year 870.* His account is short, but it has several very interesting particulars.

In the MS. cited above the scribe has, by mistake, assigned the date of 970 to this Itinerary; but that is certainly wrong, for Bernard mentions Louis, King of Italy,† as then living, whereas he died A.D. 875, or 879 according to some authorities. He also mentions Theodosius, Patriarch of Jerusalem, as being alive. Theodosius held that office from A.D. 836 to November 879.

A.D. 870.

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1091. De Sancto Fremundo, Rege et Martyre.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. i. ff. 125-128. MS. Bodl. Tanner, 15.

Incip.—"Temporibus regum antiquorum fuit in Anglia "quidam Rex nomine Offa."

Expl.—"in prioratu Canonicorum Regularium de Dunestapl "sanctum ejus corpus requiescens in magno honore habetur." The same text as that printed in Capgrave's "Nova Le-"genda Angliæ." See Nos. 35 and 38.

The subject of this Life is as follows:—Fremund was the son of a Pagan King, who reigned in England, named Offa, and of his Queen Botilda; his birth being foretold by a child who died when three days old. He is baptized by Bishop Heswi; performs many miracles, and converts his parents; Offa resigns the kingdom to his son, who, after governing a year and a half, forsakes the throne to serve God in a desert place, accompanied by Burchard (who afterwards wrote his

^{*} Mabillon assigns the year 870 for Bernard's pilgrimage, but incorrectly, as Pope Nicholas I., whom Bernard mentions, reigned only to 867. It was probably undertaken between the year 863, when Theodosius became Patriarch of Jerusalem, and the year 867, when Pope Nicholas died. The period between those two years is the only time that Nicholas, Theodosius, and Louis held their several offices contemporaneously.

^{† &}quot;In Longobardia Ludovico memorato regnante." Louis was created King of Italy by his father Lothaire. (Italiæ seu potius Langobardorum Rex a patre creatus anno 849.)

A.D. 870. Life) and another attendant. He then embarks in a vessel and is driven to a small island, infested by demons, called 'Ylefage;' where he lives seven years on fruits and roots. Hinguar and Hubba ravage England and put St. Edmund to death. Offa sends twenty nobles to seek his son throughout England; on finding him they implore his aid, and he assents in consequence of a vision, in which it is revealed that each of his companions shall appear a thousand to his enemies. He attacks and defeats 40,000 of the enemy with the twenty who have come to seek him, in addition to his two companions; but while he is prostrate in thanksgiving for the victory, Oswi, formerly one of Offa's commanders, but who has apostatized and joined the Pagans, cuts off his head. Blood spirts over Oswi, who implores absolution and forgiveness, which the head pronounces. Fremund rises and carries his head some distance, where, a spring bursting forth, he washes his wound, falls prostrate in adoration, and expires. His body is buried at the royal mansion called 'Offechurch,' about the year 865; and is removed to a place between the Charwell and Bradmere 66 years after his death. His body is again discovered, by a divine revelation, in the time of Birinus, Bishop of Dorchester. It is then removed to a place called 'Redic,' and a chapel constructed over it. In later times it is again removed to Dunstaple.

This story, which, so far as we have any means of judging. is pure invention, has been versified by Lydgate (see No. 1094), who makes Fremund cousin of St. Edmund. Camden (Warwickshire) calls him the son of Offa, King of Mercia, and seems to speak as though he thought there was some truth in the narrative; not remembering that Offa died near 100 years before Hinguar's invasion, and Birinus more than 200 before that event. Burchard, the supposed scribe, seems to be of the same doubtful complexion with his master; for, although Leland has given a formal account of his life and connexion with Fremund, yet he identifies him with Burghard, Bishop of Wurtzburg, and makes him contemporary with Offa, King of Mercia, about A.D. 791; but this would agree neither with the time of Hinguar nor of Birinus, nor, in fact, with that of Offa; for Burghard must have left England about A.D. 740. Basnage's Observations in "Vita Burchardi" (Canisius, Antiq. Lect. iii. 1).

1092. De S. Frethemundo, Rege et Martyre.

A.D. 870.

MS. Lansd. 436. ff. 32-44. vell. small folio. xiv. cent.

Incip.—"Temporibus regum antiquorum erat quidam Rex " in Anglia Offa nomine."

Expl.—" oratorium fabricavit, ad laudem Domini nostri

" Jesu Christi, qui cum Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivit et regnat

" Deus per omnia sæcula sæculorum."

The Bollandists in the "Acta Sanctorum" ii. 656. (May) have collected the various scattered notices respecting this Saint.

1093. Vita Sancti Fremundi, Regis et Martyris, auctore Gulielmo Ramesiensi.

MS. Bibl. Pub. Cant. D d. ii. 78. vell. small 4to. xiii. cent.

Title.—"Incipit Vita Sancti Fredemundi, Regis et Martyris."
Incip.—" Anglorum Rex Offa fuit, Regina Botilda."

Expl.—"Sit laus, et virtus, et honor per sæcula cuncta. "Amen."

Colophon.—"Explicit Vita Sancti Fredemundi, Regis et "Martyris."

This seems to be an amplification of the Life in Capgravc. (See No. 1091.) It extends to about 550 lines.

Camden states that the Life of Fremund had been written by an ancient poet in a tolerably elegant strain,* and quotes seven lines from it.† He was acquainted with at least two copies of the poem. A copy of this piece was in MS. Vitell. D. xiv., which was destroyed in the Cottonian fire.

1094 The Life of St. Fremund, by J. Lydgate.

†MS. Ashmole, 46. 2. ff. 49 b-70. vell. 4to. xv. cent. Harl. 372. f. 25. paper, large 4to. xiy. cent. xv Harl. 4826. ff. 28-

§ MS. Harl. 2278. ff. 70-98 b. vell. 4to. xv. cent.

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^{* &}quot;Vita ejus carmine satis eleganti ab antiquo auctore descripta."

[†] Camd. Brit. p. 600, ed. Gibson.

[‡] For a description of this MSS. see Black's Catalogue of the Ashmolean Manuscripts, col. 71 and 72.

[§] This MS. is very finely illuminated, and is the copy which Lydgate presented to King Henry VI. See a full description of the volume in the Catalogue of the Harleian MSS., vol. ii. 639, 640.

A.D. 870. Incip.—"Who can remember pe meraclys merveyllous."

Expl.—"And remedye for syke folkes alle

That for socour unto his grace calle."

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There is also an Invocation to this Saint, beginning,—
"Now hooly Fremund martir, maid, and kyng."

A.D. 871.

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1095. Vita S. Osgithæ, seu Osithæ, Virginis.

MS. Bodl. 285. ff. 121-122 b. vell. folio. xii. or xiii. cent.

Rubr.—" Incipit Vita vel Passio Sanctæ Osgithæ, Virginis " et Martyris."

Incip.—"Beata virgo et martyr Osgitha ex nobilissima "Anglorum stirpe extitit orta."

Expl.—" ut nobis peccatoribus apud Dominum nostrum " Jesum Christum subvenire dignetur, qui vivit et regnat " cum Deo Patre in unitate Spiritus Sancti, Deus per omnia " sæculorum sæcula. Amen."

Colophon.—"Explicit Vita vel Passio Beatæ Osgithæ Vir" ginis."

This Life is abridged in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," and his version is printed with slight verbal alterations, by Surius, "Vitæ Sanctorum" (7 Oct.), and reprinted in the "Acta Sanctorum," iii. 936 (7 Oct.) (See No. 1097.)

Osgith, daughter of Fredewald and Wilburga, daughter of Penda, is mentioned by Beda; Penda, although himself a pagan, having had holy descendants, as Kineburga, Eadburga, Mildritha, &c. Osgith was married to Sider, King of Essex; and after she had, by various means, evaded his attempts to consummate the marriage, she finally escaped by a person suddenly announcing the appearance of a white doe near the palace, in chace of which the King instantly set out; on which she immediately applied to Ecca and Bedwin, who gave her the veil. On the King's return, he was induced to assent to what had been done in his absence, and gave her a mansion where she resided during the rest of her life.* She was finally murdered by some pagan pirates, who cut off her head.

^{*} At Chich in Essex,—" Ubi ædificia lapide et latere pulchre constructa "habuisse dinoscitur."

Her body was buried in the church of St. Peter and St. A.D. 871. Paul,* and was afterwards translated by Maurice, Bishop of London (A.D. 1085-1107). Certain Germans who frequented the port of Yarmouth, during the time of Archbishop Richard (A.D. 1171-1184), were punished for inadvertently carrying off a small piece of marble from the church.

1096. Vita S. Osgithæ.

MS. Lansd, 486. ff. 29-30. vell. folio, dble col. xiv. cent.

This MS. begins and ends with the same words as MS. Bodl. 285, before mentioned (No. 1095); but it is only an abridgment of the Life therein contained. It is not the same abridgment, however, as that mentioned in the next number.

1097. De S. Ositha, Virgine et Martyre.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. i. ff. 248-250.

MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15. vell. folio. xv. cent.

MS. Bodl. 240. p. 588.

Incip.—"Beata Ositha, Virgo et Martyr, ex nobilissimis
"Anglorum natalibus originem duxit."

Expl.—" sanata surrexit."

For an account of the first two MSS. see Nos. 35 and 38.

The same text as that printed in Capgrave's "Nova" Legenda Angliæ," f. 245; Surius (7 Oct.); and the "Acta" Sanctorum," iii. 936 (7 Oct); being an altered form of MS. Bodl. 285 (see No. 1095), with some additions also of miracles, &c. The compiler omits the account of Penda's family, but adds the story of Modwenna's interment at Ailesbury, and Translation to Chich, with several Miracles at the end. The proper names in Capgrave's text are seemingly more correct than those in MS. Bodl. 285. The story of Modwenna and Osgitha is apparently borrowed from Geoffrey of Burton's Life of Mod-

^{*} Now Chich, or St. Osith's Priory, in Essex; concerning which see Dugd. Monast., vi. 308. ed. Ellis.

A.D. 871. wenna, and inserted in the Life of Osith, merely on account of the resemblance of the names. The Life in MS. Lansd. 436. abridges Goscelin, and says nothing about Modwenna.

A.D. 870.

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1098. Passio Sancti Edmundi, Regis Orientalium Anglorum et Martyris, per Abbonem Floriacensem.

MS. Cott. Tiber. B. ii. ff. 1-18 b. vell. med. folio. xi. cent.
 MS. Lambeth. 362. f. 1. vell. 4to. xi. cent.

MS. Coll. S. Joh. Bapt. Oxon. 149. 2. f. 60. vell. small folio. xii. or xiii.

cent,

† MS. Bodl. Digby. 109. ff. 1-32 b. vell, small folio. xiii, cent. ‡ MS. Coll. Jesu. Oxon. 75. 30. paper folio. xvii. cent. MS. C.C.C. Cant. 42. 2. vell. folio. xii. cent.

§ MS. Cott. Titus. A. viii. ff. 67-80 b. vell. 4to. xiii. cent. MS. Bodl. Rawlins. C. 440. ff. 194-204. vell. large 4to. xii. cent.

MS. Bodl. Rawlins. C. 440. ff. 194-204. vell. large 4to. xii. cent.

MS. Bodl. Rawlins. 903.

|| MS. Bodl. Fell. 4. ff. 125-136. vell. folio. xiii. cent.
|| MS. Bodl. Fairfax. 12. (3892.) vell. small folio. xii. cent.
| ** MS. Bibl. Pub. Copenhagen. 1588. vell. 8vo. xii. cent.
| MS. Gotha.

MS. Vienna.

†† MS. Bibl. du Roi. 2475. (olim Colbert 1418. Reg. 3791). vell. dble. col. xiii. cent.

MS. Bibl. du Roi. 3800. (olim de Bethune). xiii. cent. ‡‡ MS. Bibl. du Roi. 5362. vell. xii. cent.

^{*} A space has been left in this MS. for an ornamental initial letter. The first word is "Dorobernensium." Another space has been left at the commencement of the "Passio," where the first word is "Præcario."

[†] The Passion is followed by a Hymn, set to music, beginning, "Ave, Rex "gentis Anglorum, miles Regis Angelorum;" after which are short pieces of prose and hymns alternately, to the end of the volume. These pieces also are supposed to have been the work of Abbo.

[‡] Apparently a transcript of MS. Cott. Tiber. B. ii.

[§] There are several verbal variations in this from MS. Cott. Tiber. B. ii. In the Catalogue of the Cottonian MSS, the authorship of this work is erroneously ascribed to Osbert de Clare. See No. 1098 in the present Catalogue.

^{||} Imperfect at the beginning.

[¶] The last leaf of this MS. is wanting.

^{**} At the end of the Passion are Lections for the day of St. Edmund.
The MS. is beautifully written and illuminated.

^{††} A fine MS. of English execution.

[†] There are several other MSS. of this Passion in the Royal Library at l'aris.

Title.—"Epistola Abbonis, monachi Floriacensis, ad Beatum A.D. 870.

" Dunstanum Archiepiscopum, de Passione Sancti Aedmundi,

" Regis et Martiris."

Incip. Epistola.—"Domino sauctæ Dorobernensium ecclesiæ

" Archiepiscopo Dunstano."

Expl. Epistola.—" exortans omnes ad amorem tanti Martyris.

" Vale, pater in Christo."

Incip. Passio.—"Adsciti aliquando in Britanniam, præcario

" munere."

Expl. Passio.—" ut nos cum sibi digne famulantibus expiet " a peccatis quibus meremur supplicium, per Eum qui vivit et

" regnat in sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Printed in Surius ("Vitæ Sanctorum," 20 Nov.), iv. 440; where, contrary to his usual practice, he does not seem to have altered the style of it, considering it to be sufficiently good.

Edmund, son of King Alcmund, ascended the throne of East Anglia A.D. 855, being then fourteen years old. Upon the Danish invasion of his kingdom, he fell into the hands of the Pagans, who required him to renounce the Christian faith. He rejected their proposal, and was consequently put to death by them. Hence his title of 'Martyr.'

The author of this piece was Abbo of Fleury, who was invited into England by Oswald, successively Bishop of Worcester and Archbishop of York. At the request of St. Dunstan, Abbo wrote the Life, now under consideration, about the year 985.* His narrative is highly valuable. In order that he might not report anything in his narrative that was not strictly true, he took the precaution of sending his MS. to St. Dunstan, praying him to correct everything that was contrary to historical truth. He received his account of the death of Edmund from St. Dunstan himself, who had had it from the Martyr's swordbearer. Abbo, during his residence in England, established a school at Ramsey, where he resided and taught. Upon leaving this country he became Abbot of La Réole, in Gascony, where he was killed in a skirmish on the 13th of November, 1004.

^{*}The Authors of the "Hist. Lit. de la France," vii. 174, by a singular error, state that this Edmund was murdered in 946, only 39 years before Abbo wrote this piece, whereas it was composed more than 100 years after the event; they also venture to censure M. Baillet for his chronology, who was doubtless correct in his assertion.

A.D. 870. Abbo also wrote a Treatise on Grammar, which he addressed to the Monks of Ramsey. His Life is published by Mabillon (Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened.), viii. 35.

> The Miracles attributed to Hermannus immediately follow Abbo's work in MS. Cott. Tiber. B. ii.; but they certainly do not come from that writer's pen.

1099. Vita S. Edmundi, Regis et Martyris, auctore Gulielmo Monacho Ramseiensi.

*MS. Bibl. Pub. Cant. D d. ii. ff. 125 b-136 b. vell. 8vo. xiii. cent.

Tit.—"Incipit Prologus in Vitam S. Edmundi."

Incip. Prol.—"Plus volo quam valeo Regis memorando " triumphos."

Incip. Vita.—"Bellorum varios experta Britannia motus."

Expl. Vita.—" Sancto nunc et per sæcula laus et honor.

" Amen." Colophon .- "Explicit Vita Sancti Edmundi, Regis et Mar-

" tyris." "Incipit Prosa in Vita ejusdem rithmice composita."

"Stupet caro, stupet mundus."

(About 40 Leonine lines).

"Alia Prosa de Sancto Edmundo rithmice composita."

"Profitendo fidem solam."

(About 30 Leonine lines).

"Explicit Prosa de Sancto Edmundo, Rege et Martyre."

1100. Vita S. Edmundi Regis, per Osbertum de Clare, Priorem Westmonasterii.

MS. Cott. Titus. A. viii. ff. 67-80 b. vell. 4to. xiii. cent.

Rubr.—" Incipit Epistola de Passione Sancti Aedmundi " præmissa."

Incip. Epist.—" Domino Sanctæ Metropolitanæ Dorober-" nensium ecclesiæ, Archiepiscopo Dunstano."

Expl. Epist.—" exhortans omnes ad amorem tanti Martyris " —Vale, Pater in Christo."

^{*} Another copy of this piece was in MS. Cott. Vitell. D. xiv., which was destroyed in the fire of 1731.

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Rubr.—"Explicit Epistola—Incipit Passio Sancti Aedmundi, A.D. 870.

" Regis et Martyris."

Incip. Passio.—" Adsciti aliquando in Britanniam præcario "munere in perniciosum auxilium tres Germanniæ populi."

Expl.—" per eum qui vivit et regnat in sæcula sæculorum.

" Amen."

This is not the work of Osbert de Clare, but of Abbo, with a few verbal alterations and transpositions of 'words. See No. 1098 and No. 1110.

1101. Vita Sancti Edmundi, Regis et Martyris.

MS. Harl. 2802. f. 226 b. vell. large folio. xii. cent.

Incip.—"Gloriosus Rex Edmundus, ex antiquorum Saxonum" nobili prosapia oriundus."

Expl.—"ad laudem Domini nostri Jesu Christi, cui est

" honor et gloria in sæcula. Amen."

The author of this piece has not been ascertained.

1102. Vita S. Eadmundi, Regis et Martyris.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. i. f. 283b. MS. Bodl. Tanner 15.

Incip.—"Rex quidam in Saxoniæ regno, Alkmundus no- mine."

Expl.-" et prædia multa donavit."*

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," f. 107.

The introduction is taken from Geoffrey de Fontibus (See No. 1117); the other part from Hermann's narrative (see No. 1109) to the account of the erection of St. Edmund's Church in Cnut's time.†

For a description of these MSS. see Nos. 35 and 38.

^{*} Immediately after these words comes " § De cruce de Nolm.," which ends, "cum aliis nonnullis miraculis divinitus ostensis."

[†] Mr. Holford is, or was, in the possession of a MS. (formerly belonging to the family of Parker of Browsholme, and afterwards in the Townley Collection) which contained the Life and Miracles of King Edmund, written in the time of Anselm, Abbot of St. Edmund's, A.D. 1119-1148.

A.D. 870. 1103. Vita et Passio S. Eadmundi, Regis et Martyris, una cum Miraculis ejusdem.

MS. Bodl. 240. ff. 624-648. (olim N. E. F. 10. b. 2469.)

Rubr.—"Incipit Vita et Passio, cum Miraculis Sancti Ed-" mundi Regis et Martyris, excerpta de Cronicis et diversis

" historiis seu legendis, de eodem breviter et sub compendio

" compilata-De Nativitate Sancti Edmundi."

Incip.—" Erat quondam in Saxonia quidam Rex, Alkmundus "nomine."

This is a compilation from Henry of Huntingdon, Simeon of Durham, Abbo, Galfridus "de Infantia S. Edmundi," Nicholas Prior of Wallingford, the Chronicles of Westminster, Ely, and Norwich, Sampson Abbas, and "Hermannus, Archi-"diaconus Arfasti."*

1104. De Translatione Sancti Edmundi de Ecclesia veteri in novam basilicam, a Baldewino constructam.

MS. Bodl. 240. ff. 648-677. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

Incip.—"Regnante Rege Willelmo Secundo."

The name of Osbert de Clare is written opposite many of the Mirscles; and against others is written "ex Chronicis "Joscelini."

Then follow certain "Miracula excerpta de parvo quodam "antiquo quaternio ad feretrum," which are followed by "Mi"racula xvii. facta apud Wainflete. A.D. 1374 et 1375."

1105. De Translatione S. Edmundi, Regis et Martyris.

MS. C. C. C. Cant. 34, 41. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

Incip. imperf.—" Si hæc fideliter, si humiliter."

Expl.—"sed gratia Dei, per Jesum Christum Dominum
"nostrum conversus ad Dominum."

^{*}This Arfast was apparently the Bishop of Thetford of that name who died in A.D. 1084. See No. 1108.

7 1106. In Translatione S. Edmundi, Regis et Martyris. A.D. 870. MS. Cott. Julius. A. vi. f. 59.

Incip.—"Anno ab Incarnatione Domini 1095, a Passione "S. Edmundi Regis et Martyris 225."

Expl.—"resurgendum ad beatitudinem sempiternam præ" stante."

1107. La Vie S. Edmund le Rey; en vers.

* MS. Cott. Domit. A. xi. ff. 1-24. vell. 4to.

LA VIE SEINT EDMUND LE REY.

"Mult ay use, cum pechere,
Ma vie en trop fole manere,
E trop ay use ma vie,
En peche e en folie."

The author goes on to say that he has indulged in making profane rhymes to a great extent, but has repented, and betaken himself to more serious pursuits. He calls himself Denis Piramus. "Jee ay noun Denis Piramus." He proceeds to point out that the author of Parthonopeus de Blois and Marie de France were popular versifiers with the nobility, but assures his audience that if they will attend to him they shall hear something worth a thousand times what they had written more pleasant to listen to, and what, besides, will do their souls good. Thus much for Prologue.

The Life commences,—

"Ore oyez, Cristiene gent,
Vus qui en Dieu Omnipotent
Auez e fey e esperance,
E de salvaciun fiance."

^{*} The author of the Article on Denis Piramus in the "Histoire Litté"raire de la France," vol. xix. 629, makes special mention of this MS., and, on M. Francisque Michel's authority, interprets Piramus' reference to the author of the Parthonopeus (always regarded as unknown) as a recognition of himself as the writer. Denis Piramus, it seems, only contrasts himself with the author of the Parthonopeus, and with Marie de France. The Abbé de la Rue, in his "Essais Historiques sur les Bardes" (vol. iii., p. 101), makes no suggestion as to Denis being the author of the Parthonopeus. He had the MS. before him, and he would, I think, have noticed the fact, had he interpreted the sentence as M. Michel, and the author of the article in the "Histoire Littéraire" have done. It seems more probable that he was animated by a spirit of rivalry with the author of the Parthonopeus.

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A.D. 870. The Life, which extends to about 3286 verses, ends,—

"La teste unt pur ceo desevree
Loinz del cors, que nel trouassent
Cristiens, ne al cors la justassent,
E que en honeste sepulture
Ne meissent, par aventure.
Le chief e le cors ensement,
Del martir Dieu Omnipotent."

After the Life follow Miracles, beginning at f. 16:-

"Un homme del Cristiene lay
Est eschape del grant desray,
De la grant occisiun,
En le bois de Hailesdun."

This part is imperfect; it contains 714 verses, and ends with the lines,—

"Ja Sueyn ne ireit de cest pais, Quil ne fust descumfit e pris."

The catch words are,-

"E ses amis li respundi."

This work of Denis Piramus, and the Life by Abbo, have much in common with Lydgate and Galfridus de Fontibus, but where they agree Denis seems much fuller.

The Life of St. Edmund, printed in Battely ("Antiquitates "Edmundi Burgi,") which was compiled by order of Abbot Curteis, resembles Denis Piramus, Matthew of Westminster, Gaimar, and Simeon of Durham.

Denis Piramus lived in the reign of Henry the Third of England, and passed the greater portion of his life at the Court of that monarch. He says that he composed the Life of St. Edmund to amuse the King and his nobles during a sea voyage.

1108. De S. Edmundo Carmen Elegiacum.

MS. Bodl. 832 (2538) f. 186 b.

Incip.-" Salve festa dies toto."

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This piece consists only of a single page, and contains no new facts. It is, therefore, valueless for any historical purpose.

1109. Miracula B. Edmundi Regis, auctore Hermanno A.D. 870.

Archidiacono.

MS. Cott. Tiber. B. ii. ff. 19b.-84b. vell. xi. cent. vell. med. folio. xi. cent.

* MS. Coll. Jesu Oxon. 75. 30. paper folio. xvii. cent.

Incip.—" Per Sanctum enim Eadmundum memoriam fecit "Dominus."

Expl.—" et eo plus hominum mediæ noctis in spatio " periclitantur."

There is considerable doubt as to the identity of the individual here styled Herman the Archdeacon.

The opening lines, in which the author's name was to be mentioned, were left blank in Tiber. B. ii. for the illuminator, and have never been filled up; but in a Note at the foot of the page, in a hand probably of the fifteenth century, are these words, "Incipiunt Miracula scripta ab Hermanno, Archi-diacono, tempore Baldewini Abbatis, circa annum Christi "1070." It is not improbable that he was Archdeacon of Norwich under Arfast, Bishop of Thetford. (See No. 1102.)

1110. Miracula et Translatio Sancti Ædmundi, Regis et Martyris, per Osbertum de Clare, ut videtur.

MS. Cott. Titus. A. viii. ff. 83 b.-151 b. vell. 4to. xiii. cent.

Rubr.—" Incipit Præfatio super Miraculis Edmundi Regis " et Martyris."

Incip. Praf.—" Cum multorum gesta sæcularium luculentis "videamus apicibus exarata."

Expl. Præf.—" actus egregios, virtutes, atque triumphos."
Incip. Mirac.—" Pretiosus Rex et Martyr Ædmundus."

Expl. Lib. I.—" Beati Martyris magnalia pro facultate "prosecuturi."

Rubr.—"Incipit Prologus in Librum Secundum."

Incip. Prol. in Lib. II.—"Cum laureatus urbem ingreditur rediens."

^{*} This MS. contains an exact copy, in part, of MS. Cott. Tiber. B. ii., viz. from f. 19-41 b.

A.D. 870. Rubr.—" Incipit."*

Incip.—"In Exodo legitur quod, præcipiente Domino."

Expl. - "Jam nunc intermissis sermonum præludiis, ad rem attingamur."

Rubr.—" De Translatione Sancti Ædmundi."

Incip.—" Regnante Rege Willelmo, Normannorum Comite." Expl.—"gratulentur indulgentia per omnia benedictus Deus,

" cui cum Patre et Sancto Spiritu sit honor et gloria per

" omnia sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Rubr.—" De quodam ab imminenti morte excepto."

Incip.—" Cum quidam Sancti Ædmundi."

Expl.—" gratia reconciliante transmittit ad superos."

In a hand of the fourteenth century in the margin is written "Expliciunt Miracula, scripta per Osbertum de Clare, Priorem "Westmonasteriensem." After this, another Miracle is added, beginning, "Ad declaranda," and ending, "innumeram dæmonum "multitudinem. Per Willielmum Heyhorn. Amen." This last is probably the scribe's name who wrote the manuscript, being in the same hand as the rest of the book.

Bale (1. 189) states that Osbert de Clare wrote a life of Edward the Confessor (see No. 1054), which he dedicated to Alberic, the Legate of Pope Innocent the Second. He adds that the same writer formed a collection of Miracles of King Edmund, which begins, "Cum laureatus Dei Martyr, Ead-"mundus." If this be correct, then the First Book of the Miracles, as given in this MS., must be by some other hand. It certainly is not the work attributed to Hermannus, as found in MS. Cott. Tiber. B. ii.

1111. Miracula S. Edmundi Regis et Martyris Orientalium Anglorum.

MS. Bodl. Digby. 39. ff. 24-39 b. vell. 8vo. xi. cent.

Rubr.—" Prologus in textu Miraculorum Sancti Eadmundi, " Regis et Martyris Orientalium Anglorum."

Incip. Prol.—" Ad memorandum Christi Domini testa"mentum."

^{* &}quot;Epistola Osberti de Clare Prioris Westmonasterii" is added in a hand of the seventeenth century.

Incip. Mirac.—" Universæ carnis viam ingresso Eadmundo A.D. 870. " glorioso."

Expl. Mirac.—"Martyr Eadmundus veneratur in Dominum, "Deo vivente in sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

This MS. once belonged to the Monastery of St. Mary at Abingdon.

Seemingly the same as the Miracles attributed to Herman the archdeacon. (No. 1109.)

1112. Liber Miraculorum S. Edmundi, Orientalium Anglorum Regis, auctore anonymo.

MS. Bibl. du Roi. 2621. vell. folio. xiii. cent.

This seems to be the same text as MS. Bodl. Digby 39., and is an abridgment of a portion of Hermannus (MS. Cott. Tiber. B. ii.), ending with the cure of the cripple woman. (See No. 1109.)

It is printed in Martene, "Amplissima Collectio," tom. vi., p. 821, from this MS. in the Library of the King of France.

1113. Passio Sancti Edmundi, Regis et Martyris.

* MS. Bibl. Pub. Cant. Ii. 28. f. 297. vell. 4to xi. or xii. cent.

Incip.—" Eadmund de eadiga East-engla Kyning pæs "snoter purdfull."

" snoter j purofull."

Expl.—" Ne byo nane pundra geporhte æt heora byrgenum,

forpan þe hi ne gelyfað on öone lyfigendan Crist. ac Crist

" gesputelað mannum hpær se soða geleafa is, þon he spýlce pun-" dra pyrcð þurh his halgan pide geond þas eorþan. Þæs him

" sy puldor a mid his heofonlice Fæder j pam Halgan Gaste.

" Amen."

See No. 1114.

Acidais vernon
of Abbo
ef 20. 1114

^{*} This MS. was given to the Public Library at Cambridge by Archbishop Parker.

A.D. 870. 1114. Passio Sancti Eadmundi, Regis et Martyris.

* MS. Bodl. N. E. F. 4. 12. f. 62. vell folio. xii. cent. † MS. Cott. Vitel. D. xvii. f. 168. vell. small 4to. MS. Cott. Julius, E. vii. f. 201. vell. small folio. x. cent. ‡ MS. Cott. Otho. B. x. f. 186.

Incip.—"Sum spyče gelæred munuc com supan ofer sæ. "fram sõe Benedictes sope on Aepelredes cynineges dæges "to Dunstane Aercebiscope, prim gearum ær he foröferde."

Expl.—"Ac Crist gesputelað mannum hpær se soða geleafa "is, þonne he spýlce pundra pyred þurh his Halgan pide "geond þas eorðan. Þæs him sý puldor a mid his heo-"fenlican Fæder j þam Halgan Gaste, a buton ende. "Amen."

This is apparently the same as No. 1113, with the Epistle prefixed, and is an Anglo-Saxon version of Abbo's prefatory Epistle to St. Dunstan, in the Passion of St. Edmund, King and Martyr. (See No. 1098.)

The orthography differs in each of the above-mentioned MSS.

1115. Vita S. Edmundi Regis.

§ MS. Harl. 2277. ff. 162 b.-164. vell. 4to. xiii. cent.
§ MS. Bodl. Laud. Misc. 463. ff. 109-110. vell. folio. xiv. cent.
§ MS. Bodl. 779. ff. 104 b-105 b. paper. folio. xv. cent.
§ MS. Trin. Coll. Oxon. 57. 62. f. 134. vell. folio. xv. cent.
MS. Bodl. Laud. Misc. 108. ff. 131, 132. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

Incip.—" Seint Edmund pe holi King of wham we makiep " gret feste."

Expl.—" grante ous pe joye pt he is inne after oure ending. "Amen."

Printed for the Philological Society by Mr. F. J. Furnivall, in his volume of "Early English Poems and Lives of Saints." 8vo. 1862.

^{*} The text of this MS. has been printed in Mr. Thorpe's "Analecta "Anglo-Saxonica," pp. 112–126, as an interesting specimen of the dialect of East Anglia.

[†] This is a mere fragment, the MS. having been all but wholly destroyed in the fire of 1731.

[‡] This MS. also was all but destroyed in the same fire.

[§] These MSS. have many verbal differences, and the orthography varies in all. The composition is ascribed to Robert of Gloucester.

- 1116. The Life and Acts of St. Edmond, the King and A.D. 870.

 Martyr, by John Lydgate.
 - * MS. Bodl. Tanner. 347. f. 98. vell. 4to. xv. cent. † MS. Bodl. Rawlins. B. 216. ff. 162 b-171 b. vell. folio. xv. cent.

† MS. Ashmole. 46. i. ff. 1-49. vell. 4to. xv. cent.

§ MS. Ashmole. 46. 3. ff. 70–96. vell. 4to. xv. cent. || MS. Ashmole. 59. 7. ff. 22 b–24 b.

¶ MS. Harl. 2278. ff. 6-69 b. vell. 4to. xv. cent. MS. Harl. 4826. ff. 4-27 b. vell. folio. xv. cent. MS. Mostyn Gloddaeth, 37.

Mostyn Gloddaeth, 37
 MS. Wynnstay.

Incip. Pref.—"The noble story to putte in remembraunce
Off Sancte Edmond mayde Martyr and
Kyng."

Expl.—"As kyng and martir wher he may not mysse

Eternally for to regne in blysse."

Then follow three verses introducing the Life of S. Fremund.

- In MS. Bodl. Tanner. 374, after the last line, follows "A requeste of "the Translatour unto Seynt Edmond in conservacion of his franchyse," which commences, "Now lat us alle with herthy confydense."
 - † This MS. is imperfect at the end.
- † The Preface to this Life is followed by an invocation addressed to the Saint, consisting of five stanzas, beginning—"O precious charbouncle "of Martirs alle." The poem itself consists of 267 stanzas, and begins—"In Saxonye whylom there was a Kyng."
- § The 87th stanza is followed by an invocation to the Saint and prayer for the King, beginning-" O glorious Martir, which of devout humblesse." at the end of which is written in the margin with pencil (by the same hand) -"Go litle boke," &c., which words are the beginning of six stanzas addressed to Henry VI. in the Harleian MS., but here omitted. follows the description of St. Edmund's banner (beginning "Blyssed " Edmond martir and virgyne"), which is placed at the beginning of the Harleian MS.; from which it has been printed by Sir Harris Nicolas in the "Retrospective Review," N. S., vol. i. pp. 98-100. The last stanza is accommodated to Edward IV. in this copy, to whom it seems to have been dedicated and presented. Then follows an account of the later Miracles of St. Edmund, one of which is said to have happened so recently as 28 April 1441, beginning-"Laude of our Lord up to the heaven is "reysed;" and ending-"Be derogacione doon to his fraunchyse." See Black's Catalogue of the Ashmolean MSS.
- || This is the conclusion of the Life as it is in MS. Harl. 2278, and which is wanting in MS. Ashmole, 46, f. 84 b.
- ¶ This MS. is said to have been presented to King Henry VI. by the Poet himself. It is ornamented with at least 120 limnings. See a description of this MS. vol. ii. pp. 639, 640 of the Harleian Catalogue.

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1117. Gaufridus de Fontibus de Infantia S. Edmundi.

MS. Bibl. Pub. Lib. Cant. Ff. 1. 27. § 29. p. 638-642. vell. xv. cent. MS. Bodl. N E. F. x. 6.

Incip.—"Regiis excubiis a puero insistenti domino Ordingno, " albis prærogativa præcellenti, Gaufridus illius civitatis ineffa-

"bile gaudium, cujus est participatio in id ipsum. Sæpius "me præsente"

Expl.—" et quomodo Deo acceptus Eadmundus felicem vitam

"felici Martirio consumaverit vir disertus Albo descripsit "Floriacensis ad laudem Domini Salvatoris, cui est honor et "gloria in sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

With Tanner, Biblioth. Britan. p. 304, compare Battely "Antiquitates S. Edmundi Burgi," p. 76.

This work contains notices of several incidents of interest.

The author was a Franciscan Friar, but the period at which he flourished is not known; at least, neither Pits nor Tanner was acquainted with it. According to the early Bibliographers, this same Gaufridus de Fontibus wrote, besides this work, "In "magistrum Sententiarum," in four books;—"Expositio regulæ "Minorum," in one book, and "Quodlibet multa," in several books; it is probable, however, that these are the productions of a different and a later author (see Oudin. ii. 583). Valerius Andreas (Bibl. Belgica, p. 292, Edit. Lovan. 1643) mentions a certain "Godefridus de Fontibus," Bishop of Cambrai, who died 1238 (Gallia Christ. iii. 35), but he had no connexion with this country.

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1118. Vita S. Neoti Abbatis, auctore anonymo. MS. Cott. Vespas. D. xiv. f. 142 b.-148. vell. 8vo. xi. cent.

OF SEINTE NEOTE.

Incip.—"Men pa leofeste, we pyllet eop cyten beo sumen "dæle."

Expl.—"] p pe moten æfter forðsiðe to ecere reste be" cumen."

Printed in Gorham's History of the Antiquities of Eynesbury and St Neot's, (p. 256, 2nd vol. 8vo. Lond. 1820–1824).

This is the earliest Life of St. Neot, and seemingly that

mentioned by Asser in his Life of Alfred.* It is written in A.D. 877. Anglo-Saxon, and was, perhaps, a Homily intended to be read in the monastery of St. Neot's, in Cornwall.

In the outline of its composition it differs from all the other Lives, but it agrees with them in digressing from the principal subject to the military disasters of Alfred, and to his victory over Guthrum, the Danish chief. It omits all the miracles which are to be found in the other Lives; whilst one legend is peculiar to this MS., viz., that of St. Neot's flight from the spring in which he was bathing, and the loss of his shoe, which was found by a fox.

As a guide for ascertaining the period in which the author of this piece composed this work, it may be observed that when he wrote there was a murrain and distress of every kind. Now the first great murrain after the death of Alfred took place in the year 986,† and not improbably the agitating circumstances mentioned by the author in St. Neot's Life, coupled with the supposed approach of the end of the world,‡ may satisfactorily correspond with that date. Again the misery of the times and the murrain of 1086§ might be contemporary with the author's time; but of the two, the earlier date seems preferable. It contains the same anachronism that is common to the other Lives, that St. Neot, who died about 877, was ordained by Aelfheah, Bishop of Winchester, who died in 951.

Neot was born in the early part of the ninth century. In his youth he was desirous of adopting a military life, but abandoning that idea he renounced the world, and entered as a monk in the Abbey of Glastonbury. There he became celebrated as much for his literary attainments, as for his humility and

^{*&}quot;Ut in Vita Sancti patris Neoti legitur." Asser, De Reb. Gest. Ælfridi (Monumenta Hist. Brit. p. 480).

^{† &}quot;This year first came the great murrain among cattle in the English "nation." Saxon Chron. ad an. 986. Florence of Worcester (whose account is more minute) ascribes it to A.D. 987. See the Monumenta, p. 580.

[‡] Fleury has collected a variety of passages showing how generally the idea was entertained at the conclusion of the tenth century that the end of the world was at hand. See xii. lvii. § 44. and lviii. § 14.

[§] See Saxon Chron. ad an. 1086.

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A.D. 877. devotion; and upon being admitted to Holy Orders, was made Sacristan of the Abbey. His fame attracted large multitudes to Glastonbury, to profit by his instruction. Disgusted at the popular applause he received, he retired to a secluded valley in Cornwall,* there to lead the life of an anchoret. After passing seven years in seclusion, he paid seven visits to Rome.† The Pope dissuaded him from adopting a solitary life, and advised him to return into Cornwall, there to spread the word of God among the people. The result of this admonition was his founding a monastery, or college of priests. of which he became Abbot. The precise year of his death is not stated by any ancient authority, and can only be collected from circumstantial evidence; but it seems most probable that it occurred on the 31st July 877. (See Mabillon Act. Sanct. Ord. Benedict. iv. ii. 337). For a full and critical account of the Life of St. Neot, the reader is referred to the "History and Antiquities of Eynesbury and St. Neot," by the Rev. G. C. Gorham.

1119. Vita S. Neoti Abbatis, auctore anonymo.;

MS. Cott. Claud. A. v. ff. 145 b-160 b. vell. dble. col. 4to. xiii. cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit Prologus in Vitam Sancti Neoti Abbatis."
Incip. Prol.—"Cum universarum essentialis rerum per" petuitas, elementorum confusæ venustissima molis."

Expl. Prol.—"et naufragantibus portum ostenderent salutis. Explicit Prologus."

Incip. Vita.—" § Dominus autem noster Jesus Christus " Deus de Deo, Summi Patris imago."

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^{*}His Hermitage was near a place called "Ham-Stoke," about ten miles distant from the Convent of St. Petrock. The name was shortly afterwards changed to "Neot-Stoke," and subsequently to "St. Neots," its present appellation. See Tanner, Notit. Monast. p. 69. ed. 1744.

^{†&}quot;He zeneopode Romeburh seofe siden xpe to lofe 7 Seinte Petre."

[‡] It is ascribed in a later hand to William Abbot of Crowland, in MS. Cott. Claud. A. v. The MS. is somewhat scantier than Mabillon's text.

[§] The prologue in the Acta Sanct. ends, "ita ab omnibus debet evitari" prolixitas," and commences the Life, "Cum adhuc Anglia, que prisco "nomine Britannia dicebatur."

Expl.—"ipso opitulante, qui prædestinatos misericorditer A.D. 877. "vocat, vocatos justificat, justificatos beatificat, et exaltat in gloria, in qua vivit et regnat Deus in sæcula sæculorum.

" Amen."

Colophon.—"Explicit Vita Sancti Neoti Abbatis."

Printed with some variations in Mabillon's "Acta Sanct." Ord. Benedict." iv. ii. 337, taken from a MS. in the Abbey of Bec. It contains internal evidence of having been written by a monk of St. Neot's, soon after the Norman Conquest, (see § 2). It is reprinted in the Acta Sanct. vii. 319 (31 Jul.) "Ex MS. Cod. Beccensi," collated with Mabillon's text.

Seeing that, through carelessness and the faintness of tradition, a full knowledge of St. Neot is not to be obtained, the writer intends collecting some few notices of him and of his Before the Norman power had reduced England to one kingdom, it was formerly governed by four kings. One of these was Edulfus,* who ruled Wessex and Kent, and who, together with his wife, of royal race, was extremely pious and liberal to the church. They had a son who was baptized by the name of Neot, and who, very early, was trained to literary pursuits; so much so that when he attained the age for military exercises, he refused to engage in secular concerns and became a monk at Glastonbury, during the time that Dunstan was Abbot there. Here he selected Æthelwold, afterwards Bishop of Winchester, for his intimate friend, and strongly impressed him with the advantages of a holy life. being ordained deacon and priest, so short was his stature that he had an iron stool to stand on while performing mass. During the time he was sacristan, he was in great anxiety to admit a person in haste; and the bar of the door being above his reach, suddenly it was miraculously brought down to the height of his girdle. He now retires to a lonely situation with his attendant Barrius. He goes to Rome to consult Pope Marinus on his course of life, and is favourably received. He then returns, and builds a monastery, whither multitudes flock to him. In a pool, near his dwelling, were three small fish, one of which he ate daily; but on the following morning the number was constantly filled up. Neot being sick, his attendant, without his knowledge, caught two of the fish and

^{*} Fidulfus in MS. Bec.

A.D. 877. broiled one and boiled the other for him. At this he was greatly distressed, and commanding both to be thrown into the water, continued in prayer until he was told they were again swimming in the pool. Thieves having stolen his oxen, he commanded some deer to draw his plough; the progeny of which is said still to retain a white mark round their neck, at the spot where the collar fitted. At another time a stag takes refuge at his feet from the hounds; the hunter receives the ecclesiastical habit at his hands; and his horn, transmitted to St. Petroc's church, where it still is preserved as a relic of Saint Neot, attests the circumstance. King Alfred visiting him to obtain his intercession, Saint Neot, who was "ex eodem sanguine cretus," "viam prudentiæ ostendens illi, " pravos etiam ejus redarguens actus, jussit in melius converti," and "de tyrannidis improbitate, et de superba regiminis " austeritate, acriter eum increpavit." Alfred by his advice sends to Pope Marinus and endows the English school at Rome, and in return receives from the Pope, among other relics, a portion of the Holy Cross. St. Neot dies and is received into Heaven by angels with songs of joy; his body being buried in the church which he himself has built, and many miracles performed at his tomb. After a time, the church proving too small, it was enlarged and his body removed to the north side of the altar, where to this day

miracles are performed.

In the year 877, on the 8th of the Ides of January, Guthrum, with a great force invades England and marches against the Western-Angles, where he has learned that Alfred is passing the winter. Alfred flies to Ethlingea, and takes refuge in the cottage of a swineherd, where he is rated by the wife of his host for letting the cakes burn for want of turning. St. Neot appears to him in his distress, and assures him that at the end of seven weeks after Easter he shall prevail over his enemies. Alfred marches to St. Neot again appears to him, before the Elbrichtstan. action, and on the advance is seen leading the English forces into battle. On the defeat of the enemy, Guthrum is converted to Christianity, and returns to his own country. Alfred now makes reparation for his past misconduct, reigns prosperously, and dies.

It is from this biography that the legendary tales respecting St. Neot's residence in Cornwall, are derived. It was used, on the Festival of the Saint, in the Liturgical * Services A.D. 877. of the Priory of St. Neot. It may not unreasonably be conjectured, from the fact that all Saxon names which occur in this Life have an explanation of their meaning in Latin, that the present work was the composition of a Norman.

This Life was abridged by John of Tinmouth in the "Historia Aurea," from whom it was copied by Capgrave, with the addition of St. Neot's Translation from Einulfsbury, whither his relics had been carried by Barrius, to Croyland (Ingulf. p. 55, edit Gale), and their further removal by Abbot Henry, A.D. 1213.

1120. Vita S. Neoti† Abbatis, metrice.

MS. Magd. Coll. Oxon. 53 pp. 199-205 vell. dble. col. 4to. xiv. cent.

Rubr.—" Incipit Vita Sancti Neoti Abbatis."

Incip.—" Angliaque tota modo regi militat uni,

Quaddam partita pluribus una fuit."

Expl.—"Cum peccavit Adam, cuncti periere parentes."

Printed in the Appendix to Whitaker's Life of St. Neot, 8vo. Lond. 1809. pp. 318-339, who publishes it as the oldest Life of St. Neot now known.

This appears to be a miserable versification of the greater part of the Cottonian MS. (Claud. A. V.); ending abruptly with the Translation of St. Neot's body, after the rebuilding of his church, and a general remark on Alfred's misconduct, combined with the veracity of the Saint's prophecy concerning him.

The poem is occasionally amplified by declamation, and in some places the paragraphs of the original are transposed or abridged. There are about 673 lines in the piece.

^{*} Leland. de Script. cap. 113.

[†] In a recent hand it is ascribed to William of Ramsay,—" per Guilhel" mum Rameseye, Monachum Croilandensem."

A.D. 877. 1121. Vita S. Neoti, Presbyteri et Confessoris.

MS. Bodl. 535. olim Bodley 1. 7. 2254. ff. 39 a-52 b. vell. small 4to. xi. cent. MS. Bodl. 379. olim. N.E.F. ii. 18.

Rubr.—"Incipit Prologus de Vita Sancti Neoti, Presbyteri" et Confessoris."

Incip. Prol.—"Beati Neoti Confessoris vitam compendioso aggrediens."

Incip. Vita.—" Sanctus igitur Neotus fœcundæ Britanniæ " quæ nunc Anglia dicitur."

Expl.—" in cuncto sæculorum tempore prorsus nescio "metæ. Amen."

- Printed in Whitaker's Life of St. Neot from MS. Bodl. 379.
- " Taken out of a MS. copy of Leyland's own hand-writing in
- " the hands of Sir Henry St. George, Clarenceux King-at-
- " arms; procured by Robert Plot, LL.D., Univ. Coll. Oxon.,
- " A.D. 1682."

The writer states in the Prologue that, in obedience to his superiors, he intends relating what has been authentically delivered concerning St. Neot.

His parents ruled, it is said, in the eastern parts of Britain. They made him devote himself in his early years to learning; in which he made great progress, avoiding everything childish and worldly. A commendation of Glastonbury follows. Neot goes thither, and examines and imitates the good qualities of the several monks. His exemplary conduct; his conversations with Helpheg [Aelfeah], afterwards Bishop of Winchester. His fame attracts many to him from the neighbouring villages; the Bishop of the Diocese confers descon's orders on him, and afterwards, though against his will, those of priest. He then becomes an anchoret at Neotestoke. Seven years afterwards he goes to Rome, where he is received with great distinction; he returns and builds a monastery, where he receives frequent angelic visitations. Hælvredus [Alfred] visits him, and falls down and begs his benediction, which is granted, he being his kinsman. This King continues to resort to him: is reproved for his transgressions, and is instructed in his duty; is also informed that he will be a fugitive from his throne, but that, if he repents, God may spare him. He orders him to send to Pope Marinus, as he (Neot) will shortly die. Alfred

sends to Marinus, and receives in return for his presents a A.D. 877. part of the Holy Cross and the liberty of the English School at Rome. St. Neot dies; multitudes flock to his funeral; he is buried in his own church. At the time of his interment an odoriferous smell pervades the church, and numbers of sick persons are cured. Seven years afterwards his body is removed to a larger church, and buried on the north side of the altar; the same odour is again perceived, and many miracles are performed in honour of him. Not long afterwards (8 Ides of January, A.D. 878,) according to St. Neot's prophecy, Guthrum invades England, and compels Alfred to fly; who takes refuge in a swineherd's cottage in Ethelingaie. The story of the cakes follows. Some of his subjects discover and resort to him; in a few days he builds a fort, and harasses the enemy. St. Neot appears to him in a vision, and tells him that if he repents sincerely his troops will assemble and join him seven weeks after Easter, and that he (St. Neot) will lead them and gain for him the victory over his enemies. Guthrum ravages the country. The King goes to Egbritstane; collects a great host; encamps nigh Scalwud; seizes on Ethandune; Guthrum harangues his troops; Neot appears to Alfred before the battle, and leads his forces in action; Guthrum is converted and returns to his own country; Alfred reforms his life and governs peaceably ever after. After a reign of twenty-eight years and a half, he dies A.D. 900 (8 Kalend. Novemb.)

Some time afterwards St. Neot appears to the Sacristan of his church, and orders him to convey his remains to another place. The inhabitants of Neotestoke pursue the Sacristan, but are unable to move the relics; they are threatened by a nobleman and depart; the relics are then conveyed to

^{*} This was no uncommon test of a Saint's inclination. If he was pleased with the attempt to remove him, a very small degree of power was sufficient; but if not favourably disposed towards the parties, no force could avail.

From Chap. xvi. to Chap. xxi. inclusive, is a narrative of the Translation of the Saint from Neotestoke to Eynesbury, and of the first foundation of the Huntingdonshire Monastery. It thus commences, "Evolutis perinde" nonnullis temporum."

Bale (Script. 217) mentions a narrative of this Translation which began "Cum Beati Confessoris reliquiæ." He ascribes this composition to William of Ramsay.

A.D. 877. St. Neots; a description of that place. Many persons are cured of disorders by St. Neot. The conclusion.

Except the account of the Translation, this narrative has a strong general resemblance to the Saxon Life in the Cottonian MS. Vespas. D. xiv. There is a confusion somewhere between the two accounts of St. Neot's journey to Rome, seven years after he had resided at Neotestoke and of his going to Rome seven times, as in the Saxon Life. This Life also omits the legendary tales respecting Neot's residence in Cornwall.

On the miracles, as miracles, contained in these Lives it were irrelevant to remark; but as, historically, these appear to cast a censure on Alfred's conduct, it may be worth while to make some observations on their credibility.

No. 1118 says, First, That St. Neot went to Glastonbury in Holy Bishop Ælfeg's days, and was ordained by him; now, the only "Holy Bishop" of this name who is mentioned in early times as connected with that monastery is Ælfeg the Martyr,* who had been prior of Glastonbury, and was murdered by the Danes A.D. 1012; whereas by the testimony of all the Lives, St. Neot must have died before 878, when he is said to have appeared to Alfred at Ethelingai. Secondly, St. Neot, some time before his death, advised Alfred "to send his "offerings to Pope Martinus" (Marinus), but that pontiff did not fill the chair of St. Peter until A.D. 882, at least four years after St. Neot's death.

In No. 1119 First, We are told that Neot became a monk of Glastonbury during the Abbacy of St. Dunstan, and that Adelwold, afterwards Bishop of Winchester, was his intimate friend there; but Dunstan was not Abbot until after the year 941, and Adelwold was made Bishop of Winchester A.D. 963. Secondly, That he went to Rome, as well as advised Alfred to

^{*} There was, however, an Ælfeg, Bishop of Wells (in which diocese Glastonbury was included from the beginning of the tenth century,) but this affords very little aid, as he does not occur before 928; neither would Rudburne's assertion that Aelfeg Calvus, Bishop of Winchester, had been a monk there, mend the matter, as he comes still later (from 935 to 951). Rudburne, however, seems deserving of little credit here, for William of Malmesbury specifically enumerates the monks of Glastonbury who became bishops, and this Ælfegh is not among them. It is, however, to be observed that in his Life of St. Dunstan he mentions the fact of his having been a monk of Glastonbury, being asserted by the Winchester men.

send presents, during the time of Pope Marinus; the satis- A.D. 877. factory refutation of which assertion has been already noticed.

In No. 1121 he is sent to Glastonbury in the time of Ælfegh, afterwards Bishop of Winchester, who presided from A.D. 935 to 951; 2ndly, St. Neot, as before, advises Alfred to send presents to Pope Marinus.*

Now the inference to be drawn from these manifest errors is, that any Life, or Lives, which may be supposed to have afforded materials for these later compositions, must necessarily have been written long after Alfred's time, and therefore are unworthy of credit.

Of these four Lives three are ascribed, by modern hand-writings on the several MSS., to W. of Ramsay, a monk of Croyland; and this ascription, either by, or on the authority of, Bale, who directly assigns No. 1120 and 1121. to him, but Bale does not seem to have seen No. 1119. Some one probably perceiving that No. 1119 was the origin of No. 1118, ascribed it [No. 1119] to the supposed author of that Life; indeed, if W. of Ramsay did write a Life in prose and another in verse, it is not improbable that these may be the works in question, for it was then no uncommon practice to versify prose Lives; and these are evidently so connected; but at the same time it is remarkable that both, as well as No. 1118, leave St. Neot in Cornwall in the full operation of miraclest while No. 1121 relates his translation to Huntingdon.† Bale

^{*} The origin of the story of Marinus, which proved so irresistibly tempting to these biographers, is to be found in Asser and in the Saxon Chronicle, where we learn that in A.D. 883 Alfred really did send presents to Pope Marinus, and obtained the liberation of the Saxon School from all tribute; and it is evident that they borrow from the same sources in the account of Alfred's movements on quitting Ethelingai. It is curious that the Saints of either extremity of the Kingdom should have been so deeply interested in Alfred.

[†] No. 1119, after noticing the removal of his body to the north side of the altar at Neotstowe, adds "sed et mira et magnifica per Abbatem Neotum et "Confessorem præcipuum ibidem usque hodie divina operatur potentia, ad "ejusdem gloriam et venerationem." This seems pretty strongly to imply his presence at Neotstowe.

The Monastery of St. Neot's was founded early in the twelfth century, and made a cell to the Abbey of Bec in Normandy; in which place Mabillon found No. 1119, while Leland saw No. 1121 at St. Neot's. If, therefore, W. of Ramsay did write 1121 and the Translation also, it is

A.D. 877. assigns to W. of Ramsay the history of the translation of St. Neot (Acta Sanct. i. 3 Jul.,) which contains an account of the removal and examination of the relics in the possession of the monks of Croyland by Abbot Henry, A.D. 1213.

The Lives are here placed in the order in which they appear to have been composed.

1122. De Sancto Neoto, Abbate et Confessore. MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. vell. folio. dble. col. xiv. cent. MS. Bodl. Tanner 15.

- * MS. Bodl. 240. pp. 335-337. vell. folio. dble. col. xiv. cent. †
- ‡ MS. Lambeth, 12, ff. 88a-89a. vell. folio. dble. col. xiv. cent.

Incip.-" Fuit quidam Rex Occidentalium Anglorum."

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," f. 239 b.; and by Whitaker, in his "Life of St. Neot."

It seems to be an abridgment of MS. Cott. Claud. A. V. adding (at f. 212, col. 1) a short account of the Translation to Croyland; the collects used at his Festival being in the margin at the foot of the page.

1123. Vita S. Neoti Abbatis.

MS. C.C.C. Cantab. 161. vell. small fol. dble. col. xii. cent. (11 pages.)

Incip. Praf.—" Beati Neoti Confessoris Vitam compendiosæ
" aggrediens."

Incip. Vita.—" Sanctus igitur Neotus fœcundæ Britannie, " quæ nunc Anglia dicitur."

probable that the account of the removal from St. Neot's to Croyland had been expunged by the monks of the former place. Possibly the Translation may be considered a distinct treatise, and it is probable that the MS. found its way to Bec from St. Neot's.

* The Bodleian MS. has also the following passage interpolated by a later hand, "Diebus tamen nostris, in monasterio Sancti Neoti, a Fratribus "Monasterii Beccensis occupato, scrinium satis pretiosum adventantibus "ostenditur." As this MS. was written in 1377, and as the passage refers to the priory of St. Neot as still alien, the interpolation must have been made between the years 1377 and 1409. As the MS. belonged to the Abbey of Bury St. Edmunds, this interpolation was probably made by Boston de Bury, who visited St. Neot's Priory about the year 1400.

† This volume was written in 1377, at the expense of Roger de Huntingdon, for the monks of Bury St. Edmund's.

† The initial letters of the Lambeth MS. are richly illuminated.

Expl. Vita.—" prorsus nescio metæ. Amen."

A.D. 877.

Seemingly an abridgment of MS. Bodl. 535 (1121), omitting portions more or less long, but retaining almost wholly the language of that MS.

A.D. 885.

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1124. Fulconis, Archiepiscopi Remensis, Epistola ad Alfredum Regem directa.

Incip. — "Gloriosissimo, &c. Primum quidem gratias "agimus."

Expl.—" necnon fortitudo invictissima."

This letter has been several times printed, by Alford, ad an. 885, § 7 (from the Liber de Hida), by the Bollandists, 8 July, p. 652 and 657, and lastly by Wise in his edition of Asser, p. 123 (8vo. Oxon. 1722), from an early MS. then in the possession of Thomas Ford, prebendary of Wells.

The document itself is important. Its purport is to introduce the bearer, Grimbald, the monk of S. Bertin, whom Archbishop Fulco had sent into England at the request of Alfred, for the purpose of advancing education in his kingdom.

The writer Fulco became archbishop of Rheims in March 883, and died 17 June 900. See the "Hist. Lit. de la France," v. 688. and Gall. Christ. ix. 45.

A.D. 849-893.

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1125. Annales Rerum Gestarum Aelfredi Magni auctore Asserio Menevensi.*

† MS. Cott. Otho. A. xii. paper 4to.

MS. C.C.C. Cant. 100 ff. pp. 325-361. paper folio xvii. cent.

MS. Trin. Coll. Cant. O. vii. 25.

Incip. Dedic.—" Domino meo venerabili piissimo omnium."

^{*} A Chronicle has been published by Gale (l. 141) under the title of "Chronicon Fani S. Neoti, sive Annales Joannis Asserii," extending from the invasion of Julius Cæsar to A.D. 914. For a description of this Chronicle see post, A.D. 914.

[†] This cannot be the MS. used by Archbishop Parker, since that appears to have been of ancient date, in Saxon characters, and on vellum. See note in the Cottonian Catalogue, p. 365.

A.D. 849 -893. Expl.—" ad præfati regis notitiam explicavimus."

Incip. Vita.—"Anno Domini Incarnationis 849 natus est "Ælfred, Anglo-Saxonum rex."

Asser's Life of Alfred the Great may be arranged under two heads:—I. The general history of the period between A.D. 849, being the year of Alfred's birth, and A.D. 887; II. That which relates personally to that monarch and his family, until A.D. 893, which was the 45th year of his age.

The first portion, with the exception of a few explanatory remarks, is a translation of the Saxon Chronicle. The second seems to be chiefly the result of the Author's personal observation, and is the source of all that is to be authentically known of the private life of that eminent prince. What induced Asser to break off his narrative at that particular point, and that so abruptly, cannot now be determined.

The copy of the Saxon Chronicle used by Asser appears to have ended about the year 887. Although he mentions Alfred's 45th year, A.D. 893, yet he takes no notice of the transactions of that year, when the Danes returned from France, nor of the six preceding years.

The resemblance between the Saxon Chronicle and Asser was noticed by Bishop Gibson, but he has not determined which had the priority; though, if he had reflected, he might with little short of certainty have decided against Asser's claim to be the earlier writer. Such a supposition, in fact, would involve the absurdity of admitting that it was merely from the casual circumstance of Asser's visit to Alfred about A.D. 884 that the Anglo-Saxons were induced to compose their annals, and to embody in them the work of a stranger. That Asser borrowed from the Saxon Chronicle does not seem to admit of a doubt, for the Chronicle comes regularly down to A.D. 849, at which time Asser takes it up, and uses it to A.D. 887; and, when he stops, the Chronicle continues its course without interruption. It deserves, however, to be remarked, that Asser's chronology slightly differs in several instances from that of the Saxon Chronicle as it now exists.

Asser, the biographer of Alfred the Great, was apparently a native of South Wales, and, according to his own statement, was invited by that monarch to assist him in his studies about A.D. 885. He does not, however, distinctly inform his readers what office or dignity he filled before his appearance at King

Alfred's court; but the following circumstances render it pro- A.D. 849 bable that he had presided over the monastery if not over the See of St. David's. He says he was educated, tonsured, and finally ordained there. He mentions that injuries had been frequently perpetrated on that see and monastery by King Hemeyd, and speaks of the expulsion of the prelates, and particularly of his kinsman, archbishop Novis, and also of himself with them. He says that his dependents expected to attain to a greater degree of security if he should acquire the friendship of Alfred; that he had possessions or jurisdiction to the west and to the north of the Severn; that he could not remain in Wessex, as Alfred had desired, without the advice of his clergy, who, for the benefit of St. David's, advised or permitted him to enter into an engagement with the King to that effect. In addition to these brief notices obtained from his own work, it may be stated that Giraldus Cambrensis * places Asser second after Novis in his list of the Bishops of St. David's; and though the series of prelates of that see is there strangely distorted, still it shews that, before Giraldus wrote, Asser had been included among the Bishops of St. David's; and, lastly, in the "Annales Cambriæ," where the names of the Welsh Bishops only occur, and even of those very few, the death of Bishop Asser is recorded. The "Annales Ecclesiæ Menevensis," written by a canon of St. David's, also place him among the Bishops of that see. That he ultimately, however, became Bishop of Shirburn admits of no doubt; he does not, indeed, mention that see, for he relates only that Alfred gave him successively Amesbury and Banwell, and at a later period Exeter, with its district in Devonshire and Cornwall; and possibly at the time that he wrote the Life of Alfred he might not have obtained that bishopric, but his name occurs in all the ancient catalogues of its prelates.† Bishop Asser witnesses Charters of Edward the Elder in A.D. 901, A.D. 903, and A.D. 904;‡ and in another Charter of the same King, without date, he is called Bishop of Shirburn, and receives certain lands for the benefit of himself and of the church of Shirburn, in exchange for Plympton; also when his death is noticed in the Saxon

^{*} Cambr., ap. Camd. Scripp. p. 855.

[†] Tiber. B. v. f. 20 b., &c.

[‡] Cod. Diplomat. ii. 140. 144. 146. 148.

A.D. 849 -893. Chronicle he is expressly called "Bishop of Shirburn." Here, however, a difficulty must be obviated: Florence of Worcester makes Swithelm succeed to the see of Shirburn on the death of Asser in A.D. 883 (for which assertion there is no authority in the Saxon Chronicle); and if this assertion were well founded, it would be necessary to admit either that the previous statement is erroneous, or that within a very short interval the see had been filled by two persons of the same name; which would be contradicted by all other lists of the prelates of that see, as well as by that appended to his Chronicle by Florence himself, in which the immediate successor of Asser is called Ethelward, between whom and Sighelm two other bishops intervene.* In addition to this, Florence, neither in this list nor in his Chronicle repeats the name of Asser; nor does the list recognize the name of Bishop Swithelm, mentioned in the Chronicle. It is probable, therefore, that Florence was mistaken, as Sighelm, the only name in the least resembling Swithelm in the catalogue, occurs several degrees lower than Asser. From what has been already stated, it is probable that Asser's connexion after the decease of Alfred was continued with King Edward, his successor, until his own death, which, according to the "Annales Cambriæ," took place in A.D. 908, or, according to the Saxon Chronicle, in the year 910. It has been remarked by an acute writer, "that his language throughout is that of one writing in the character of a Welshman, and for the use of Welshmen."

Asser's Life of Alfred was first published by Archbishop Parker, in A.D. 1574, at London, in folio. That eminent prelate caused it to be printed in Saxon characters, out of reverence, as he observes, for the archetype, or very ancient manuscript; from which he seems to say (for there is some ambiguity in his statement) that his edition was taken without addition or diminution; and he further asserts that he had deposited in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, the manuscript which he had used, in order that, if necessary, his fidelity might be tested by collation. If it was so deposited, it seems to have subsequently wandered from that locality, for no manuscript corresponding with Archbishop Parker's description of his copy is there to be found.

Parker's Edition was reprinted at Frankfort, in folio, in

^{*} Monumenta Hist. Brit. p. 620.

A.D. 1603, in what is termed "Camden's Collection." In A.D. 849 the Dedicatory Epistle Camden briefly states that Asser's Life of Alfred had been already published by Archbishop Parker; but although he then for the first time inserted in the text the celebrated passage concerning the foundation of the University of Oxford,* he neither notices the fact of such insertion, nor gives the slightest intimation that he had on this occasion made use of any additional manuscript authority for the emendation of the text.

Another edition of Asser was published by Wise, in the year 1722, in octavo, at the Oxford press. Wise compared the editions of Parker and of Camden, and procured collations of such manuscripts as could be obtained. Of these the principal was that now destroyed, but formerly in the Cottonian Collection, Otho, A. xii., apparently the very ancient copy referred to by Parker; from a facsimile of it, which Wise fortunately caused to be engraved, it seems to have been at least as old as the early part of the eleventh century. Lastly, in Mr. Petrie's "Monumenta Historica Britannica" (fol. Lond. 1848. p. 467), we have the latest and best edition of this interesting piece of Biography. Mr. Petrie followed the edition of Wise, as representing the destroyed Cottonian manuscript, and he collated it with the only existing copies which could be discovered, both of which appear to be transcripts of the sixteenth century from MS. Cott. Otho, A. xii.

A.D. 837-896.

A.D. 837 -896.

1126. Gesta Normannorum in Francia, auctore incerto, ab anno Christi 837 usque ad annum 896.

Incip.—" Northmanni procedentes de Scanzia insula." Expl.—"eo quod de Northwega egressi essent."

This piece is by an unknown author; but appears to have been written by a Fleming. It contains a few notices of England and Scotland (i. e., Ireland), which do not appear in the Saxon Chronicle.

It was printed by Duchesne, 1-7 ("Scriptores Normanniæ") in 1619.

^{*} See Preface to the "Monumenta Historica Britannica," p. 79. note 8.

A.D. 900.

A.D. 900.

1127. Chronicon breve de Regibus Anglo-Saxonum usque ad mortem Aluredi.

MS. Harl. 559. ff. 55 b. - 58. paper. small 4to. xvi. cent.

Incip.—"Egbertus, rex West-Saxonum."

Expl.—"Godrun, rex Dacus, qui regnavit in Est-Anglia "sub Aluredo."

Slight historical notes of no value.

A.D. 901.

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1128. Alfred the Great.

In a catalogue of materials for the history of this country, it would be unpardonable to omit a name so illustrious in our Annals as that of Alfred the Great. Although he composed no historical work himself, yet, for the instruction of his subjects, he is said to have translated Beda's Ecclesiastical History, and the compendious History of the World by Paulus Orosius, from Latin into Anglo-Saxon. In these translations the original is sometimes rendered word for word, sometimes meaning for meaning; but Alfred did not always confine himself to the letter of the author. He at times used the greatest freedom, exercised his own judgment, and added his own remarks or illustrations, not unfrequently expanding a sentiment, or illustrating a fact of the Latin text, into a discourse, and thus in effect became the original author of the most instructive Essays. It is not, however, intended to write an eulogy on this celebrated monarch. It will be sufficient for the present purpose merely to mention the principal works he translated or composed,* or which have been attributed to him :-

^{*} I shall not here enter into the vexed question as to whether or not King Alfred was the first compiler of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, as it is my intention to offer a few words on the subject under the head of the Saxon Chronicle.

Translations:

A.D. 901.

- 1. Beda's Historia Ecclesiastica. Edited by Abraham Wheloc in 1643, and by Smith in 1722.
- 2. The Compendious History of the World, by Paulus Orosius. Edited by Daines Barrington in 1773 and by Bosworth.
- 3. The Preface to Pope Gregory's Pastoral Care. Edited by Parker in 1574; reprinted at Leyden in 1597, by Camden in 1603, and by Wise in 1722.
 - 4. St. Augustine's Soliloquies.
- 5. Boethius' treatise "De Consolatione Philosophiæ." Edited by Rawlinson in 1698, by Cardale in 1829.

Originals:

6. The Hand-boc, or Manual. Not printed, and no MS. of it now known to exist; unless indeed it be the same as the Proverbs of King Alfred, edited by Messrs. Wright and Halliwell, in the "Reliquiæ Antiquæ" i. 170. 8vo. Lond. 1841.

Several other works have been attributed to this Sovereign, but without sufficient authority.

A.D. 900.

A.D. 900.

1129. An Historical Pedigree from the Creation of the World, showing the Descent from Adam through the Patriarchs and Kings of Israel, through Dardanus to the British Kings, and through Woden to King Alfred: with accompanying illustrative passages in English.

MS. Coll. Arm. Norf. liii. parchment. folio. xv. cent.

Incip.—"In principio creavit Deus colum et terram; that is to say, that at the begynnyng of the worlde," &c.

This work appears to have been left unfinished, and was perhaps intended to be brought down to the then reigning prince. It contains many beautiful drawings.

A.D. 903.

A.D. 903.

1130. Vita Grimbaldi.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. f. 205. vell. folio, dble. cols. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—" Sanetum Grimbaldum Monachum."

Expl.—".... mala perdit...."

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A.D. 903. Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ."

Leland, de Script. Brit. i. 156, quotes an anonymous Life of Grimbald, but no trace of it has occurred to the Compiler of this Catalogue, unless it be that here attributed to Goscelin.

Grimbald, a monk of St. Bertin, in France, was invited into England by Alfred the Great, who made him Abbot of the new monastery at Winchester. He died, according to the Saxon Chronicle, in the year 903.

The leading incidents in the Life of Grimbald have been collected and illustrated by Mabillon (Act. Sanct. Bened. sæc. v. 3), and by the Bollandists, "Acta Sanctorum," (8 July,) ii. 651.

A.D. 904.

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1131. Epistola Formosi Papæ ad Episcopos Angliæ, de Ecclesia Anglicana bene ordinanda.

> MS. Bodl. 579. MS. Cantuar. a. fol. 3.

Incip.—"Fratribus et filiis in Christo, omnibus episcopis Angliæ, Formosus."

Expl.—" perpetuo nisi resipuerit, separandum."

Printed in Malmesbury's Gesta Pontif.; Baronius "Annales Ecclesiastici," xv. 473; Twisden, xv. Script. Col. 1751; Wilkins, Concil., i. 200. and Mansi, Concil. xviii. 114.

William of Malmesbury asserts that Pope Formosus, in the year 904, sent letters into England excommunicating King Edward the Elder, and placing him under an interdict; but the Epistle is so replete with anachronisms as to leave little doubt of its being a forgery. Formosus died in April or May 896, upwards of five years before the commencement of the reign of Edward the Elder.

The reader who is interested about this celebrated Epistle may consult the "Annales Ecclesiastici" of Baronius, with Pagi's observations upon it, tom. xv. 470.

A.D. 914.

A.D. 914.

1132. Chronicon Fani S. Neoti, sive Annales Joannis Asserii, ut nonnullis videtur.

MS. Bibl. Trin. Coll. Cant. R. 7. 28.

* MS. C.C.C. Cant. 100 f. 261. paper, folio, xvi. cent.

†MS.Bibl.Imper.Paris,Fonds Lat. 6236, formerly Reg. $\frac{10504}{7}$ and Colbert 5335.

Incip.—"Igitur Britannia Romanis usque ad Gaium Julium Cæsarem."

Expl.—"et Rollonem Ducem Northm."

Printed by Gale in Quindecim Scriptores (pp. 141-175) from a MS. in Trinity College, Cambridge, R. 7. 28., apparently of the beginning of the 13th or end of the 12th century. It is written throughout in one neat hand.

This work, to which, in the manuscript, the above title has been prefixed in a modern hand, is an anonymous compilation beginning with Julius Cæsar's invasion of Britain, and ending, apparently mutilated, in the year 914. Besides Cuthbert's Epistle describing the death of Beda, the visions of Charles le Gros and of Rollo, it consists of excerpts from the Saxon Chronicle, from Beda, from a source used by the author of the Chronicon Cadomense, from the Lives of St. Neot and of St. Eucherius, Bishop of Orleans, from the Life of St. Edmund, King of East Anglia, by Abbo, and, more especially, from Asser's Life of Alfred.

The work was probably compiled towards the latter end of the 12th century; but whencesoever it may have originated in its present form, the extract from Abbo, who wrote at least fourscore years after Asser's death, at once puts an end to all pretence for assigning it to Asser.

^{* &}quot;Hic liber transcriptus e quodam vetustissimo codice, notato in margine "manu Johannis Leilandi."

[†] The MS. in the Imperial Library at Paris is entitled "Chronicon Asserii Menevensis, magna fide ex vetustissimo exemplari transcriptum, "1567, W, Lambard." It is a 4to volume, upon paper, of 32 leaves, and corresponds closely with Gale's text. Lambard does not state from what MS. he transcribed this copy. This Chronicle is also known as the "Chronicon Britannise Majoris, ab ingressu Romanorum in insulam ad Ed-" wardum Regem et ad annum Christi 914," and as "Annales Britannise,

[&]quot; authore Joanne Asserio."

558 DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS RELATING

A.D. 914, 1133. Annales Asserii Menevensis ab anno 596 ad annum 914 (1050), per Johannem Joscelinum excerpti.

> MS. Cott. Vitell. E. xiv. ff. 154-175 b. paper, folio. Merely a series of excerpts from Asser's Annals.

A.D. 933.

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1134. Vita S. Birnstani, Episcopi Wintoniensis, ab an 880, usque ad an. 934, una cum Appendice Miraculorum usque ad an. 986.

MS. Lansdowne 436. ff. iii. b.-113. vellum, folio. xiv. cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit de Sancto Brinstano, Wyntoniensi Episcopo."
Inc.—" Vir venerabilis Brinstanus, tempore gloriosi Regis
"Adelstani."

Expl.—"honorifice est reconditum."

Colophon.—" Explicit de Sancto Brinstano, Episcopo et "Confessore."

This legend does not occur in Capgrave. It appears to be the only life of Birnstan known, and is nearly the same as that in Malmesbury, "Gesta Pontif," ii. 242. He was consecrated on Whitsunday, 29 May 931, and died 1 Nov. 933.

A.D. 936.

A.D. 936.

1135. A short History of Wales, from the year 688 to 936.

MS. Harl. 3225. ff. 1-12b. paper, 12mo. xviii. cent.

Incip.—" Beli Maur—Afflech," &c.

Expl.—"after the noble Prince Athelstan died in y'...."
Modern, and of no value.

A.D. 937?

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1136. Hymnus de victoriis R. Athelstani. MS. Cott. Nero A. ii. 2. f. 8 b. vell. 12mo. xi. cent.

Incip.—"Carta, dirige gressus per maris iter navium " telluris."

Expl.—" meis Domine Deus Israel." Two hymns on the Conquests of King Athelstan.

1137. Oratio militaris Æthelstani Regis ante initum prœlium; Latine et Saxonice.

* MS. Cott. Galba, A. 14.

Incip. Saxon.—" Æla pu Drihten. æla ðu ælmightiga God. wla cing ealra Cyninga."

Expl.—"7 pin noma Drihten sy geweorpad on minum " wiperwinum, pu pe eart Drihten Israel God."

The victories of King Athelstan seem to have been a favourite theme with our forefathers. Under the year 937, the victory at Brunanburg over Anlaf, King of Ireland, is celebrated in verse in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle; and Henry of Huntingdon translated it into Latin.†

^{*} This MS. was nearly destroyed by the fire of 1731.

^{† &}quot; De cujus prœlii magnitudine Anglici scriptores, quasi carminis modo " proloquentes, et extraneis tam verbis quam figuris usi, translatione fida " donandi sunt, ut pene de verbo in verbum eorum interpretantes eloquium, " ex gravitate verborum gravitatem actuum et animorum gentis illius con-" discamus." We give a few lines of the Anglo-Saxon song and Henry of Huntingdon's translation.

[&]quot; Her Aedelstan cyning

[&]quot; Eorla dryhten

[&]quot; Beorna beah-gifa

[&]quot; And his brofor éac.

[&]quot; Eadmund Ædeling

[&]quot; Ealdor-langue tir

[&]quot; Geslógon æt sæcce

[&]quot; Sweorda écgum

[&]quot; Ymbe Brunan-burh

[&]quot; Bórd-weal clufan

[&]quot; Heowan heafo-linde."

[&]quot;Rex Adelstan,

[&]quot; Decus ducum,

[&]quot; Nobilibus torquium dator,

[&]quot; Et frater ejus Eadmundus,

[&]quot; Longa stirpis serie splendentes,

[&]quot; Percusserunt, in bello,

[&]quot; Acie gladii

[&]quot; Apud Brunesburh.

[&]quot; Scutorum muros fiderunt,

[&]quot; Nobiles ceciderunt."

A.D. 940.

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1138. Breve Chronicon, a Bruto ad Regem Æthelstanum.

MS. Cott. Vespas. E. iv. 5. f. 104-107 b. vellum, 4to. xiii. cent.

Incip.—" Æneas dux Trojæ infra disconfecturam Trojæ "evasit."

Expl.—"et dicitur Wallia a duce Gualo, vel a Gualosa "regina."

A short Chronicle, relating almost entirely to Welsh matters.

A.D. 948.

A.D. 948.

1139. Computus annorum a creatione mundi usque ad an. 948.

MS. Harl. 3271. f. 127b.-128. vellum, 4to. x. cent.

Rubr .-- " De initio creaturæ."

Incip.—" Her mag findan, se be recan pile."

Expl.—" þý ilcan geare, 7 þa indictiones xv."

Forty lines of Saxon; a brief chronological history.

A.D. 951.

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1141. Vita Sancti Elphegi, Wintoniensis Episcopi.

MS. Lansdowne 436. f. 113. vell. small folio, dble cols. xiv. cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit de Sancto Alphego, Wintoniensi Episcopo."
Incip.—"Beato Brinstano, Wintoniensi episcopo, ad cœlestia
"regna translato."

Expl.—"postea vero honorifice translatum inter sanctos "illius ecclesiæ patronos honorifice veneratur."

"Explicit de Sancto Alphego, Wyntoniensi Episcopo."
This piece, which appears to be principally taken from Malmesbury's "Gesta Pontificum," and Eadmer's Life of Dunstan, is not in Capgrave. Mabillon (Acta Sanct. sec. v.) has collected from Malmesbury and others what they state about

Elphege. He was Bishop of Winchester from 985 to 951. A.D. 951. His will is printed from the Annals of Winchester by Alford.

The Bollandists ("Acta Sanctorum," 12 March) do not print any life of Elphege, but give an historical commentary taken from Osbern's Life of Dunstan, Simeon of Durham, Florence of Worcester, Hoveden, and Matthew of Westminster.

A.D. 957.

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1141. Obituarium Episcoporum Ecclesiæ Wigorniensis ab anno 798 usque ad an. 957.

MS. Cott. Calig. A. x. ff. 191-2. vellum, 4to. xiii. cent.

Incip.—"Anno DCCXCVIII. Heathoredus viii., Wygor "niensis Episcopus, obiit, qui dedit nobis Yccacumbe, cui suc- "cessit Denebertus."

Expl.—"Anno DCCCCLVII. Kenewaldus, xv²⁰ Wigor"niensis Episcopus, obiit, qui dedit nobis Oddingleye et
"Lawarne."

A series of short entries, all in rubric, with spaces left between each, as if it had been the author's intention to fill them up with notices of the Bishops. See "Annales Ecclesiæ" "Wigorniensis," in the Anglia Sacra, i. 471.

A.D. 954.*

1142. Annales Cambriæ.

MS. Harl. 3859. vell. 8vo. triple col. x. cent.

MS. Domesday, Pub. Record Office. vell. 4to. xiii, cent.

MS. Cott. Domit. A. i. f. 138. vell. 4to.

Incip.—"I. Annus. III. Annus."

Expl.—"D. X. Annus. Rotri filius Higuel moritur."

These Annals were edited by Mr. Petrie for the first time in the "Monumenta Historica Britannica," from the Exchequer Domesday and the Cottonian MS., with a Continuation

^{*} MS. Domesday and MS. Cott., both manuscripts of the 13th century, carry these Annals down to the year 1286.

A.D. 954. of them down to the year 1066; the whole of which, with a further Continuation down to the year 1286, taken from these two manuscripts, has been recently edited by the Rev. John Williams Ab Ithel for the Government Series, entitled "Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland."

In the Harleian Manuscript, these Annals are inserted, without title or introduction, in the body of a Manuscript of Nonnius. The earlier portion appears to have been taken from an Irish Chronicle, which was also used by Tigernach, and by the compiler of the "Annals of Ulster," with which it closely agrees till near the end of the fifth century. During its first century it contains scarcely anything relating to Britain; and its earliest direct concurrence with English History is in mentioning the mission of Augustine, when the Angles are first spoken of. Its notices throughout, though brief, are valuable. These Annals were probably written at St. David's, as the Bishop of that See, as well as its monastery, are repeatedly noticed. Mr. Williams Ab Ithel suggests that its compiler may have been either Blegewryd, Archdeacon of Llandaff, or Geraint the Blue Bard, both of them brothers of Morgan, King of Glamorgan; but he inclines to give the honour to the last named; we, on the other hand, would be more inclined to favour the former, on the ground that had the author been Geraint, he would in all probability have employed his native tongue in the composition of the Annals, in preference to the Latin; whereas, Blegewryd, the most learned in all Cymru, would naturally have used the Latin, as being the language of the clerical profession, and equally familiar to him with his own tongue.

The Chronology is designated by the repetition of the word "annus" for each successive year, whether blank or otherwise, and every tenth year marks x. xx. &c.

From a comparison of the dates assigned by Tigernach and other ancient orders to many of the events here noticed, it may be conjectured that the era on which its chronology rests would concur with the year 444 of the Incarnation, though no probable reason can be assigned for this particular period having been selected for its commencement; but, although the starting point cannot be determined with certainty, the internal or relative chronology may generally be depended on; for as every tenth year was to be numbered, the transcriber was not likely greatly to err, although he might occasionally

place the event to be noticed against the wrong "annus." It A.D. 954. may be added, that the scribe of the Harleian manuscript appears frequently to have been either careless or ignorant.

A.D. 959.

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1143. "Liber Monasterii de Hida."

* MS. Lansdowne, 717, f. 1. (paper). MS. Stowe, Press 3. 33.

Incip.—" Regnum, quod modo Anglia nominatur, olim "dicebatur Albion."

Expl.—"ut testimonium cum vadio inter nos inconcusse" permaneat." \dagger

This work contains a short account of Albion; the Hoptarchy; the Kings who have taken the cowl; descent of the Saxons from Ebrancus, King of Britain, who conquered Germany; Ethelwulf; Alfred stops at S. Bertin on his way to Rome; he invites Grimbald; the letter of Fulco, Archbishop of Rheims, to Alfred; Grimbald's sermon; the foundation of Oxford University; King Alfred's will; Edward the Elder founds Cambridge; Athelstan; Guy of Warwick and Colbrand (from G. Cornubiensis); Edred's will (English and Latin); the foundation of Hyde; donations to Hyde.

The author quotes Vigilantius, de Basilica Petri; Ralph de Diceto, the Floriarium Historiale of Florentius, Bonagratia de Villa Dei; Ralph of Chester; Girardus Cornubiensis; Marianus Scotus; Henry of Huntingdon; Lantfrid's Life of Swithuin, Beda, Vincentius, &c.

^{*} A note states that this MS. was written by John Stowe in August 1572, but we are left in uncertainty as to the original whence he transcribed it.

[†] Being the conclusion of the Latin version of Duke Athelmar's charter. After which there is a notice relating to the Chronicle of Marianus Scotus, thus commencing, "Anno 1028 natus est Marianus Scotus;" and ending, "usque ad Henricum seniorem Anglorum regem perduxit." Then follow in English these words: "Memorandum, that there be in the Boke of Hide, in greate and large parchment, writen dyvars of thes things before writen, "and many othar Testaments of certeyn Saxon Kyngs, which be writen in

[&]quot; bastard Saxon and translated into Latyn and Englysshe," &c.

A.D. 959. The leaves in the Lansdowne MS. have been misplaced. It is apparently a reconstruction of earlier materials, which have been blended along with information of a comparatively recent period, certainly sometime after the year 1354.

It professes to have been compiled in the monastery of Hyde. Hence the origin of the details respecting Alfred the Great, Fulco, Archbishop of Rheims, and St. Swithuin, &c. The whole of the Lansdowne MS. is executed without much care, and in some places it is almost unintelligible.

The Book of Hyde has never been printed, but copious extracts from it have been given by Alford in the "Annales " Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ," and a translation has been published in the "Church Historians of England," under the editorship of the Rev. Joseph Stevenson (Seeleys, 1854).

A.D. 960.

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1144. S. Eadburgæ, Monialis Winton., filiæ Edouardi I., Regis Angliæ, Vita, auctore Osberto Clarensi, cum Notis et Prologo.

MS. Bodl. Laud. Misc. 114 (1547), f. 85. vell. small folio. xii. cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit epistola in vita et translatione et mira-" culis beatæ Virginis Adbergæ præmissa."

Incip. Epist.—"Fidelibus Sanctæ Matris; * etc. Dedi novis "studiis operam."

Incip. Prol.—"Apud Albanos in templo."

Incip. Vita.—"Imperante populo Anglorum Dei provi-"dentia cultore ejus Aluredo, Adulfi regis filio."

Mabillon (Acta Sanct. Ord. Benedict. v. 626) collects what Malmesbury and others state of Edburga. He also refers to this Life by Osbert de Clare, but does not print it.

Edburga was the daughter of Edward the Elder and his wife Elgiva, and from her infancy exhibited such remarkable sanctity, that her father consented to her becoming a nun in the monastery of Winchester, where she died.

^{*} Pits and Tanner give a slightly different commencement, thus; "Fidelibus in Christo sororibus."

The Bollandists, "Acta Sanctorum," ii. 1070 (15 June), give A.D. 960. a short historical commentary on this Edburga, and distinguish between her and Edburga the daughter of Ethelbert.

Osbert de Clare was a native of Stoke Clare, in Suffolk, and from being a monk of Westminster, became Prior of that monastery. He was the author of several epistles: the Life of St. Ethelbert the Martyr; the Life of Edward the Confessor; and the Miracles of St. Edmund the Martyr.

1145. Vita Sanctæ Edburgæ Virginis.

MS. Lansd. 436. ff. 41 b.-43 b. vell. folio, dble. col. xiv. cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit de Sancta Edburga Virgine."

Incip.—"In civitate Wyntoniensi est quoddam monas-" terium."

Expl.—"haberi prædicatur."

Colophon.—" Explicit de Sancta Edburga Virgine."

According to this writer, Edburga died in the 30th year of her age, which would bring her death to about the year 940, but it is commonly referred to the year 960.

He does not seem to have known either Malmesbury's or Osbert de Clare's account of Edburga, and his work consists mostly of declamation and narrative of miracles.

1146. Miracula Eadburgæ Virginis, filia Edwardi Regis.

MS. Harl. 64. ff. 184-185 b. vellum, 4to. dble. cols. xiii. cent.

Incip. Prol.—"Miracula beatissimæ Virginis Eadburgæ." Expl. Prol.—"huic intexere satagemus opusculo."

Rubr.—" Explicit prologus. Incipiunt miracula beatæ " Eadburgæ Virginis."

Incip. Mirac.—" Temporibus igitur venerabilium patrum " Rogeri et Elerii."

Expl. Mirac.—"proculdubio professus est."

The Prologue contains incidental notices of the Life of Edburga. The miracles are seven in number.

A.D. 960.

1147. Vita S. Edburgæ.

MS. Bodl. 779. ff. 282-283 b. paper, folio. xv. cent.

Incip.—" Seint Edborw3 the holy mayde was her of "Ingelond."

Expl.—"That we moot forth with her to the joye of hevin "wende."

A.D. 890-

A.D. 890-961.

961.

1148. Vita Odonis, Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis et Confessoris, auctore Eadmero.

MS. Harl. 624. ff. 120-125. vell. folio, dble. cols. xii. cent. MS. Lambeth. 159. ff. 68-74 b. paper, 4to. xvi. cent. MS. Harl. 310. f. 81-91. paper, folio. xvi. cent.

MS. Bodl. Rawlins, A. 294. ff. 26 b.-30 b. vell. small folio. xiii. cent. MS. Bibl. Imperial, Paris Fonds Lat. 2475, olim Colbert 1418 and Reg. 3791.

MS. Monast. Boni Fontis.

Incip.—" Venerabilis Christi Confessor Odo nobilibus sed paganis parentibus."

Expl.—"Illi ergo sit laus et gratiarum actio per infinita " sæcula sæculorum."

Printed in the Anglia Sacra, ii. 78, from the Lambeth MS. In the title, by an oversight, Wharton has attributed this Life to Osbern; afterwards, however, he corrects his mistake, and properly assigns it to Eadmer. It occurs also in the Acta Sanct. ii. 73 (July 4). Mabillon (Act. Sanct. Bened. vii. 287) has likewise printed this piece from a MS. which belonged successively to De Thou and Colbert, apparently the MS. 2475, Fonds Lat., a fine folio volume of the thirteenth century. Appended to the Life are fourteen lines, the first of which is—

"Ut rosa de spinis, sic prodiit Odo paganis;"

and the last,—

"Multimodæ cladis in regione sitis."

^{*} A Life of Odo, by Osbern, was in the Cottonian MS. Otho. A. xii., which was destroyed in the fire of 1731.

[†] Præf. ii. p. xiii.

[†] That Eadmer is the author appears from internal cyidence, especially to that part of it relating to Edwy and the two women.

The events mentioned in this Life are few, and most of them A.D. 890are taken from the "Vita Oswaldi" (MS. Cott. Nero E. 1.), which Eadmer had seen, or else there must have been a Life of Odo composed before the end of the tenth century, which was used by both writers.

The chief incidents are the following: -Odo's parentage; his baptism and education; he is ordained and goes to Rome; is made Bishop of Shireburn by King Athelstan; he restores the King's sword at Brunanburg; he refuses the archbishopric of Canterbury until he can procure the habiliments of a monk from Fleury; a miracle of the Eucharist; the church of Canterbury protected from rain; the story of Edwy and the two women; the accession of Edgar; the consecration of Dunstan by Odo; Odo's death; the succession and death of Elfsinus.

William of Malmesbury's account of Odo varies from that of Eadmer in several particulars. Malmesbury says that Odo served under Edward the Elder and afterwards took orders; Eadmer says that he was a presbyter before the death of Alfred; Malmesbury says that he went to Fleury for monastic habiliments; Eadmer, that he sent to Fleury for them. In Malmesbury's account Odo appears to Elfsin; in Eadmer's he appears to the Sacrist. Malmesbury mentions Odo's translation of Wilfrid, and the fact that he excommunicated Edwy, neither of which events is narrated by Eadmer. though Malmesbury does relate nearly the same circumstances, it may be questioned from these variations whether he did not follow some other authority; his variations certainly are not derived from the "Vita Oswaldi," which agree, where they have anything in common, with this Life.

1149. Vita S. Odonis, Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis.

MS. Lansd. 436. ff. 86-88. vell. small folio. xiv. cent.

Incip.—" Ex illustri prosapia, licet pagana." Expl.—" per servos suos operari non desinit, in sæcula " sæculorum. Amen."

568 DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS RELATING

A.D. 890-961. De Sancto Odone, Archiepiscopo et Confessore.

> MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. ff. 171 b. 178. MS. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—"Venerabilis Christi Confessor Odo."

Expl.—"conclusus misere vitam finivit."

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," f. 243.

1151. Vita Sancti Odonis, Archiepiscopi et Confessoris.
MS. C. C. C. Cant. 371. f. 87. vell. 4to. xii. cent.

A.D. 967. .

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1152. Vitæ Sanctorum Elfledæ et Merwinnæ, Virginum et Abbatissarum.

MS. Lansd. 536. f. 43 b.-45 b. small folio, dble. col. sec. xiv.

Rubr.—"Incipit de Sancta Elfleda et Sancta Merwinna, "virginibus et abbatissis."

Incip.—"Regnante illustri ac Christianissimo Anglorum "rege Eadgaro."

Expl.—" præstat beneficia, ad laudem et gloriam nominis " sui, cui sit honor et imperium per omnia sæcula sæculorum." Col.—" Explicit de sanctis virginibus, Athelfieda et Mer- " wynna, abbatissis."

Elfleda is said to have been the niece of King Athelstan, to have been a nun at Glastonbury, and to have died A.D. 936. See Alford, ad. an. § v. It is probable that she is the Alfgiva mentioned by Osbern in his "Life of Dunstan." See the passages in the Acta Sanct. May, tom. iv. 349, § 10, p. 363, § 15 seqq. If this be correct, the date of 936 assigned to her death by the English Martyrology (quoted by Alford as above) is clearly too early.

See Mabillon's Act. Bened. vii. 626, for some extracts respecting Mervinna.

1153. De Sancta Elfleda, Virgine et Abbatissa.

A.D. 967.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—"Regnante nobilissimo Anglorum Regi Edgaro, fuit "vir quidam genere Anglus, nomine Ethelwoldus."

Expl.—" Floruit autem circa annum Domini nongentesimum quinquagesimum nonum."

Printed in Capgrave's "Legenda Nova Angliæ," f. 122. This is apparently an abridgment of the Lansdowne MS. noticed above, but with a few additions.

A.D. 969.

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1154. Symeon de obsessione Dunelmi, et de probitate Uchtredi comitis, et de comitibus qui eum successerunt.

MS. C.C.C. 139. 6. vell. xiii. cent.

Incip.—Anno ab Incarnatione Domini 969, regnante rege Anglorum.

Expl.—"Eilsi arripuit Bermertum et Skirningum."

Printed by Twysden in the "Decem Scriptores," col. 79.

Its contents are an account of the siege of Durham by the Scots under Malcolm, son of Keneth, A.D. 969, and of the prowess of Uchtred, Earl of Northumberland, after which follows the succession of the Earls to the time of William the Conqueror.

The early part, at least, is very doubtful; the time is certainly erroneous, as the siege is said to have taken place while Aldhun was bishop (A.D. 990). Again, it states that Ethelred was driven from his kingdom, and married Emma during his exile.

A translation of this piece occurs in Stevenson's "Church "Historians of England," vol. iii. part ii. p. 765. No other copy of the MS. is known to exist.

1155. "De fundatione miraculosa abbatiæ de Ramseii," narratio per Johannem de Tynemuth.

MS. Bodl. 240. p. 603.

570 DESCRIPTIVE CATALOGUE OF MANUSCRIPTS RELATING

A.D. 969. Incip.—" Alwinus Comes."

Expl.—" dedicari concessit."

See "Historia Ramesiensis, sive Liber de Fundatione et "Benefactoribus Cœnobii Ramesiensis, auctore anonymo."

A.D. 972.

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1156. Epistola Simeonis, Monachi Dunelmensis, de Archiepiscopis Eboraci ab an. 627 ad an. 972, ad Hugonem, Decanum Eboracensem, inscripta.

MS. Corp. Christ. Cant. 139. vell. xiii. cent. MS. Cott. Titus. A. xix. paper. 8vo. xv. cent.*

Incip.—" Hæc, charissime pater et domine Hugo." Expl.—" Willelmus, Henricus, Rogerus."

Printed from the MS. C.C.C. Cant. 139, in Twysden's "Decem Scriptores," col. 75. The succession of the occupants of the sec of York is continued to Roger, who ascended the archiepiscopal throne in 1154. But the Cottonian MS. Titus A. xix. carries the succession no further than Thurston (A.D. 1119-1139). This copy, though of comparatively modern transcription, undoubtedly represents an earlier and better text than that of the Corpus Christi MS. As there were two deans of the name of Hugh about this time, we gain no data from the dedication as to the period at which this piece was written.

It is translated in Stevenson's "Church Historians of Eng-"land," vol. iii. part ii. p. 769.

^{*} The two sections of the text, as printed in Twysden, are transposed in this MS., that beginning "Hec, charissime pater," coming after the paragraph ending with the names of the bishops "Gerardus, Thomas, Turstinus." After the whole piece there is a note, entitled "Nomina præsulum Ecclesiæ

[&]quot; Eboracensis." Incip.—"Sanctus Sampson, Priamus Tadiacus, iste fuit " ultimus de gente Britonum." Expl.—" Johannes Kempe, Presbyter

[&]quot; Cardinalis tituli Sanctæ Balbinæ, qui postea translatus est ad Ecclesiam

[&]quot; Cantuariensem; succedente ei Willielmo de Bowthe, Episcopo Cestriæ, " in Ecclesia Eboracensi; (and in another ink) Georgius Nevyll."

1157. De origine et statu Ecclesiæ Eboracensis. A.D. 972. (Metrice.)

MS. Cott. Titus. A. xix. ff. 6-11. paper, 8vo. xv. cent.

Incip.—" Hæc Eboracensis templi metropolis urbis
Ecclesiæque statu præsens pandit tabulatum."

Expl.—" Sint unita tibi fædere perpetuo. Amen. Explicit."

This poem is a History of the Church of York from its foundation to Archbishops Thurstan and William. It contains about 600 lines.

A.D. 972.

1158. Chroniques des Rois d'Angleterre d'Egbert a Edgar.

MS. C.C.C. Cantab. 469. 5. vell. xiv. cent.

A.D. 975.

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1159. De Sancto Edgaro, Rege et Confessore.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—"Edgarus rex Anglorum insignis."

Expl.—" Ut in vita beati Patricii clarius patet."

This is the last Life printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda" Angliæ," f. 334 b. (the contents of which are arranged in alphabetical order), as it was not met with until the work had been printed beyond the letter E.

This is nearly the same narrative as in Malmesbury.

1160. Chronicorum Ethelwerdi libri quatuor.

MS. Cott. Otho. A. x. 2.

Incip. Prol.—"Perpetuam Patricius Consul Fabius Quæstor Ethelwerdus Mahtildi consobrinæ optat in Christo."

Expl. Prol.—"Esto mihi valens cunctis perhenniter horis.

Incipit Liber Primus

Exordio sui continet principium mundi."

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A.D. 975. Expl. — "Fabii Quæstoris Patricii Ethelwerdi feliciter " explicit Liber Quartus."

Ethelweard's chronicle was first published by Sir Henry Savile, in the "Scriptores post Bedam," London, 1596, reprinted at Frankfort in 1601. Savile, as usual, has omitted all reference to the source whence he obtained the MS. which he used, but it was probably the copy afterwards in the Cottonian collection, Otho. A. x., as no notice of any other has occurred. This MS. was destroyed by fire in the year 1731. It is described in Smith's catalogue of the Cottonian MSS. as "vetustus et pulcherrime scriptus," and although he has not given any further intimation as to its age, it probably was not written after the eleventh century. Ethelweard's Chronicle has also been edited by the late Mr. Petrie in the "Monumenta Historiæ Britannica," p. 499, from Savile's text.

The prologue is addressed to his kinswoman (consobrina) Matilda,* for whose information, and at whose request, he composed his chronicle.

Book I. extends from the Creation to the arrival of S. Augustine. The notices are very slight up to the abdication of the Romans, and are derived from Isidore's "Origines," or from some intermediate work of which Isidore's chronicle formed the basis, and from Beda's "Historia Ecclesiastica." From the departure of the Romans to the arrival of the Saxons he uses Beda and the Saxon chronicle.

Prologue to Book 2.—He professes now to devote his attention wholly to his own nation.

Book 2.—From A.D. 597 to the accession of Brihtric, King of Wessex, A.D. 687. Beda and the Saxon chronicle appear to be his authorities.

Prologue to Book 3.—He entreats a favourable acceptance by Matilda of his labours.

^{*}There has been considerable doubt who this royal lady was. According to Ethelwerd's own statement, she was descended from King Alfred, through his granddaughter Eadgytha, the wife of Otho I., Emperor of Germany. Mr. Stevenson has pretty satisfactorily shown that Matilda was the daughter of Liudulf, Duke of Suabia, son of Otho and Eadgytha, that she was born A.D. 949, and became the wife of Obizzo, Count of Milan. She died in 1011.

Book 3.—From A.D. 787 to the death of Ethelwulf, A.D. 861, A.D. 975. is derived from the Saxon chronicle.

Prol. to Book 4.—He purposes giving an account in this book of the family of which he himself and Matilda are members.

Book. 4.—From Ethelbald, A.D. 861, to the death of Edgar, 975. From 861 to 892 (with some slight exceptions, chiefly connected with Dorset or Somerset,) his matter is derived from the Saxon chronicle. Thence to 975, though he still uses the chronicle, he has added several facts not there noticed, and after a slight mention of Edwy, concludes with some verses on Edgar.

From the above brief analysis it will be apparent that Ethelweard's chronicle is in general a very meagre abridged translation of the Saxon chronicle, with a few variations and additions.* His copy of the chronicle was evidently occasionally faulty, and he seems also sometimes to have misunderstood it. His authority and value, however, as a writer in an historical point of view, are not to be despised, and he has the merit of being the only Latin historian in an interval of two centuries. Malmesbury, however, does not exalt him to the eminence of an historian, and is particularly severe on the defects of his style.

Ethelweard's chronology is very confused. Instead of adopting the year of the Incarnation, he usually reckons by the number of years which have elapsed since the event he last noticed. He not unfrequently omits to mention the year in which the event happened which he is narrating, and his dates occasionally differ from those in the Saxon chronicle, as it appears at present.

The style of Ethelweard is very faulty; sometimes it is turgid and highly inflated, at other times so obscure as to be

^{*} Mr. Stevenson in his preface to Ethelweard (Church Historians, ii. p. ix.) justly remarks that his chronicle represents a copy of the Saxon chronicle which no longer exists. Assuming that Ethelweard's version is a full rendering of his original, and not an abridged selection of extracts, it would appear that the copy which he used was scantier in its details than those with which we are acquainted. Some critical remarks on this Chronicle will be found in a paper by Mr. H. T. Riley, in the "Gentleman's Magazine" for August 1857, pp. 120-131.

A.D. 975. barely intelligible. The different members of his sentences are so disjointed, that it is scarcely possible to reduce them to intelligible form, and he frequently disregards the usual rules of grammatical construction. He affects brevity and terseness, and consequently fails in his attempt to arrive at ordinary precision.

Some of these errors, however, may perhaps be attributed to the carelessness of the original scribe, some to the editor, and others to the printer.

The chief value, however, of Ethelweard's work is critical rather than historical, as affording the basis of an inquiry into that intricate, but interesting problem, the origin and structure of the Saxon Chronicle. Mr. Thorpe, in his recent edition of the work last named, has failed to appreciate the importance of Ethelweard's Chronicle from this point of view.

"Patricius Consul Fabius Quæstor Ethelwerdus," (as he styles himself,) was, according to his own account, lineally descended from King Ethelwulf, being the great great grandson of King Ethelred, the brother of Alfred the Great; but he does not mention whether it was through the paternal or maternal line that he derived his royal origin, nor does he afford his readers any other autobiographical information. It is, however, highly probable that he was the "Ealdorman "Ethelweard," to whom Elfric addressed some of his works, and who was sent, conjointly with Aelfeah, Bishop of Winchester, by Ethelred II., to King Anlaf, at Southampton, in the year 994, as we learn from the Saxon Chronicle under that year. Nor is it improbable that he is identical with Aethelweard "dux," whom we find attesting several charters between the years 976 and 998.* William of Malmesbury designates him as the "noble and magnificent." The date at which he composed his chronicle is not known, but as the personage to whom we may safely conclude that it was addressed died in 1011, it must of course have been written in, or before, that year.

^{*} Ethelweard has been placed by Bale and Nicholson at the end of the eleventh century, but it does not appear upon what ground, unless they supposed Matilda to be the Queen of William the Conqueror.

A.D. 977.

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1161. Annales a Christo nato ad annum 977.

MS. Cott. Faust. B. vi. f. 41. vell. 4to. xiii. cent.

Incip.—"Ad Noetas ab Adam quot anni sunt tibi tradam."
This MS. contains nothing of any importance, being little more than a series of lists of Kings, Popes, &c. Many years together are left blank. It seems originally to have come down to the Conquest, but the latter part has been obliterated and written over.

At end.—"Per nasum curtum poteris cognoscere stultum."

1162. Chronicon a Christo incarnato ad annum 977 (Saxonice).

MS. Cott. Tiber. A. vi. ff. 1-37. vell. folio.

A very fine copy of the Anglo-Saxon chronicle. For a fuller description of this manuscript, see afterwards A.D. 1066, under the head of the Anglo-Saxon chronicle, where a full account of all the manuscripts of that work is given.

A.D. 494.—A.D. 978.

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1163. Genealogia et successio Regum West-Saxonum ab anno 494 ad Edwardum, filium Edgari. (Saxonice.)

MS. Cott. Tiber. A. iii. f. 175. vellum 4to. xi. cent.
MS. Bodl. Laud. 661. paper. xvi. or xvii. cent.*
MS. Bodl. Junius 66. paper. xvii. cent.†
MS. Bodl. Junius 10. paper. xvii. cent.‡

Incip.—"Da wæs agangen fram Cristes acennednesse cocc.
" 7 xc. iiii.; wintra."

Expl.—"pa feng Eadweard to Eadgares sunu, n heold. ."§
This is only a single leaf, and from the similarity of the handwriting, as well as from the genealogy ending with the

^{*} A transcript of MS. Tiber. A. vi. when it contained the "Genealogia."

[†] A transcript by Junius of Tiber. A. vi. in the same state.

[‡] Another transcript by Junius of Tiber. A. vi.

[§] The rest of the line is blank.

A.D. 978. accession of Edward the Martyr, it appears to have once formed part of the Cottonian MS. Tiber. A. vi.*

The matter is the same, to the accession of Alfred, as the entry in the Corpus Christi College MS. and that which Wheloct has printed at p. v. of his Preface to the Anglo-Saxon version of Beda's Ecclesiastical History. He does not mention the MS. from which he took his text; but the various readings he gives are evidently from the Corpus MS. 178, and the Cottonian MS. Otho. B. xi., now destroyed. He does not appear to have seen Tiberius A. iii.‡ Thus it would seem that there is a fourth MS. containing the "His-"toriola," which may possibly be in one of the College Libraries at Cambridge. These three texts, viz., the Corpus, Tiberius, and Wheloc, ought to have been printed in columns in Mr. Thorpe's edition of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, the more especially as they exhibit important variations in the orthography, but as Mr. Thorpe has omitted to do this, they are inserted here.

Corpus MS. 173.

Tiber A. III.

Wheloc.

Dy geare be was agan Da was agangen fram Da wæs agangen fram fram cristes acennesse cristes acennednesse cccc. Cristes acennedysse cccc. wintra y xcmm. | y xcmm. wintra · va cerdic | y xcmm. wintra pa Cerdic uuintra · pa cerdic j cynric j cynric his sunu coman j Cyneric his sunu comon sunu cuom up æt § upp æt cerdices oran mid upp æt Cerdices oran mid mid v. v. scipum y se cerdic was fif scipum y se Cerdic oran scipum · 7 se cerdic wæs elesing · elesa esling · esla wæs Elesing · Elesa · Esla elesing · elesa esling · esla giwising giwis wiging · Gewissing · Gewis Wiggewising giwis wiging wig freawining freawine ing Wiging Freawining wig freawining freawine freopogaring freopogar Freawine Freopogaring fripugar branding brand bældæg- Freoögar Bronding Brond bronding · brond bældæg- ing · bældæg wodening · j Bældæging · Bældæg Woing · bældæg wodening. þæs embe vi. gear þe hie dening · wæs ýmbe sýx gear

^{*} See Wanley, p. 199. Dr. R. Pauli, however, thinks "that it is the remains of some other , copy of the Chronicle, which has since been lost," (Pauli's Life of Alfred the Great, cap. i.) A fac-simile is given in Mr. Thorpe's edition of the Saxon Chronicle, plate vii.

[†] Wheloe's text is reprinted in Sir John Spelman's Life of Alfred the Great (App. iv. p. 199), and he attributes the fragment to that monarch, without assigning any reason. Edit. Oxon. 1678.

[‡] Gibson and Ingram have inserted this genealogy in their respective Editions of the Saxon Chronicle under the year 495.

[§] Interlined in a later hand.

Tiber. A. 111.

Wheloc.

ond pæs ymb vi. gear pæs upp coman · hie geeodan bæs pe hi upp coman pe hie up cuomon geeodon westsexna land . 7 p geeodan West Seaxna rice. west seaxna rice . 7 þæt wæron þa ærestan cingas þ wæron ös ærestan cynuuærun þa ærestan cý- þe westsexna land æt ingas þe West-Seaxna ningas pe west seaxna wealum genaman · j he land on Wealum geeodan lond on wealum geeodon · hæfde price xvi. winter · j he hæfde price sixtyne j he hæfde þæt rice xvi. þa gefor he · j feng his gear · j þa gefor he j þa gear · j þa he gefor þa feng sunu cýnric to δam rice · feng his sunu Cýneric to his sunu cynric to pam

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heold xvii. gear.

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gefor ba ceolwulf to his bropur j dam rice j heold v. gear. feng Ceol to dam rice he ricsode xvII. gear j he gefor da feng ceolf j heold syx gear. Da he hiera cyn gep to cerdice. wulf to his brotor . J gefor pa feng Ceolwulf to Pa feng cynegils ceolwulfes rixode xvII. gear · j heora his brobor · j he ricxade bropur sunu to rice j cýnn gæð to cerdice. þa seofontýne gear heora cýnn ricsode xxxI. wintra · j he feng cyne gils to · ceol- gæð to Cerdice. Þa feng onfeng ærest fulwihte wes- wulfes broðor sunu · to Cynegyls Ceolwulfes broðer seaxna cyninga. j pa feng rice j rixode xx. wintra. suna to rice. j hæfde an cenwalh to j heold xxx. j he onfeng ærest fulwihte j prittig wintra. j he wintra · j se cenwalh wæs westsexna cinga · j þa onfeng ærest fulluhte West cjnegilses sunu · p pa heold feng cenwalh to · p heold Seawna cyninga. Da feng seaxburg his cuen an gear xxxx. wintra se cenwealh Kenwalh to rice 7 heold pæt rice æster him. Da wæs cynegilses sunu j hit prittig winter e se feng æscwine to rice þæs þa heold sexburh cwen Cenwalh wæs Cynegelses cyn gæp to cerdice · j heold an gear prîce æfter him. sunu j pa heold Seaxburg 11. gear. pa feng cent- ta feng sescwine to rîce his cwsen an gear t rice wine to wesseaxna rice pass cynn gast to cerdice after him. Da feng cynegilsing 7 ricsode vii. I heold ii. gear. Da feng Æscwine to rice pass gear. Pa feng ceadwalla centwine to westsexna cyn gæp to Ceardice · y to pam rice pes cyn gep rice cinegilsing J rixode heold twa gear. Da feng to cerdice j heold III. VIIII. gear to feng coad-gear. Da feng ine to walls to pam rice pess cynn rice Cynegelsing j ricsade seaxna rice pess cyn gæp gæb to cerdice j heold nigon gear. Da feng to ceardice j heold xxvii iii. gear fa feng ine to Ceadwala to pam rice fes wintra. Pa feng · æpelheard | westsexna rice · pæs cynn | cynn gæð to Cerdice j he to pæs cýn gæp to cear-gæp to Cerdice · j heold heald iii. gear. Da feng dice · j heold xiiii. winter · xxxvii. wintra. Da feng Ine to pam rice · pæs cýnn

pa feng. cupred to pæs cyn æpelheard o pæs cynn gæp gæð to Cerdice . 7 he heeld

Corpus MS. 173.

Tiber. A. III.

Wheloc.

get to cerdice . 7 hoold to cerdice . 7 heold xvi. twa 7 prittig winter. Da xvII. gear. Da feng sige- gear.* Da feng sigebriht feng Æpelheard to rice. brit to pas cin gap to to pas cin gap to cerdice. I heold feowertine winter. cerdice · j heold an gear. j heold i. gear. pa feng Da feng Cupred to · bæs pa feng cynewulf to rice cynewulf to . pæs cynn cynn gæð to Cerdice 7 he pæs cyn gæp to ceardice gæp to cerdice j heold heold syxtyne winter þa heold xxxi. wintra. Da xxxi. wint. Da feng birht- feng Sigebyrht to . pæs feng Beorhtric to rice pæs ric to rice pæs cynn gæð cyn gæð to Cerdice . 7 he cyn geep to cerdice . 7 heold to cerdice . 7 heold xvi. heold an gear-5a feng xvi. gear. pa feng Ecg- gear. pa feng ecgbriht to Cynewulf to rice pæs cyn bryht to pam rice · 7 heold pam rice · 7 heold xxxvII. gæð to Cerdice · 7 he heold xxxvII. wintra . j vII. wintra j vII. monad . pa an j drittig geara . da feng monap . 7 ha feng æbelwulf feng abelwulf his sunu to Beorhtric to rice . 7 he his sunu to . 7 heold nigon 7 heold 1x. teore healf heold sixtene gear. Da feng teope healf gear. se æbel- gear. Se apelwulf was Ecgbyrht to pamrice 7 heold wulf was ecgbryhting ecgbrihting . ecgbriht seofon j prittig geara j ealhmunding · ealhmunding · ealhmund seefen monato j pa feng ecgbryht ealhmund eafing eafa eafing eafa eopping Abelwulf his sunu to 7 eopping · Eoppa ingil- eopping ingilding · ingild heold nigontope ding · ingild cenreding · cenreding · ; ine cenred · gear · ; se Æðelwulf wæs j ine cenreding. j cup- ing. j cubburh cenreding. Ecgbyrhting. burg cenreding · j cuen- j cwenburh cenreding · Ealbmunding · Ealhmund burg Cenreding · cenred cenred ceolwalding · ceol- Eabing Eaba ceolwalding · ceolwald wald cupwulfing · cubwulf Ioppa Ingilding · Ingild cupwulfing · cupwulf cup-|cubwining · cubwine celm-|Cenreding · 7 Ine Cenwining · cupwine celming · ing · celm cynricing · reding · J Cubburh Cencelm cynricing · cynric cinric creoding · creoda reding · j Cwenburh cerdicing. ond pa feng cerdicing. And pa feng Cenreding. Cenred Ceolæpelbald his sunu to rice æpelbald his sunu to - 7 walding. Ceolwald Cubj heold v. gear. Þa feng heold v. gear. Þa feng wulfing Cupwulf Winig æpelbryht his brobur to j æpelbriht his brobor to Cupwine Celming Celm heold v. gear. Da feng J heold v. gear † da feng Cynricing · Cyneric Creodæpered hiera bropur to ælfred heora brofor to † 7 ing · Creodda Cerdicing. rice of heold v. gear. Da heold opran healfan geare Da feng Æpelbald his sunu feng ælfred hiera brobur to læs pe xxx. wintra. Pa to rice . 7 heold fif gear.

^{*} Sa feng Cubred to Ses cyn geb to Ceardice in heold 17 wintra (interlined in a recent hand).
† ha feng Æhered his brobor to rice in heold v. gear.

[‡] rice · j ba wæs agangen his ylde breo j twentig wintra · j breo hund · j six j hundnigantig wintra bæs be his cyn ærest Westseaxna land on Wealum geeodon. The two paragraphs in this note and in the one above are printed in Mr. Thorpe's text (p. 232) as interlineations by a recent hand; but no such interlineations occur in the manuscript.

Corpus MS. 173.

rice · 7 þa was ágán his feng eadweard to · ælfred- Þa feng Æðelbýrht to his ielde xxIII. wintra · j ccc. ing · j heold xxIIII. wint · brofor · j heold fif gear. JACVI. wintra pæs pe his da he fordferde pa feng Da feng Æpered his bropor cyn ærest westseaxna lond æpelstan to his sunu . 7 to rice . 7 heold fif gear. on wealum geodon.

Tiber. A. 111.

heold xiii. gear . 7 vii. pa feng Ælfred wucan · 7 III. dagas. feng eadmund to wucan. eadmundes cinges · 7 heold III. gear · J XXXVI. wucena. buton 11. dagum. Þa he forðferde · pa feng eadgar to · his brotor. 7 heold xvi. gear · 7 VIII. wucan 7 II. niht · pa he fordferde. Da feng eadweard to · eadgares sunu · 7 heold

Wheloc.

ba broper to rice . 7 da wæs his agangen his ylde preo 7 bropor · 7 heol seofobe twentig wintra · 7 preo healf gear butan 11. nihtun · hund · j six j hund nýoa feng eadred his bropor gantig wintra · pæs pe his to · ¬ heold ix. gear ¬ vi. cýn ærest Westseaxna land pa feng eadwig on wealum geeodon.

The greater part of the line and the rest of the page, about one line, is blank.

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1164. Passio Sancti Edwardi, Regis et Martyris, subjuncta miraculorum relatione.

MS. Addit. Mus. Brit. 11,881. ff. 1 b.-4 b. vell. folio. dble. coll. xii. or xiii. cent.*

MS. Coll. S. Johannis Bapt. Oxon. 96. fol. 39. vell. folio. xii. cent. MS. Bodl. Rawlinson. A. 903. vell. folio. xii. or xiii. cent. MS. Rawl. C. 440. ff. 179 b. vell. large 4to. xii. cent. MS. Lansd. 436. ff. 45 b-48 b. vell. folio. xiv. cent.†

Rubr.—" Incipit passio Sancti Eadwardi, Regis et Martyris, " xv. Kal. Aprilis."

^{*} This MS. has been sadly mutilated, and some of the initial letters have

[†] This MS. does not contain the miracles, and the text is in a contracted

A.D. 978. Incip. Passio.—"Inclitus Rex Eadwardus alto et nobi"lissimo."

Expl. Passio.—" qui erat annus Domini millesimus primus, " regnante eodem Domino nostro Jesu Christo, qui cum Patre

" et Spiritu Sancto vivit et gloriatur Deus per omnia sæcula

" sæculorum. Amen."

Colophon.—"Explicit passio Sancti Eadwardi, Regis et "Martyris. Incipiunt miracula ejusdem."

Incip. Mirac.—"Plurima miracula per Sanctum Edwardum "patrata sunt, de quibus pauca huic nostro opusculo inserere "curavimus."

Expl. Mirac.—" perfrui mereamur, præstante Domino nostro
" Jesu Christo, qui, cum æterno Patre et amborum Spiritu
" Sancto, vivit et regnat Deus per immortalia sæcula sæcu" lorum. Amen."

Colophon.—"Expliciunt miracula Sancti Eaduuardi, Regis " et Martyris."

The author of this work is unknown, but he apparently lived about the end of the eleventh century. He declines stating anything concerning Edward or his miracles, unless he has either found it authentically written, or has heard it related by people worthy of credit.

The author may very possibly have been Eadmer, who wrote a Hymn to Edward the King and Martyr (MS. C.C.C. Cant. 271. 2), and to whom an Epistle was addressed by Nicholas, prior of Worcester, concerning the mother of Edward (MS. C.C.C. Cant. 371. 6). See Anglia Sacra, ii., præf., p. xiii.

Edward, the second Saxon King of that name, was born about 962, succeeded his father in the year 975, and was murdered by order of his step-mother at Corfe Castle in 978. He was buried at Wareham, and removed to Shaftesbury, 18 Feb. 978. In 1001 or 1002 his remains were translated from Shaftesbury to Bradford (?) and to Glastonbury. Portions of the relics were also removed to Leominster and Abingdon. There is a life of this King in John Brompton's chronicle.

1165. Narratio de S. Edwardo.

A.D. 978.

MS. Bodl. Digby. 146 ff. 101 b.-104. vell. 4to. xii. cent.

Incip.—" Mortuo Edgaro Rege, filius ejus senior Eadwar-" dus."

Expl.—abruptly at the beginning of a chapter. "[N]isi granum frumenti . . ."

1166. De Sancto Edwardo, Rege et Martyre.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—" Mortuo autem Rege Edgaro, successit Edwardus " filius ejus."

Expl.—"et Incarnationis Dominicæ anno millesimo "primo."

Printed in Capgrave's "Legenda Nova Angliæ," f. 116. It appears to be an abridgment of MS. Addit. 11,881, in the British Museum (No. 1164).

1167. Vita S. Eduardi, Regis Anglorum, carmine conscripta Gallico et Latino.

MS. Bibl. Regin. Sueciæ in Vaticana. 1292.

On this piece the Author of the "Histoire Littéraire de la "France" thus (vii. 175), writes, ascribing it to Abbo of Fleury:—"Quoique nos Hagiographes n'aïent rien imprimé, "ni même fait aucune mention de cet ouvrage, et que per- sonne ne le donne à notre Abbé, nous ne serions pas "neanmoins éloignés de lui en faire honeur. Il a tout l'air d'être la production d'une plume Françoise; et nous ne "connoissons point d'ecrivains dans le temps où remonte "l'antiquité de manuscrit, à qui il convienne mieux qu'à "Abbon. Il étoit Poëte, comme on va le voir; et lorsqu'il "alla resusciter les lettres en Angleterre, il n'y avoit que "sept à huit ans que S. Edouard n'étoit plus au monde; sa "mort étant arrivée le dix-huit de Mars 978. Abbon aïant

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A.D. 978. " fait cette vie en vers Latins, un autre Poëte l'aura mise " depuis en vers François."

> 1168. Versus de translatione corporis S. Eadwardi, Regis et Martyris.

> > MS. Harl. 1117. f. 1. vell. 4to. xii. cent.

Incip.—"Omnibus est recolenda dies qua maximus An-"glum."

Expl.—"Funde preces pro quo, sodes, rogitamine summo."
Twenty-six verses.

1169. Life of St. Edward, King and Martyr.

MS. Bodl. Tanner. 17. ff. 39 b.-42 b. vell. xv. cent. MS. Cott, Jul. D. ix. ff. 41 b.-45. vell. 12mo. xv. cent.

Incip.—" Seint Edward the zonge marter was King of "Englonde."

Expl.—"To be joye of hevyn bere bei ben—to him bringe "pere. Amen."

This piece is usually ascribed to Robert of Gloucester. Several other copies of it exist, but with slight verbal variations. The principal are MS. Bodl. Laud. Misc. 463; MS. Bodl. Laud. Misc. 108; MS. C.C.C. Cant. 145; MS. Bodl. 779.

1170. Vita Sancti Wulsini, Episcopi Scireburnensis.

MS. Lansdowne, 436. f. 48. vell. folio. dble. cols. xiv. cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit de Sancto Wlsino, Episcopo et Confessore."
Incip.—"Clara Dei lucerna ecclesiæ, Sanctus Wlsinus."

Expl.—"ubi supplicium vota secundum fidem suam ex"audiuntur, patrante Domino nostro Jesu Christo. Amen."
Colophon.—"Explicit de Sancto Wlsino, Episcopo et Con-

" fessore."

The year in which Wulsin died is involved in considerable obscurity. His death is placed under various years between

958 and 983. Mabillon ("Acta Sanct." vii. 237) has collected A.D. 978. much information respecting him, and he prints a letter addressed to him, shortly after his consecration, by Archbishop Dunstan.

Wulsin was born at London, became Abbot of Westminster, and afterwards Bishop of Sherborne.

1171. De Sancto Ulsino Episcopo et Confessore.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. ff. 13, 14. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—" Sanctum enim Wulsinum claris natalibus Lon-" doniis natum."

Expl.—"vi. idus Januarii in manu Domini efflavit spiritum "suum."

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," f. 331, and in the "Acta Sanctorum," 1. 547. (8 Jan.) It is an abridgment of the Life in the Lansdowne MS., noticed above.

A.D. 980.

A.D. 980.

1172. De Sancta Wolfhildæ, Virgine et Abbatissa, ad an. 980.

MS. Tiber. E. 1. 105. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15. MS. Bodl. 240. p. 607.

Incip.—" Alfredus, Rex West Saxonum, silvam quandam "venandi."

Expl.—"usque ad monasterium illud detulit."

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," f. 326 b.

King Alfred, while hunting, hears the cry of a child, which is found in an eagle's nest; he causes the child to be christened, and in time makes him an earl; he has a son Withburding, whose granddaughter, named Wolfhild, is sent to Winchester to be educated. Edgar falls in love with her, but finding all his attempts to seduce her to be in vain, he gives her the monastery of Berking. She is visited by Bishop Ethelwold, and, during their meal, the drink miraculously

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A.D. 980. suffers no diminution. She is expelled from Berking by the mother of Ethelred, but is afterwards restored. At her death she is buried at Berking.

1173. Chronicon ab anno 674 ad annum 980.MS. Bodl. Digby 168.

A.D. 981.

A.D. 981.

1174. Vita Brithnodi, primi Abbatis Eliensis, auctore Johanne de Tynemouth.

MS. Bodl. 240. p. 593.

This Life is taken from the "Liber Eliensis." Brithnoth was the first Abbot of Ely, and was martyred in the year 981. See Anglia Sacra, 1.604, and Liber Eliensis, edit. Anglia Christ. Soc. 8vo. 1848.

A.D. 982.

A.D. 982.

1175. Vita Forannani, Episcopi et Abbatis Walciodorensis, ad annum 982, auctore Roberto, Monacho Walciodorensi.

Incip. Prol.—"Quoniam in culmine candelabri."

Incip. Vita.—"Gloriosus igitur Domini sacerdos Forannanus, "nobili."

Expl. Vita.—" . . . sui splendoris, toto innotuit mundo, "etc."

This Life, written at the request of his convent by an anonymous contemporary who had known Foranan, but retouched and amplified in the twelfth century by Robert, a monk of Wazor, is printed in the "Acta Sanctorum," iii. 808 (30 April), and in Mabillon, Act. Sanct., sec. v. p. 576. His history is also to be found in the ancient Chronicle of Wazor, published by Dachery, Spicil. vol. vii.,* but it is very erroneous.

^{*} See also Mabillon's Acta, p. 584.

Foranan was born in Ireland* about the end of the reign of A.D. 989. Charles the Simple. He became Bishop of Armagh, but left Ireland and settled in the monastery of Wazor, on the Meuse, in the diocese of Liege, between Dinant and Charlemont, of which house he became Abbot about A.D. 969. He died 30 April 982.

A.D. 984.

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1176. Vita Sancti Ethelwoldi, Episcopi Wintoniensis, auctore Alfrico Abbate.

† MS. Bibl. Imp. Paris (Fonds Lat. 5862, £ 74). vell. folio. xi. cent.

Incip. Prologus.—" Alfricus, Abbas, Wintoniensis alumnus, "honorabili Episcopo Kenulfo et fratribus Wintoniensibus." Expl. Prol.—"propter inopiam scriptorum oblivioni tra-"dantur. Valete."

Incip. Vita.—" Erant autem parentes Sancti Atheluuoldi." Expl. Vita.—" meritis sanctorum suorum, cui est honor et " imperium per æterna secula. Amen."

Printed as Appendix I., vol. ii., of Mr. Stevenson's Chronicon Monasterii de Abingdon, published among the Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland.

A manuscript containing this piece was found by Mabillon (in Codice Fiscamnensi), but he preferred printing the Life written by Wolstan, who relates the same facts, generally in the same words, but has made some additions.[‡] Mabillon gives

^{*} Nobili ex Scotensium prosapia ortus, § 2.

[†] This MS. was apparently written in France. That it is not the production of an English scribe is obvious, from its errors in the names of places and persons.

[†] Mabillon prints a few passages from the Legend by Alfric, in which the narrative of that writer differs from that of Wulstan. One of these gives the name of a malefactor, which is not recorded by Wulstan. Some dreams are given by Wulstan which are not to be found in Alfric, one of which he had heard from Ethelwold himself. In other places also Wulstan expressly states that he derived his information from Ethelwold. The Life printed by Surius, Vitæ Sanct. (1 Aug.) 23, may possibly be the work of Alfric. Changing the style, as was his usage, he says it is a shorter life than that given by Mabillon, and that he found it in manuscript.

A.D. 984. Alfric's prologue,* which substantially agrees with the latter part of Wulstan's. Alfric addresses his work to Kenulf, Bishop of Winton, and says that twenty years have elapsed since the death of Ethelwold; as that prelate died in August 984, the date of Alfric's compilation is fixed to the year 1004.

Ethelwold was born in Winchester during the reign of Edward the Elder (therefore before the year 925), and was the early friend and schoolfellow of Dunstan. His first ecclesiastical dignity was that of Abbot of Abingdon, from which he was removed to the see of Winchester, and there consecrated by Dunstan, 29th Nov. 963. Here he distinguished himself by the vigour with which he carried out the expulsion of the secular canons, and the introduction of regulars. The establishments of Ely, Ramsey, and Peterborough also experienced his influence in the same direction.

Considerable doubt exists as to who the Alfric was, by whom this piece of biography was written. It is clear from the preface to Alfric's Homilies, and his preface to his Grammar, as well as in his preface to the Rule of Ethelwold written for the Monks of Eynsham, that Alfric was a pupil of Ethelwold; but it nowhere appears whether it was at Abingdon (where Ethelwold opened a monastic school) or at Winchester, after Ethelwold's promotion to the bishopric of that see, that he became his pupil; but if he was the author, it was probably at the latter place, as in the prologue to this piece he styles himself Abbot and Scholar of Winchester. Mabillon calls the author Abbot of Abingdon, though he has not given his authority for that statement. Wharton is doubtful to what monastery he belonged, but thinks that he certainly did not belong to Abingdon. William of Malmesbury supposes the author to have been Abbot of Malmesbury, but the time will not agree with the 20 years mentioned in Alfric's prologue, as he is said to have become Bishop of Crediton A.D. 994, and to have died in 999. Mores (de

^{*} The prologue is as follows:—"Alfricus abbas, Wintoniensis alumnus, "honorabili episcopo Kenulfo et fratribus Wintoniensibus, salutem in "Christo. Dignum ducens denique aliqua de gestis patris nostri et mag"nifici doctoris Athelwoldi memoriæ modo commendare, transactis vide"licet viginti annis post ejus migrationem, brevi quidem narratione mea,
"sed et rustica, quæ apud vos vel alias a fidelibus didici huic stilo ingero,
"ne forte penitus propter inopiam scriptorum oblivioni tradantur Valete."

duobus Alfricis) holds Alfric the Grammarian to have been A.D. 984. Archbishop of Canterbury, and Alfric, Abbot of Eynsham, afterwards Archbishop of York, to have been the writer of the Life of Ethelwold; and this is probably correct, for there is a difficulty in supposing that Alfric, Archbishop of Canterbury, wrote this piece, inasmuch as the writer calls himself Abbot and Scholar of Winchester; and does not insist, as that prelate might have done, upon his own personal acquaintance with the subject of his memoir, which was long and familiar. The tone also of his letter to the monks of Winchester would almost lead to the conclusion that it was from them he derived his information; indeed, he states that upon one occasion he had heard some particulars from Ethelwold himself; but the same statement, in nearly the same words, is also to be found in Wulstan's memoir.

1177. Vita S. Ethelwoldi, Episcopi Wintoniensis. Auctore (ut videtur) Wolstano Monacho, ejus discipulo.

*MS. Uticens. in Gallia. f. 23. vell. xi. cent. †MS. Cott. Nero E. 1. 415 b. vell. large folio, dble. col. xi. cent.

^{*} This MS. is now in the Library at Alençon, No. xiv. Besides the life given by Mabillon (which begins on fol. 23), it contains several other pieces connected with the history of Ethelwold, of which the following is a catalogue:—

^{1. &}quot;Hymnus in honore S. Adelwoldi præsulis editus, elegiaco et parac"terico carmine, per alphabetum compositus." f. 34 b. Written apparently
by a monk of S. Swithun's at Winchester in hexameters and pentameters,
the former beginning with the letters of the alphabet in succession.

Inc.—" Alma lucerna micat." Printed in Mabill. sec. v. p. 612.

^{2. &}quot;Hymnus vespertinalis." fol. 35.

Inc.—"Inclitus pastor." Printed ibid. 613.

^{3. &}quot;Hymnus alter de eodem." fol. 356.

Inc.—"Coeli senator." Printed ibid.

^{4. &}quot; Missa in festo ejusdem sancti recitanda." Ibid. Printed ibid.

^{5. &}quot;Missa pro die translationis ejusdem." Ibid. Printed p. 614.

^{6, &}quot;De horis peculiaribus," fol. 36. Printed ibid.

Inc.—" Præterea Beatus pater Adelwoldus horas."

^{7. &}quot;Tropi." fol. 36.

Inc.—" Patris adest votiva dies." Printed ibid.

The MS. is of English execution, and of the eleventh century.

[†] This MS. has hardly any variations from the Arundel MS., except perhaps errors of the scribe, and agrees very closely with the text of Mabillon.

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*MS. Arund. 169. f. 129. vell. folio, dble. col. xii. cent. MS. Cott. Calig. A. viii. f. 121. vell. 4to. xii. cent.† MS. Cott. Tiber. D. iv. f. 272 b.‡ vell. fol. dble. col. xii. cent.

Incip. Præf. — "De vita gloriosi patris Athelwoldi Epi" scopi, cujus sacra memoria celebratur in Kalendis Augusti,
" qua die feliciter ad regna migravit cœlestia. Postquam
" mundi Salvator Christus."

Expl. Praf.—"et eis qui lecturi vel audituri sunt, profu"turum."

Incip. Vita. — "Erant igitur parentes sancti pontificis "Adelwoldi."

Expl. Vita.—"et ad cœlestia regna perducere, cui adhuc in "carne degenti cœlitus concessa est potestas ligandi atque "solvendi, præstante Domino nostro Jesu Christo, qui cum "Deo, coæterno Patre, et Spiritu Sancto vivit et regnat Deus "per infinita sæcula sæculorum. Amen." §

Printed in Mabillon, Act. Sanct. Bened. sæc. v. p. 596; Acta Sanct. (1 Aug.) i. 88. Capgrave has abridged this Life.

The author proposes relating the life and acts of Ethelwold, as he had either witnessed them himself or had learned them from the credible testimony of the elders. He divides his information into 46 chapters. Ethelwold's parents resided at Winchester in the time of Edward the Elder. His mother has a miraculous presage concerning him before his birth. becomes in his youth a great favourite of King Athelstan. He is ordained by Bishop Elphege, with Dunstan and a person who afterwards became an apostate from monastic orders, named Edelstan. Their future destiny is foretold by Elphege. Ethelwold studies first under Elphege, and afterwards under Dunstan, then abbot of Glastonbury, and becomes a monk of that establishment. An account of his studies there. King Edred's favour to the church of Win-

^{*} A collation of this MS. with the "Acta Sanctorum" and Mabillon, v. 608, shows that its variations are very few, and, except two or three, are unimportant.

[†] Mutilated as far as chapter 33, omits chapter 40, and ends with chapter 46. So far as it goes it agrees closely with the Arundel MS.

[‡] Damaged by fire, but restored.

[§] Appended to the Life is a Hymn in honour of Ethelwold, in hexameters and pentameters, apparently the same as in the MS. at Alençon mentioned in note (*1.) on the preceding page.

chester; he appoints Ethelwold abbot of the decayed mo- A.D. 984. nastery of Abingdon, and bestows on it large possessions. The King comes to plan the building, and is entertained, with the Northumbrian nobles, by Ethelwold; at the repast the mead suffers no diminution, although they drink to excess, and the doors are shut by the King's order, that none may escape without taking his share. The story of Elfstan and the cauldron.* Ethelwold becomes a great builder. The excesses of the canons of Winchester. They administer poison to him while he is entertaining his guests in the hall, but he The canons disperse throughout England. wold purchases Ely from King Edgar, and settles monks there and at Peterborough, also at Thorney. He expends the treasure and ornaments of his church to procure food for the poor during a famine. His amiable disposition. He is of a sickly constitution. While he is rebuilding the church at Winchester,† a monk falls from the roof, but escapes unhurt. The vision of His vision of fishes, which the a tree laden with cowls. author had heard him describe. The dedication of the new church at Winchester, A.D. 980.1 Verses on the ceremony. Ethelwold dies at Braddington, sixty miles from Winchester, A.D. 984. Persons who were present relate the circumstances He is buried in the crypt at of his death to the author. Winchester, on the south side of the altar. He appears to Elfhelm, a blind man of Wallingford, twelve years after his death, and orders his body to be taken up, commanding him to communicate this to Wulstan the precentor, and his body is translated to the choir by Bishop Elphege. He releases a thief who had been punished by Elphege.

^{*} The story of Elfstan and the cauldron is copied almost verbatim by William of Malmesbury in his "Gesta Pontificum" ii. 4.

[†] Some of the notices about the progress of the work are worthy of attention.

[‡] One of the bishops present at the consecration was Poca, whom he describes as :—" Nulla laboris agens, pocula multa bibens."

[§] These verses would dispel Mabillon's doubt whether Wulstan was the author of this piece. They, for about sixty lines, are almost verbatim with the commencement of the miracles of Swithun, the undoubted production of Wulstan's Muse. Among the persons present he describes King Ethelred:—

[&]quot;Regis Ethelredi facie præsente modesti, In regni solio qui superest hodie."

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A.D. 984 Wulstan, the author of this Life, was a disciple of Bishop Ethelwold. It relates all that is contained in Alfric's Life (see No. 1180), but adds some things not in that narrative. William of Malmesbury, mentioning it, says, "Hujus vitam "Wulstanus, quidam cantor Wintoniensis, discipulus ejus "scilicet et alumnus, composuit stylo mediocri."

1178. Historia Ecclesiæ Eliensis, sive Libellus quorundum insignum operum B. Ædelwoldi Episcopi.

MS. Trin. Coll. Cant. O. 2. 41.

Incip. Prol.—"Cum præteritarum notitia rerum ignorantiæ." Expl. Prol.—"sed obedientiæ bono commendatur."

Incip. Hist.—" Tempore quo Rex Ædgarus gubernacula regni."

Expl. Hist.—"facta erat transgressioni obnoxia."

Printed in Gale's Historiæ Britannicæ, Saxonicæ, Anglo-Danicæ Scriptores, xv. p. 463-488.

This history, extending from the year 963 to 984, is said in the prologue to have been translated from the Anglo-Saxon at the desire of Bishop Herveus, in order to supply the omission relating to Ely in the Life of Bishop Ethelwold (apparently that by Wulstan, who barely mentions his foundation at Ely): he, however, adds little to our knowledge of Ethelwold; it relates chiefly to matters connected with Ely. It contains several curious particulars relating to the mode of acquiring property. It is substantially the same as part of the Second Book of the Liber Eliensis, with the addition of some encomiastic verses on Bishop Ethelwold.

As Hervey filled the See of Ely from A.D. 1109 to 1131, we easily ascertain the date of the present narrative. It is not so easy, however, to decide what was the Saxon narrative to which the author refers in his prologue; whatever it was, it related to the birth, life, death, and miracles of this celebrated Bishop of Winchester.

1179. Vita Sancti Ethelwoldi, Episcopi Wintoniensis. A.D. 984. MS. Cott. Calig. A. viii. f. 121.

Incip.—"....illius sibi conscius esset."

Expl.—"Olim sibi cœlitus ostensum est."

This is a mere fragment, beginning in the chapter xxxiii. of the Life, as printed by Mabillon, and ends with chapter xli. The poem (p. 608 of Mabillon) does not occur in this MS. After the miracles, as in the printed edition, comes this colophon:—"Finit Libellus de ortu, vita, et obitu et de trans"latione gloriosi et beati patris nostri Athelwoldi episcopi." It consists of four leaves.

1180. De Sancto Ethelwoldo, Episcopo et Confessore.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. f. 213. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—" Erant enim parentes S. Ethelwoldi." Expl.—" munus amoris deposuit et abiit."

Printed in Capgrave's "Legenda Nova Anglia," f. 143.

Abridged from Wulstan (see No. 1177). The story of Godwin at the end is a blunder, in which Ethelwold is confounded with Alfwold, Bishop of Shirburn.

1181. De Sancto Adelwoldo Wintoniensi Episcopo et Confessore.

MS. Lansd. 436. ff. 81-84 b. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

Incip.—" Temporibus Regis Edwardi dicti senioris."

Expl.—" et cœlestia miracula frequentius perpetrantur."

Nothing more than an abridgment of Wulstan's work.

1182. Vita S. Ethelwoldi Episcopi.

MS. Eccl. Lincoln.

A.D. 984. 1183. Gocelinus Monachus de Vita Sanctæ Edithæ Virginis.

MS. Bodl. Rawl. C. 938 (formerly 1027). 4to. min. sec. xii. or xiii.

Rubr. — "Incipit Prologus Gocelini Monachi in vitam "Sanctæ Edithæ Virginis, ad Sanctum Lanfranchum, Cantu- ariensem Archiepiscopum."

Incip. Prol.—"Omnium offerentium ad tabernaculum." Expl. Prol.—"aspiret affectuosis."

Rubr.—" Explicit Prologus. Incipit vita Sanctæ Edithæ "Virginis."

Incip. Vita.—" Regnabat regnorum pietas Edgarus."

Expl. Vita.—" cum probatissimis virtutum sequentiis."

Rubr.—" Explicit vita Sanctæ Edithæ Virginis."

This MS., which is unique, is slightly imperfect in a few places, from a small piece of parchment having fallen off which had covered a hole in the skin.

This Life is dedicated by Goscelin to Archbishop Lanfranc. It was probably known to Malmesbury. See De Gestis Pontificum, ii. 4, and De Gestis Regum, 7. lib. ii. § 218. p. 371, and also to Robert Brunne, who seems to have borrowed one of his tales from it. See also Leland's Collect. ii. 156.

It is printed in the "Acta Sanctorum," 16 Sept.

1184. De Sancta Editha,* Virgine et Abbatissa.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1, 108. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—"Beata virgo Editha filia fuit Edgari Regis."

Expl.—"Reddita autem terra, sine mora spiritum emisit."

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," f. 102–103 b, and in the Acta Sanct. v. 364.

Editha was the daughter of King Edgar and Wulftrude, and was brought up at Wilton under the care of her mother. She imitates, among others, her aunt Editha. She reproves Ethelwold for making an observation on her dress. When fifteen years old her father gives her three monasteries, Winchester, Barking, and another, not mentioned. She will not, however,

^{*} She is sometimes called "Eadgitlia."

leave her mother, but appoints deputies there. The nobles A.D. 984. are desirous of raising her to the throne on the murder of Edward the Martyr, but she refuses the honour. She dies on the 16th calends of October, in the year 984, aged 23, and is buried by Dunstan in the church of St. Denis, which she had built. She appears to Dunstan thirteen years after her death, who translates her remains.*

This Life appears to be a very brief abridgment of the preceding piece, ascribed to Goscelin.

1185. Translatio ipsius Edithæ cum sequentibus signis.

MS. Rawl. C. 938. fol. 16. 4to. min. sæc. xii. or xiii.

Incip.—" Annus jam tertius decimus."

Expl. — "actio celebratur, plebs lætatur unanimis, et "adoratur Deus ab omnibus, qui in Sanctis suis gloriosus "apparet et mirabilis, cui est honor et gloria in sæcula sæcula roum. Amen."

After which follows a hymn, beginning "Salamonici" mysteria candida templi."

On the chronological difficulty as to the dates assigned to this Translation, see the note to the preceding article.

1186. History of the Foundation of the Priory of Wilton, in old English verse, containing many matters relating to King Egbert and other Saxon Kings; also the Life and Miracles of St. Editha, and her Translation.

MS. Cott. Faust. B. iii. ff. 194-258. vell. 4to. xiv. cent.

Incip.—"Almy3ty God in Trinite, Fader and Sone and "Holy Goste."

Expl.—" plat we mow come after owre deythe to be same "plase peras seynt Ede ys. Amen."

This piece contains an account of the abbey of Wilton, and historical notices of English Kings down to Edgar; it then

^{*} The story of her translation by Dunstan (if the date be correctly given) must be spurious, as he died four years after her.

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A.D. 984. passes on (f. 204 b) to the Life and Miracles of St. Editha, and continues that subject to the end. On f. 259 the author gives the names of the books and authorities which he has used, and among them "Legenda Sanctæ Edithæ Virginis." There is also a Life of St. Etheldreda of Ely, by the same hand, in this MS.

A.D. 986.

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1187. S. Abbonis Floriacensis Epistola encyclica ad Monachos Angliæ.

Incip.—"Dilectissimis in Christo Angligenis fratribus." Expl.—"... vel discendo objiciunt quique studiosi."

Printed in Mabillon, Annal. lib. xlix. § 69, and in the Appendix to vol. iv. p. 687.

Abbo was sent from Fleury into England in 985, at the request of Oswald, successively Bishop of Worcester and Archbishop of York. He resided and taught at Ramsey. He remained in England until 987, and it was during his stay here that he wrote this Circular Letter addressed to the English Monks and those at Fleury. He was killed Nov. 1004.

A.D. 988.

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1188. Vita S. Dunstani, Archiepiscopi et Confessoris, auctore, ut videtur, Bridfertho, Ramesiensi Monacho. MS. Bibl. S. Vedasti apud Arras. No. 812. sec. x.

MS. Cott. Cleopat. B. xiii. ff. 59-88. vell. small 8vo. xi. cent.*

The following note on the first leaf of this MS. is worthy of notice, as explanatory of the previous history of the volume of which it forms part:

[&]quot;Hunc librum, cujus auctor, ut apparebit lectori, claruit tempore ipsius

[&]quot;Dunstani, de quo agitur, reperi inter veteres libros MSS. monasterii "Augustinensis Cantuarise, A.D. 1565, mense Augusti.—'Joan. Josselinus.'

[&]quot;Ibi hunc ipsum librum a Gul. Malmesburiensi repertum esse, ex libro

[&]quot;ejusdem de antiquitate Glastoniensis monasterii apparet.—'Ia. Usserius.'"
The text which this MS. furnishes is in several respects superior to that of the Arras MS. Its variations are not recorded in any edition, but they are well worthy of notice. It also supplies the portion which is lost at the end of the copy used by the Bollandists.

Incip. Prol.—"Perprudenti Domino Archonti Alfrico, om- A.D. 988. "nium extimus Sacerdotum B. vilisque Saxonum indigena."

Incip. Vita.—"Cum multorum temporum a vero cultu "Christianæ religionis."

Expl. imperfect.—"a peccatorum prius ponderibus levatos, "pio . . ."

The following abstract of its contents will give a fair estimate of the nature of this biography.

Prologue addressed to Archbishop Alfric.

- Ch. 1.—Dunstan's parents and birth. Description of Glastonbury. He is carried thither by his father. His vision of the future state of the monastery under himself. He is sent to school (verse). His sickness. He runs on the roof of the church, and is taken down unhurt. His ardent study. His fame reaches the Court. He is ill-treated by some of his companions and those about the palace.
- Ch. 2.—He is tempted to marry. A large stone falls between him and Bishop Elphege. A revelation concerning the future burial place of a priest at Winchester. King Athelstan entertained by Ethelfleda. The mead at the entertainment suffers no decrease. Dunstan sees a dove descend to her when sick. His harp sounds while hanging against the wall.
- Ch. 3.—King Edmund has lately banished him from Court. Edmund while hunting is saved, by Dunstan's agency, from falling down a precipice, on which he is recalled. He becomes "primus abbas Anglicæ nationis" (i.e. Benedictine). He is distressed by visions.
- Ch. 4.—Edred commits his treasures, &c. to his custody, and endeavours to prevail on him to accept a bishopric. Vision of SS. Peter and Paul. During sickness Edred sends for those who have charge of his effects, in order to make a disposition of his wealth before his death. Dunstan sets out with his portion, but by the way hears a voice announcing Edred's death. The story of Edwy and the two women. Dunstan and Cynesige force the king from them. Elfgiva causes Dunstan's property to be plundered, in which his own society assist. He escapes being blinded by retiring to Flanders.

Ch. 5.—Edwy deserted by the Northern people. Edgar recalls Dunstan. Edwy dies. Dunstan is made successively Bishop of Worcester and London, and Archbishop of Canterbury. Elfsin dies on the Alps of cold (but no mention of Odo).

A.D. 988. Dunstan goes to Rome. He has a vision of his mother's marriage in heaven, which signifies the Church espoused to Christ.

Ch. 6.—He sees a vision, which denotes the king's approaching death. He expounds a dream of the king falling asleep, and of the guests being turned into goats. Vision of a person with a roll of parchment before the king's death, and of a youth's soul being carried to heaven. He goes to St. Augustin's. His vision there. Description of his conduct in the discharge of his archiepiscopal functions. He falls asleep before his death, and is seen to be miraculously lifted from the ground in his chair. His death.

The Arras MS. is imperfect at the end, but the small portion missing may be supplied from the Cottonian MS.

The writer of this Life makes no mention of the death of Elfgiva, nor of any public transactions after the death of Edgar, and the notices of this king before that event are very slight.

The miraculous stories are, almost all, visions alleged to have been seen by Dunstan. The style is very verbose. The narrative appears to have been written between A.D. 989 and 1000. Mabilion conjectures, from the writer's name beginning with B, that it means Bridferth of Ramsey, a pupil of the celebrated Abbo, who lived at this period.

The following chronological data which it affords are worthy of notice.

The Life was written during the period in which Alfric was archbishop* (996-1006), perhaps about 1000. The author's information was derived from Dunstan himself, or from those immediately about his person,† and corrected by them. Part of his narrative is founded on what he had himself witnessed.

Dunstan is said to have been born in the time of Athelstan‡ (924-940). He was made a monk by Bp. Elphege (935-951).§ He seems to have been a monk at Glastonbury when Athelstan

^{*} Acta Sanct., p. 346.

^{† &}quot;... nisi forte que vel videndo vel audiendo, licet intellectu torpenti, "ab ipso didiceram, vel etiam ex ejus alumnis, quos a tenella juventutis

[&]quot; setate ad viros usque perfectos doctrinarum pabulis decenter instructos,

[&]quot; ipsemet educando deduxit," p. 346. And again at p. 358 he recounts " quæ vel egomet vidi vel audivi."

P. 347.

[§] P. 349.

was feasted by Ethelfieda,* and to have possessed considerable A.D. 988 influence in the beginning of the reign of Edmund (940-946),† having been called to Court on the death of Ethelstan, where he remained some time. Shortly after, he was made Abbot of Glastonbury,‡ having been expelled from Court, and then recalled. He was in great favour with Edred.§ He refused the bishopric of Crediton on the death of Ethelgar, and was present at the coronation of Edwy.¶

He was obliged to fly a considerable time before the revolt of the Northumbrians,** which occurred, as we know, in 957. No mention is made of the year of Dunstan's death, or his age, but it is stated that he died "decimo Kalendarum Julii, senex " plenus dierum."

This valuable piece of biography was printed from the {Arras MS. by Henschenius, in the "Acta Sanctorum," Maii xix. p. 346. A collation of the text of the Bollandists with the original MS. at Arras shows that they have fallen into several mis-readings. Most of them, however, may be corrected from the Cottonian MS. Mabillon (Act. Ben. sec. v. p. 639) censures the style in which this piece is written, and declares it to be unworthy of republication, though he admits its historical value (Observ. previæ, s. 2.)

Those above mentioned are the only copies known.

1189. Vita S. Dunstani, Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, authore Osberno Monacho et Præcentore Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis.

MS. Lambeth. 159. ff. 1.-30.

†† MS. Cott. Tiber. D. 111. ff. 118 b.-134 b. vell. folio. xiii. cent.

‡‡ MS. Bodl. Digby. 110. f. 35. vell. xiii. or xiv. cent.

§§ MS. Cott. Vitell. D. xv.

^{**} P. 854, 858.

^{††} This MS. ends abruptly in the Second Book, "qui hominis. . ."

^{‡‡} Wants the Prologue, and ends at "veniret."

^{§§} This MS. has been burnt, but it was extant when Smith formed his catalogue of the Cottonian MSS. Some knowledge of it is derived from that source.

A.I), 988,

* MS. Harl. 56. vell. 8vo. xii. cent † MS. Harl. 315. f. 1. vell. folio. dble. col. xii. cent. ‡ MS. Bodl. 285. 2. vell. xiii. cent. § MS. C.C.C. Cant. 42. 4. vell. folio. xiii. cent. MS. Cott. Tiber. D. iv. f. 281 b. vell. folio. dble col. xii. cent.-MS. Christina in Vatican. 646. ff. 1-50. vell. 8vo. xii. cent.

Tit.—" Incipit Prologus in vitam Sancti Dunstani, Can-"tusriensis Archiepiscopi et Confessoris."

¶ MS. Arund. 16. vell. 8vo. xii. cent.

Incip. Prol.—" Universis Catholice matris Ecclesiæ filiis " confrater eorum, per cam quæ in Christo est regenerationem,

" Osbernus."

Expl. Prol.—"ista aggredi tentabo."

Col. Prol.—"Explicit Prologus in vitam Sancti Dunstani, "Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, per Osbernum Monachum et

"Præcentorem ejusdem ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis."

Tit .- "Incipit vita Sancti, Dunstani Archiepiscopi et Con-" fessoris."

Incip. Vita.—" Regnante magnifico Rege Ethelstano."

Expl. Vita.—" ab alio principio sumi possit.** Coloph.—" Explicit vita sanctissimi patris nostri Dunstani,

"Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi et Confessoris, secundum Os-" bernum, ejusdem Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis Commona-

"chum et Præcentorem."

The Digby MS. 110 and the MS. Bodley 285 appear to represent an earlier recension than that which occurs in the other copies.

Of this piece there are three several editions. (1.) That of the Bollandists (Acta Sanct. iv. 359-376, 19 May), ex MS.

^{*} This MS. contains an additional paragraph after the end of cap. 1. lib. ii. † Begins abruptly near the end of chapter 1, and is also imperfect at the end. It has been mutilated for the sake of the illuminations.

[†] Wants the Prologue and miracles, and is imperfect at the end, concluding with "veniret," p. 120, line 6, ed. Wharton.

[§] Ends imperfectly with "quædam."

[|] Slightly burnt at the edges.

[¶] Part of the Second Book, ff. 39 b.-42, has been supplied by a late hand. It is a better copy than that used by Wharton.

^{**} After "possit" Mabillon adds sixteen lines of verse, beginning "Justus ' homo, nudus vitio, sedes subit almas," and ending "Que famulata tuam " vixit ad astra animam."

Antwerpiensi et Bonifontis. (2.) That of Mabillon, in his A.D. 988. Act. Sanct., from a MS. which had belonged successively to De Thou and Colbert, apparently that now marked Fonds Lat. 2475, a fine MS. of the thirteenth century. Other copies exist in the same collection, viz., 5284, 5348, and 5489. There is also another in the MS. belonging to the School of Medicine at Montpellier, No. 2, and one at Laon, MS. 163. (3.) That of Wharton in the Anglia Sacra, ii. 88–120, from a MS. at Lambeth.

In the Prologue the author states that he has been requested to compose a Life of Dunstan, although several had already been written, but which had in general been either inelegantly or carelessly performed; and, more especially because that which had been more commendably executed had perished in the late conflagration of the church.

The basis of this Life is apparently the same as Bridferth's, with some passages from Adelard (see No. 1198); but the author appears to have added much from some other source, and occasionally to have amplified Bridferth's narrative. The principal additions seem to be; the account of the death of Elfgiva. Dunstan's rescue of Edwy's soul from the devil. The dove alighting on Odo's tomb. Edgar's violation of the nun, and his subsequent penance. Dunstan's prophecy at the coronation of Ethelred, and much of the latter part.

Malmesbury, in his Life of Dunstan, attacks Osbern with great asperity, as though he (Osbern) had added most of these incidents without authority; but, as not only Osbern but Eadmer also has, in general, the passages reprobated by Malmesbury, it is possible that both obtained at least the greater portion of their facts from some life with which Malmesbury was not acquainted.

This piece was composed during the archiepiscopate of Lanfranc (Mab. Act. SS. sæc. v. 679, § 17.)

^{*} This doubtless refers to the fire which occurred in the year 1070. See Gervaise of Canterbury, ap. Decem Script. col. 1291. See also Mabillon, Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened. sec. v. 679, § 17.

A.D. 988 1190. Liber II. de vita Dunstani, seu de miraculis ejus, auctore Osberno.

MS. Cott. Tiber. D. iv. vell. folio. dble col. xiii. cent. MS. Lambeth. 159. f. 54 b. paper folio. xvi. cent.

Incip. Prolog. — "Diximus in superiori libello, quibus "parentibus venerabilis pater Dunstanus."

Incip. Mirac.—" Vicus est urbi Cantuariæ vicinus."

Expl.—" nos studuerimus et animo diligere, et obsequio "venerari. Gloria omnipotenti Deo Patri, qui illum fecit; "gloria Unigenito Dei Filio, qui illum redemit; gloria Spiritui "Sancto, qui illum sua gratia illuminavit; Uni soli vivo et "vero Deo laus et gratiarum actio per infinita sæcula "sæculorum. Amen." Laus Deo."

Colophon.—" Explicit liber miraculorum beatissimi patris, "nostri patroni, Dunstani, Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis eccle"siæ, secundum Osbernum, hujus ecclesiæ Commonachum, et "Præcentorem et Suppriorem. Qui erat vir doctissimus, ut "scribit Vincencius, Historialis Libro xxv. Capitulo ciiijo, ubi "dicit Osbernus Cantuariæ Cantor nulli nostro tempore stilo "secundus, in musica omnium primus. Soli Deo honor et "gloria."

Printed in Mabillon, Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened. v. 672, and in the Acta Sanctorum. The Prologue alone is printed in the Anglia Sacra (ii. 121).

This piece, in its present form at least, was intended as a sermon addressed to the inmates of some church (probably Canterbury) with which Dunstan had been closely connected.

The author having related in the former book the history of Dunstan from his birth to his death, now proposes recapitulating the miracles which his beatified spirit has performed on earth since his departure, and for the greater part in the author's own time; warning his readers not to make their own experience the measure of their faith with respect to Dunstan's miracles.

The miracles which then follow are chiefly the cures of various infirmities. The most remarkable are those of the paralytic priest of Folkstone, who did not choose to be considered one of the Lord's poor, § 4. The minstrel, § 9. The

^{*} Followed by four lines of verse: "Quem genus insignit, virtus attollere "certat."

correction of boys remitted in consequence of a miraculous A.D. 988. cure, § 17. Boys screened from their masters by Dunstan, § 15. The old church destroyed, and the Translation of the relics of Saints, § 16. A man confined in chains for killing a deer, and the destruction of pirates, § 20.

At the conclusion of the piece, § 24, the author excuses himself for not relating certain miracles which he has omitted because they have appeared to him to be somewhat incredible. Eadmer, however, in his biography of Dunstan, seems to have thought differently, for he has inserted at least six not in Osbern.

Osbern was probably a native of Canterbury, and was brought up from early youth in that cathedral, in which he became cantor and subprior. William of Malmesbury says that in knowledge of music he was second to none in his time. He was contemporary with Lanfranc, at whose command he wrote the Life of Elphege. He is also said to have written a Life of Odo, which is not now to be found, that printed by Wharton in the second volume of the Anglia Sacra appearing rather to belong to Eadmer. Other Lives have been ascribed to him, but without sufficient authority.

Osbern's style is highly praised by William of Malmesbury.

1191. Vita S. Dunstani, Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, authore Eadmero.

C.C.C. Cant. 371. ff. 105-154. vellum 4to. xii. cent.

MS. Lansd. 436. ff. 59 b.-67 b. vell. folio. dble. col. xiv. cent.

* MS. Bibl. Pub. Laon. 163. vell. xii. cent.

Incip. Prol.—"Quia Deum in sanctis suis mirabilem pro-"phetica voce laudare jubemur."

Incip. Vita.—" Beatus ergo Dunstanus ex nobilissima gentis
"Anglorum prosapia originem ducens."

Expl. Vita.—" Sit nomen tuum, Deus Israel, benedictum in sæcula. Amen."

Colophon.—"Explicit vita beati Dunstani, Archiepiscopi "Cantuariensis."

Prologue.—At the request of certain "simple" persons, the author purposes relating plainly the wonders which it pleased

^{. *} This is here said to be by Osbert. It is followed by a collection of miracles partly published by Mabillon, Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened. v. 691.

-A.D. 988. God to perform for S. Dunstan, leaving to the consideration of the wise those accounts of his acts, which are composed in a different style. He the more readily assented to this request, because some things have been related which seem to be at variance with the received accounts. The author has collected whatever was to be obtained, and has consulted among others Egelred, who was afterwards Prior of Worcester, under Bishop Wulstan, and who had long been intimate with Egelric, Bishop of Chichester, who was almost contemporaneous with Dunstan.

The life is in substance the same as that of Osbern, but is written in a plainer style. It is generally scantier, yet occasionally it is fuller also: the same order of relation is nearly observed in both.

That Eadmer used the same materials as Osbern, if he had not Osbern before him also, is beyond a question; as several circumstances to which Osbern merely indirectly refers are here inserted at length.* That Osbern's Life of Dunstan should have escaped Eadmer, a contemporary, and of the same house, is improbable; and accordingly there is strong ground for contending that he made use of it.† The only difficulty with respect to the Life at which he glances in his preface is, that he charges the writer with ignorance in asserting that the mother of Edward the Martyr was a nun; but this is not in Osbern. Wharton supposes him here to allude to the Life mentioned by Osbern in his Prologue.

This piece has never been printed entire. Surius first gave an abridgment of it.‡ Mabillon, p. 691, then printed such portions as he believed were of importance and had been

^{*} The principal variations are; the account of Edwy's conduct to Queen Eadgiva. Dunstan breaking his crosier on the devil's back, (who had attacked him in the shape of a bear,) and threatening him that he would have a stouter one the next time; which was the case, for he made a new one with a silver sphere on the top, inclosing a tooth of S. Andrew. Edwy and the two women, nearly as in Bridferth. Excommunication of the incestuous nobleman (this from Adelard). The debasers of money. The principal additions are the story of Mayfield church, and the King hunting on Sunday.

[†] Eadmer expressly mentions his own acquaintance with Osbern in his treatise on the relics of S. Ouen (MS. C.C.C. Cant. 371).

[‡] He attributes it to Osbert, a monk of Canterbury, who flourished in the year 1020.

omitted by Surius, from a MS. at Compiègne; both of them A.D. 988. ascribing it to Osbert. Wharton also printed such parts as were told with any degree of variation, or were omitted by Osbern; he found it in a MS. at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, among Eadmer's works, and assigned it to him.* This position appears to have been well founded, for in the miracles, the writer describes himself as having been present at the translation of Dunstan by Archbishop Lanfranc. In the "Acta Sanctorum" (May 19) the most remarkable variations from Osberne are inserted in the notes.

Eadmer's description of the monastic system as it prevailed at Canterbury before Lanfranc's time is of great value.

1192. Vita Sancti Dunstani, Archiepiscopi et Confessoris.

MS. Cott. Nero. E. 1. ff. 401 b.-409 b. vell. folio. dble. col. xiii. cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit vita Sancti Dunstani, Archiepiscopi et "Confessoris, xiiii. Kalendas Junii."

Incip. Vita.—"Beatus Dunstanus ex nobilissima gentis "Anglorum prosapia."

Expl.—". . . Christi ascendebatur. Cui est honor et "gloria in sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

gloria in sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Colophon.—" Explicit vita beati Dunstani Archiepiscopi."

This piece was printed by Surius, and ascribed by him to Osbert. It nearly agrees with Eadmer's work. Mabillon has printed portions of it under the title "Fragmenta ex Vita" S. Dunstani, auctore Osberto" (p. 691), and Wharton, "Anglia Sacra," ii. 213, ascribes it to Eadmer.

1193. Fragmenta ex alia Vita Sancti Dunstani, auctore Osberto Monacho, sæculo xii.

Incip.—"Post hæc Edgarus partem regni, quam diximus "Eduino remansisse, obtinuit."

Expl.—" prætermissis illis, ad sacrum ejus obitum enarran" dum cor et linguam præparemus," etc.

Printed in Mabillon, "Acta Sanct. Ord. Bened." v. 684-691.

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^{*} A collation of Mabillon's extracts with MS. C.C.C. 371 furnishes only verbal variations.

A.D. 988. 1194. Fragmenta ex Libro de Miraculis S. Dunstani, auctore Osberto, Monacho Cantuariensi.

MS. Compendiens. MS. C.C.C. Cant. 371.

Incip.---"Nonnulla quæ de vita B. Dunstani, vitæque "decessu aut scripto."

Expl.—"si concurrentis multitudinis manibus non statim "interfecta fuisset," etc.

This piece has not been printed as a whole, but portions have been printed in Mabillon, "Acta Sanct. Ord. Bened." v. 691-995, ex MS. Codice Compendiensi.

The author proposes to relate succinctly from written authority, from credible tradition, or from his own experience, certain of Dunstan's miracles.

Among the most curious of these are the following, which are derived, with some variations, from Osbern:—No. 16, Abbot Scotland's vision of a great light in the cathedral; No. 17, the mad deacon; No. 21, the monk delivered from plunderers on invoking Dunstan; No. 22, a blind man restored; No. 23, the chasuble used by Dunstan at Westminster; No. 24, the countryman punished at Saperton,* in Gloucestershire, for working on the Festival of St. Dunstan, to whom the church was dedicated.

Eadmer's miracles, as well as those of Osbern, afford various curious particulars of monastic life, of the demolition of the old church at Canterbury, the erection of the new, &c. Wharton has omitted the whole of the miracles, the Bollandists give abstracts.

There has been apparently some hesitation as to the author of these two pieces. Some have supposed him to be the same person as Osbern, but Mabillon thinks that they were composed by Osbert, a monk of Canterbury, who lived in the year 1120; but they are seemingly the work of Eadmer. See No. 1191.

Surius says the author's name was Osbert, and that he lived in the year 1020.

^{*} The MS. used by Mabillon reads Sarprintune.

1195. Guilielmi Malmesburiensis de vita S. Dunstani A.D. 988. Archiepiscopi Libri duo.

MS. Bodl. Rawlins, Misc. 263. f. 1-83. vell. 8vo. xv. cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit Prologus de vita Sancti Dunstani, Archi"episcopi."

Incip. Prol.—"Dominis suis venerabilibus et fratribus "patribusque in sancta Glastoniensi ecclesia Deo famulari "gratulantibus, Guilielmus, vester devotione servus, commilitio "frater, dilectione filius."

Incip. Vita.—"Annus igitur Regis Athelstani primus "produxit in mundum puerum Dunstanum, totius Angliæ "patronum futurum."

Expl. Vita.—"meliori siquidem ætatis parte consumpta "quanto fini accedo, tanto curare debeo ne mea laceretur "opinio."

Expl. Mirac.—" Pro his igitur omnibus beneficiis tuis sit " tibi, Omnipotens Deus, laus et gratiarum actio, et super " populum tuum, cui tantum dedisti patronum, sit precamur " tua larga semper benedictio, qui Unus în Trinitate et Trinus " in Unitate vivis et regnas Deus per infinita sæculorum " sæcula. Amen."

This piece has never been printed. It was written at the request of the monks of Glastonbury,* for whom the author had previously composed the Life of St. Patrick, the Miracles of Benignus, and the Martyrdom of St. Indract. It is mentioned by Bale, Pits, and Tanner, but they did not know where it was to be found. The first Book ends at f. 33 b., and the second is written in Thomas Hearne's hand. The copy from which Hearne made his transcript has not been traced by the compiler of the present work.

^{*} He also says that he writes to correct the mistakes of the new, but deceased writer ("novo scriptori") of St. Dunstan's Life:—"Plerumque "enim aut opinione decipitur aut favore inflectitur." He then instances some points, of which the third runs thus: "Tertio quod Glastoniam regali "fisco addictam et Dunstanum ibi fuisse primum abbatem dicendo, non "mediocriter in historiæ veritatem delinquit. Quod, quantum a vero exulet, "testantur abbatum nostrorum nomina, qui annis cccliij., sicut ex conse-"quentibus liquebit, ante nativitatem Dunstani fuere in Glastonia."

A.D. 988. 1196. Epistola Adelardi, Blandinensis coenobii, ad Elphegum Archiepiscopum de vita patris Dunstani.

> MS. Gray's Inn, 3. ff. 75-78 b. vell. folio, dbl. col. xi. cent. MS. Cott. Nero. C. vil. ff. 72 b.-77. vell. folio. xii. or xiii. cent. MS. Lambeth, 159. f. 48. paper folio. xvi. cent.

Incip. Prol.—" Domino vere Sancto, Ælphego, Sanctæ " Dorobernensis Ecclesiæ Archiepiscopo."

Expl. Prol.—"Vale, Præsul gloriose."

Incip. Vita.—"Quia solemnibus excubiis transitum beati " Dunstani."

Expl. Vita.—" Ubi et te die hodierna pontificali gloria " coronatum regnare præcepit. Qui cum coæterno Patre et

" Spiritu Sancto vivit et regnat nunc et per immortalia

" sæcula sæculorum. Amen. Laus Deo. Amen."

Colophon.—"Explicit vita Sancti patris nostri Dunstani,

" abreviata per Adelardum, exiguum famulum Sancti Blandi-

" niensis Cœnobii. Epistola per eum missa ad Sanctum

" Elphegium, Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ Archiepiscopum."

This Eulogy, by Adelard,* appears to have been written about twenty years after the death of Dunstan, and is dedicated to Archbishop Elphege, therefore after 1006. It is very declamatory, and adds nothing to history; indeed, it is only an abridgment of the narrative of Bridferth, in the shape of a commemorative sermon. Speaking of his own work, in his prologue, he says: "Scias autem in opere isto historiam vitæ " ejus non contineri, sed ex eadem vita quasi brevem ser-" monis versiculum."

Wharton, in his Anglia Sacra, ii. 148, has printed the introductory letter from Adelard to Archbishop Elphege relative to the life of Dunstan. It is followed in MS. Lambeth by twelve sections, extending from f. 48 to f. 53, and entitled

^{*} Dunstan in his banishment found a refuge in the monastery of St. Peter, at Ghent, otherwise Blandenberg, and he remained there during two venrs. (Gall. Christ. v. 192.) Adelard, who wrote his life in 1006, had been educated in the same monastery. In his introductory epistle he calls himself "Adalardus, Sancti Blandinensis comobii exiguus famulus." Tanner appears to have misinterpreted the name of the monastery, and confounded the writer with Athelard of Bath.

"In Depositione Sanctissimi Patris nostri Dunstani, Lectio A.D. 988. "Prima."

1197. De Sancto Dunstano, Episcopo et Confessore.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—"Regnante Rege Ethelstano, anno regni sui primo." Expl.—"brutis etiam plurimis in periculis subveniendo."

Printed in Capgrave's Nova Legenda Angliæ, ff. 88 b.-97. It is an abridgment of Dunstan's Life and Miracles, by Osbern.

1198. De Sancto Dunstano, Episcopo et Confessore.

MS. Bodl. Rawl. A. 294, ff. 63-85. vell. small folio. xiii. cent.

Incip.—"Regnante Rege Ethelstano."

Expl.—" sensus ei redditur."

Colophon .- "Explicit."

Apparently an abridgment of Osberne's work.

1199. Sermo de maxima laude Sancti Dunstani, Archiepiscopi et Confessoris.

MS. C.C.C. Cant. 161. vell. folio. dble cols. xii. cent.

Incip.—"Beatissimus Dei præsul Dunstanus, cujus laudes." Exp.—" sublimatur honoribus."

This is only a laudatory summary of the Saint's exploits, who is compared throughout with Moses, Aaron, the Prophets and Apostles, and even with Cherubim and Seraphim.

1200. Miracula de S. Dunstano.

MS. Bodl. Laud. Lat. 18 (ol. 674). ff. 85–89. vell. small 4to. xiii. or xiv. cent.

Incip. — "Sanctus Dunstanus, antequam Archiepiscopus "esset."

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A.D. 988. 1201. Epistola ad Glastonienses Elmeri, aliter Edmeri, quo tempore Glastonienses asserebant se corpus Patroni nostri Sancti Dunstani habere.

MS. Lambeth 159. ff. 31-36 repeated at ff. 64-67 b.

Incip. — "Glorioso conventui monachorum cœnobii Glas-"toniensis, frater Edmerus."

Expl.—"Valeat igitur Sanctitas vestra in Christo Jesu, et "oret pro nobis."

Colophon.—" Explicit Epistola Edmeri, Monachi Ecclesiæ
" Christi Cantuariæ."

Printed in the Anglia Sacra, ii. 222-226.

The writer says (p. 223) that he wrote about fifty years after the translation of the saint's remains, which would bring the present letter to about A.D. 1124, a date which would well correspond with what we know respecting Eadmer.

1202. De Translatione S. Dunstani, Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi.

MS. Cott. Cleopat. C. iv. ff. 62-64. paper, small 8vo. xvi. cent.

Incip.—" Anno ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo duo-" decimo regnante illustri Rege Edmundo."

Expl. imperf.—"subveniendis periculis" and catchword "necsius."

The Translation to Glastonbury took place in the year 1012. Canute wished to restore him to Canterbury in 1016; and subsequent disputes ensued about his remains.

This is apparently taken from Malmesbury's "De Anti-" quitate Glastoniensis Ecclesiæ." See Gale, i. 301.

1203. Hymnus ad S. Dunstanum, cum notis musicis.

MS. Cott. Nero. A. ii. f. 1. vell. 12mo. x. or xi. cent.

Incip.—"O inclite Confessor Christi."

Expl.—"recolens certamina palmæ."

A short hymn set to music.

1204. The Life of Dunstane, Archbisshopp of Canterburie. A.D. 988. Written by Osberne, a Monk of Canterburie, who lived in the yeare of oure Lorde 1020.

MS. Harl. 537. ff. 9-25. paper, small 4to. xvi. cent.

The Preface.—"Because we are commanded by the Pro" phett."

Incip. Vita.—"St. Dunstane came of a noble in the realme."

Expl. Vita.—"Lett thy name be blessed for ever, O God of "Israel. Amen."

This is a translation of Osbern's Life of Dunstan. It occurs in a volume of Stowe's collections.

1205. De Sancto Dunstano.

MS. C.C.C.C. 145. small folio vell. xiv. cent.

MS. Cott. Jul. D. ix. ff. 50 b.-58 b. vell. 12mo. xv. cent.

MS. Bodl. Tanner. 17. ff. 107 b.-110. vell. folio. xv. cent.

MS. Bodl. 779. f. 85 b.-87. paper, folio. xv. cent.

MS. Bodl. Laud. Misc. 109. (olim 1486). ff. 29 b.-31. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

MS. Bodl. Laud. Misc. 463. (olim 1596). ff. 50-51 b. vell. folio. xiv. cent.

MS. Bodl. Vernon. vell. large folio. xiv. cent.

MS. Trin. Coll. Oxon. lvii. 24. f. 46. vell. folio. xv. cent.

MS. Harl. 2277. 20. ff. 51-54. vell. 4to. xiv. cent.

Incip.—

"Sein Donston was of Engelonde, icome of gode more,
Miracle our Lourd dude for him az he were ibore."

Expl.—"Bringe us to pe joie of hevene, as angles pine
"soule bere."

Several other MS. contain this metrical Life of Dunstan, but they all differ more or less in orthography and expressions. Mr. F. J. Furnivall has printed this piece for the Philological Society in his volume of "Early English Poems" and Lives of Saints." 8vo. 1862.

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1206. Vita Sancti Oswaldi, Eboracensis Archiepiscopi.

MS. Cott. Nero E. 1. ff. 1-20 b. large folio, vell. dble col. xi, cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit prologus de vita et virtute gloriosissimi"

Archipræsulis Oswaldi."

A.D. 992. Incip. Prol.—"Cum solerter Ylias et Odissea atque Æneidos "Virgilii sint exarata."

Incip. Vita.—" Religiosus vir Domini Oswaldus."

Expl.—" et infirmi sanantur, Jesu Christo largiente, qui cum

" Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivit et regnat Deus per omnia

"sæcula sæculorum."

This is the production of a monk of Ramsey, and has never been printed. It is the source from which are derived the various biographies of Archbishop Oswald, and notwithstanding some errors in detail, and the uninviting style in which it is written, it is a work of very high importance for the history of the period. The author appears to have been on familiar

of the period. The author appears to have been on familiar terms with the Archbishop, and recounts some particulars, the knowledge of which he could have obtained only from Oswald himself. It would seem that he went to Ramsey at its foundation in the year 972, and that he was there at the second dedication of the church in 991. It may be inferred from the author's mention of Archbishop Ælfric, that this Life was written between A.D. 994 and 1006. If it be permitted to offer a conjecture based upon what he considers the etymology

of the name of Ramsey (and which is repeated in the "Historia Ramseiensis," Gale, i. 386.), it might be concluded that he was a foreigner, possibly one of those monks whom Oswald introduced from Fleury.* Interspersed with the history of Oswald are many notices of Odo, successively Bishop of Wilton and Archbishop of Canterbury, which the author considered as a

The style is affected, turgid, and verbose, and frequently disfigured by the use of Greek words, Latinized. The manuscript, moreover, is incorrectly written; but the errors of the scribe may easily be detected and amended.

necessary introduction to the present biography.

Oswald, Bishop of Worcester, and at the same time Archbishop of York, was of noble descent,† and connected by birth with the two metropolitans of England. He was canon, and afterwards dean, of Winchester, from which he transferred himself to Fleury, where, having assumed the monastic habit,‡

^{*} Hist. Rams. 394, 400.

^{† &}quot;. . non exili progenie oriundus . . . " Malmes. De Pontiff. 153 b. Hist. Rams. ap. Gale, i. 391.

^{‡ &}quot;Alteratus est in monachum, familiari per id tempus Anglis consuctudine." Malmes. ib.

he remained five or six years. Returning home, he was A.D. 992. created Bishop of Worcester,* from which church he expelled the secular canons, and introduced monks, and in furtherance of the same object he founded the monastery of Ramsey.† He also held the archbishopric of York, to which he succeeded in 972.‡ He died 29 Feb. 992, and was buried in the church which he had erected at Worcester.§

The biography of Oswald is important, as he was intimately connected with the great ecclesiastical reform of his day, the expulsion of the seculars and the introduction of the regulars. Malmesbury commends his zeal for the advancement of literature, and adds that it was owing to his solicitations that Abbo of Fleury took up his residence in England. The Bollandists and Mabillon have only Capgrave's Legend, but in Mabillon are long extracts from the Ramsey Chronicle relating to Oswald. Eadmer apparently had this life before him and abridged it.

1207. De Sancto Oswaldo, Archiepiscopo et Confessore.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—" Sanctus enim Oswaldus Archiepiscopus nobilissima " progenie ortus."

Expl.—"implorantes advenerant."

Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," ff. 151 b.-154; in the "Acta Sanct." (29 Feb.) iii. 752, collated with a MS. at Utrecht; in Mabil. "Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened." v. 722, and in Surius. This Legend seems to be an abridgment of the

^{*} He was indebted for his promotion to Dunstan, whose principles he adopted and carried out at Worcester, Ramsey, and York. See Hist. Rams. 393.

[†] Much valuable information respecting this prelate (based, however, upon the Life contained in the MS. Cott. Nero E. i.) is embodied in the "Historia Ramseiensis," printed by Gale, vol. i. p. 385, seqq.

[‡] Flor. Wigorn. 577.

[§] Chron. Sax. 401. Flor. Wigorn. 580.

[&]quot; Præterea litteris excellentes viros in Angliam evocatos munificenter curare ne illo bono fraudaret patriam, sine quo cætera bona pene mihi videntur inania." Malm. 154.

A.D. 992. Life by Eadmer, adding the story of the fish at Ramsey, a notice of the translation of Oswald's body in 1002, and a few miraculous cures.

Other Lives of Archbishop Oswald are said to have been written by Folchard, a monk at St. Augustine's, Canterbury, and Alfric.

1208. Vita Oswaldi, Episcopi Wigorniensis et Archiepiscopi Eboracensis, auctore Eadmero.

MS. C.C.C. Cant. 371. f. 214. vell. 4to. xii. cent. * MS. S. Joh. Bapt. Oxon 96. 1. folio. xii. cent.

MS. Cott. Claud. A. v.† ‡ MS. Bodl. 285. ff. 122 b-136 b. vell. folio. xiii. cent. MS. Bodl. Fairfax, xi. 2.

Rubr.—"Incipit vita Sancti Oswaldi, Eboracensis Archi"episcopi et Confessoris."

Incip. Prol.—" Secundum propositum gratiæ Dei venerandus

" Eboracensis Antistes Oswaldus."

Expl. Prol.—"qualicumque verborum indagine explicare."

Incip. Vita.— "Exordium ergo nativitatis gloriosus
"Oswaldus."

Expl.—Pro iis quibus scribendis animum dedimus, et jam

" effectum prout Deus dedit nacti sumus, sit ipsi Omnipotenti

" Deo, Patri, Filio, et Spiritui Sancto laus et gratiarum actio per immortalia sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Col.—"Explicit vita Beati Oswaldi, Archiepiscopi et "Confessoris."

It is printed in Wharton's Anglia Sacra, ii. 191-210, and is seemingly an abridgment of the Life in the Cottonian MS. Nero E. 1. 1, the whole of the incidents contained in which are here preserved, incorporated, however, with some passages, which are not found in the original. These addi-

^{*} This MS. agrees nearly verbatim with Wharton's text. The few variations which occur between the two texts prove the superiority of the Corpus Christi manuscript.

[†] Now destroyed.

[‡] It agrees closely with Wharton's text.

tions occur at pp. 192, 195, 196, 202, 203, 206, and 207. The A.D. 992. life is followed in the Bodley and St. John's MS. by—

"Libellus de Miraculis ejusdem Oswaldi," perhaps by the same author.

Tit.—"Incipiunt quædam de miraculis ejusdem patris."

Incip. Prol.—" Transcursis juxta quod Deus."

Incip. Mirac.—"Frater quidam Wigorniensis ecclesiæ mona" chus acerrima febre."

Expl. Mirac.—"Voluntas Domini fiat, cui sit honor, etc." In Calce.—"Explicit vita Sancti Oswaldi, Archipræsulis."

1209. Magistri Senati, Prioris Wigorniensis, Vita Sancti Oswaldi, Archiepiscopi.

MS. Eccl. Dunelm. B. iv. 39. vell. quarto. xii. cent.

Incip. Prol.—" Sanctorum frequentare memoriam, actusque " crebro replicare."

Incip. Vita.—"Puer igitur Oswaldus in ipso hujus vitalis "vestibulo."

This Life was supposed by Wharton (Anglia Sacra, ii. p. 15) to be lost. The author, Senatus Bravonius, flourished in the reign of King Henry the Second. He was elected prior of Worcester in 1189,* and resigned that office in 1196.† The MS. is unique and contemporaneous with the author, and is in fine condition. It is, however, of no critical value, being abridged from Eadmer, with a few unimportant additions.

1210. De Sancto Oswaldo, Eboracensi Archiepiscopo et Confessore.

MS. Lansd. 436. f. 76. vell. small folio. dble col. xiv. cent.

Incip.—" Gloriosus Christi Confessor Oswaldus."

Expl.—"et merita Sancti Oswaldi non parum miratus "expavi."

This is an abridgment from Nero E. 1, through the medium of Eadmer.

† Id. 478.

^{*} Annales Wigorn. in Wharton's Anglia Sacra, i. 477.

A.D. 992. 1211. Vita S. Oswaldi, Archiepiscopi Eboracensis, auctore anonymo Ramsiensi.

MS. Excheq. Pub. Rec. Office.

Incip.—"Bonæ igitur indolis juvenis Oswaldus parentibus." Expl.—"diem extremum operiuntur resumendæ."

This history of the Life of Oswald was written by a monk of Ramsey, who appears to have lived after the Norman Conquest,* with the view of narrating the proceedings connected with the foundation of that monastery. Its general structure follows pretty closely the earlier Life contained in Nero E. 1,† enlarging, however, upon local incidents, such as donations made to the monastery, &c. It extends from lib. i. cap. viii. to lib. ii. cap. lxii. of the Historia Ramseiensis, printed by Gale, i. 391-428, from the manuscript belonging to the Exchequer, now in the Public Record Office, a full notice of which will be found in its proper place. Another edition has been given by Mabillon, Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened. vii. 715, from a MS. communicated to him by the English Benedictines; but whether it was an early copy, or merely a modern transcript of the Exchequer book, it does not appear.

1212. Passio S. Oswaldi.

MS. Eccl. Petroburg. D. 2. 4. vell. 4to.

Incip. Imperf.—"... hodie multi de ipso."

Expl.—"Et per annos viginti octo laboriosissime tenuit, "regnante Domino nostro Jesu Christo, qui cum Patre et

" Spiritu Sancto vivit et regnat Deus per infinita sæcula

" sæculorum."

1213. Life of S. Oswald the Archbishop.

MS. Cott. Jul. D. ix. ff. 27 b.- vell. 12mo. xiv. cent.

Incip.—" Scint Oswald pe bischop was ibore here in Enge" londe."

Expl.—"Now God lete ows to p joie come p he is inne i brougt."

^{*} Gale, i. 409.

[†] Reference is made at p. 391 (Gale) to a Life, probably that one already cited.

? A.D. 993-994.

A.D. 993-

1214. The Battle of Maldon and Death of the Ealdorman Byrhtnoth. A Fragment only.

Incip.—".... brocen wurde.

Het pa hyssa hwæne."

Expl.—" Næs þæt na se Godric

pe da gude forbeah.

Printed as prose by Hearne at the end of his edition of the Chronicle of John of Glastonbury, from MS. Cott. Otho A. xii. 3., destroyed in the fire that occurred in the Cottonian Library in 1731; and afterwards printed by Thorpe in his Analecta Anglo-Saxonica, p. 131. He suggests that the chief of the Northmen here alluded to, though not mentioned by name, was the famous king Olaf Tryggvason. See the Saxon Chron. sub An. 993-994, and Lappenberg's England, under the Anglo-Saxon Kings, ii. 155-159.

A.D. 596-1000.

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1215. De Rege Æthelberto ejusque progenie: necnon de Sanctis qui in Anglica patria requiescunt.

MS. Cott. Vitell. A. ii. ff. 3-5 b. vell. small folio. xii. cent.

Rubr.—"[D]e Rege Adel "

Incip.—"In nomine Domini nostri Jesu Christi beatus "Augustinus Adelbertum Regem Cantiæ cum gente sua "convertit."

Expl.—"Sanctaque Merwinna abbatia in loco qui dicitur "Rumesyge prope amnem Tærstan."

This was originally a very fine MS., but it has been burnt, and the edges of the leaves are much contracted by fire."

A.D. 1002.

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1216. Dudo de S. Quintino de Gestis Ducum Normanniæ, ab anno 860 usque ad annum 1002.

* MS. Cott. Claud. A. xii. ff. 2-75 b. vell. 4to, xi. cent. † MS. Cott. Nero D. viii. ff. 72-135 b. vell. folio. xii. cent. ‡ MS. Bibl. Reg. 13. B. xiv. ff. 1-110. vell. small folio. dblc col. xi. cent. MS. Bibl. Pub. Cant. Mm. 5. 17.

§ MS. C.C.C. Cant. 276. 3. vell. 4to. xi. cent.

Incip.—"Epistola Panegyrica, etc. inclyto et pie venerando, "etc. Adalberoni Episcopo, S. Dei Laudunensis ecclesiæ "cathedra residenti, etc., Dudo—

"Gloriosissimi nominis tui divulgamen."

"Liber I. Totius namque molis orbe descripto ambituque et " superficie terræ sagaciter permenso."

Expl.—" Sub quo Bernardus, Christi dulcissima nardus, Hostis ad angorem, qui sanctum spirat odorem."

Printed in Duchesne's Collection of Norman Writers, Paris, 1619, p. 49, from two MSS., one belonging to François d'Amboise, the second (being the better and more complete) to the Jesuit Sirmond.

Dudo's work extends from the Invasion of France by Hasting in the year 860, down to the death of Duke Richard, the son and successor of William the First, in the year 1002. It is the only authority for the early history of Normandy, and is the basis of the work of William of Jumièges. Notwithstanding the care bestowed upon it, a more untrustworthy production does not exist; if of any real value, it is curious as preserving the traditions current at the time, which were communicated to him by Count Raoul, brother to Duke Richard I. His style is

^{*} A MS. note by De la Rue states that this copy does not contain the "carmina rustica" which disfigure Duchesne's edition. It has not the Epistle, and ends, "servantes illud honore sub magno," p. 158, line 11, of Duchesne's edition, leaving out the last paragraph of the prose, and the verses. It is followed by a treatise on precious stones in the same hand.

[†] The text in this MS. begins and ends precisely as in Duchesne's edition, with the exception that it has not the last twelve verses, p. 160.

[‡] This MS. contains the Epistle, and the verses at the end, as in Duchesne's edition; but the last paragraph of Duchesne's prose is omitted.

[§] This MS. was originally in the Library of St. Augustine's, at Canterbury.

verbose and inflated. Much of his narrative is related by A.D. 1002. several parties, introduced with set speeches. There are various notices of transactions between England and Normandy, but they are apparently of suspicious authority. There is a remarkable deficiency of precision in regard to dates, and the few notices relating purely to English affairs must be received with caution.

A few circumstances connected with the life of this author enable us to form an approximation to the period in which he composed this work.

Dudo had attained the dignity of Dean of S. Quintin; consequently it must have been after A.D. 1015, as in that year the deanery was occupied by Vivian, Dudo being one of the canons.* When this history was published, Adalbero, Bishop of Laon, was still alive, and we know that he survived until A.D. 1030.† It had been long in preparation, as it was commenced two years before the death of the first Duke Richard, consequently in the year 1000, and was continued at the request of his successors. It would thus appear that it occupied the attention of its author for nearly a quarter of a century, and was probably completed between the years 1015 and 1026.

A.D. 1004.

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1217. Vita Abbonis, Abbatis Floriacensis, auctore Aimone.

MS. Floriacense.

Incip. Epist.—" Reverentissimæ vitæ viro domno Herveo."

Incip. Præfatio.—" Antiquæ Gentilitati id quondam fuit."

Incip. Vita.—"Venerabilis igitur Abbo Aurelianensi ortus."

Expl. Vita.—" nominis sui fidelibus manifestare."

Printed in the Bibliotheca Floriacensis of John à Bosco,

^{*} Mabill. Annal. Bened. iv. 244.

[†] Id. 360. By a strange inadvertence, Le Long (34,938) supposes that this was Adalbero, the first of that name, whose episcopate extended from 977 to 996, such being entirely inconsistent with the charter quoted by Mabillon.

A.D. 1004. pp. 299-348.* and in Mabillon's Acta Sanct. Ord. Bened. vi. p. i. p. 37.

When Oswald, afterwards Archbishop of York, was devising how he might best promote the advancement of his countrymen in religion and literature, he despatched a mission to Fleury, in which monastery he had himself received a portion of his education, to invite some of the monks to settle in England. The English, so writes the author of this Life, were attached to the rule of St. Benedict, because St. Gregory, by whose means they received Christianity, had especially inculcated the observance of his rule, and Oswald, a noble of great eminence, who had been resident at Fleuri, had founded a monastery to St. Benedict, some of whose monks formed the embassy before mentioned. Abbot Oylbold selected Abbo, as one well qualified for the task, to instruct them in the knowledge of things divine and human. He proceeded to Ramsey, which was just then consecrated under the auspices of Oswald, and during his stay of nearly three years, instructed some of the monks. He also visited the King of England, and Hehelguin, his earl.† From the former he received "verba " tantum, a duce vero condigna suæ sanctitatis suscepit " munera," and was held in high estimation as well by him as by the Archbishops Dunstan and Oswald. He was recalled to Fleuri,‡ and took home with him many valuable presents, here specified, the gifts of these two prelates. He was murdered 13 November 1004.§

William of Malmesbury (de Pontif. p. 270, ed. Franc.) states that Abbo wrote a Life of Edmund, King of East Anglia and Martyr, slain by the Danes in 870. (See No. 1096, p. 521.)

^{*} It is imperfect and incorrect.

[†] On his passage "a Morinis" he perceived "marsuppas et porcipisces" sporting in the sea, the indication of an approaching storm, as the sailors told him

[‡] He covered various altars at Fleury with plates of gold and silver, and Gauzfred, in whose charge he had placed these valuables, built a stone treasury as a defence against fire.

[§] See Hist. Lit. vii. 159. Mabill. Annal. iv. 29. Hist. Rames, ap. Gale, i. 400.

1218. Versus quidam in laudem Monasterii Ramseiensis, A.D. 1004. auctore Abbone Floriacensis.

Ex MS. Peleteriano.

In the Appendix to the fourth volume of his Annals, Mabillon has published Abbo's prologue to a treatise "de "Grammaticialibus," written by him for the English Benedictines. Appended to this, are fourteen lines in praise of the monastery of Ramsey.

"O Ramesiga, cohors amplis que claudere stagnis."

A.D. 1007.

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1219. Vita Sanctæ Kennochæ, Virginis Scotiæ.

Printed in the Acta Sanctorum, ii. 338 (March), from the Breviary of Aberdeen. It is deficient in historical incident, and is of very doubtful authority.

• A.D. 1012.

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1220. Vita Sancti Elphegi, Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, authore Osberno, monacho Cantuariensi.

MS. Lambeth 159. small folio. xv. cent.

MS. Cott. Tib. D. iii. f. 1. vell. folio. xiii. cent.

MS. Cott. Nero C. vii. f. 45. vell. folio. xiii. cent.

*MS. Bodl. Digby 110. 1. 4to. vell. xiii. or xiv. cent.

†MS. Bodl. Digby 39. ff. 74 b-89 b. vell. small folio. xii. cent.

†MS. Rawlins. A. 294. f. 85. folio, vell. xiii. cent.

MS. Harl. 310. ff. 62-80. paper folio. xvi. cent.

MS. Coll. Jesu Oxon.

§ MS. Cott. Vitell. D. xvii. § MS. Cott. Otho. A. xii.

| MS. Bibl. Imper. Paris. 2475. Lat. vell. folio. xiii. cent. MS. S. Mariæ Bonifontis.

^{*} Wants the Epistle and the Translation.

[†] Ends mutilated "et desperatio facit invincibiles" (Anglia Sacra, ii. 131).

[‡] It omits the Epistola.

[§] Destroyed by the fire of 1731.

^{||} This is the copy used by Mabillon. It formerly belonged to Colbert, in whose collection it was numbered 1418. It agrees closely with Wharton's text.

Tit.—"Epistola de vita vel passione S. Ealphegi, Archi-A.D. 1012. " episcopi Cantuariensis et Martyris."

Incip. Epist. - "Omnibus in fide Christi manentibus, in-

" dignus Sanctæ Cantuariensis Metropolitanæ Ecclesiæ filius

" Osbernus."

Expl. Epist.—"oratoria eundem narratione extollamus."

Rubr.—"Incipit vita et passio sancti patroni nostri et " domini Elphegi, archiepiscopi Cantuariensis et martyris."

Incip. Vita.—" Principum nascendi splendidissimis natalibus

" trahens Elphegus."

Expl. Vita.—"sed portas Paradisi resera, potestate tibi a " Salvatore tradita, qui cum æterno Patre et amborum co-

" æterno Spiritu vivit et regnat unus, solus et verus Deus

" per infinita sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Coloph.—" Explicit vita et passio Sancti Patroni nostri " Elphegi, Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ Archiepiscopi et Martyris " gloriosi."

Printed in Wharton's "Anglia Sacra," ii. 122-142, from the Lambeth MS., and reprinted in Langebek's "Script. Rer. "Dan." ii. 439, with notes. Also in the "Acta Sanct.," (Ap.) ii. 638, and the "Acta Sanct. Ord. Bened." vi. i. 113.

The author in his preface states that he writes at the instigation of Lanfranc,* for the information of such as had seen the events here described, or had heard them from such persons, whose barbarous names he omits. He had also added a few particulars from written documents. He seems to intimate that he had already written a metrical life of St. Elphege, set to music, at the desire of Lanfranc. The principal events of Elphege's life are then described. He is born of noble parents. He studies philosophy. He becomes a monk at Derehurst. After some years he becomes a recluse at Bath. Many join him. He becomes Bishop of Winchester, and afterwards Archbishop of Canterbury. He preaches to the Northmen, and is taken by them and detained in prison for more than seven months, in the expectation that he will purchase his liberty by a costly ransom; but on finding themselves disappointed in their object, he is martyred by them on the 19 April 1012.

Concerning the interest taken by Lanfranc and Anselm in this history of Elphege, see the particulars given in Eadmer's Life of Anselm. Gerber. p. 10 (fol. Paris, 1721).

The style of this piece is very declamatory, and the narra-A.D. 1012. tive prolix, but it is important as shewing the progress of the policy introduced by Dunstan, to whom Elphege owed his elevation; it contains also several curious and valuable particulars. Those passages also which treat of the Danish invasion have an especial interest. It appears to have been written about the year 1080.

Osbern was educated at, and afterwards became a monk of, Canterbury, and successively became precentor and superior of his house. He was well skilled in music, and wrote the Lives of several saints; among them those of Dunstan, Bregwin, and Odo, Archbishops of Canterbury.

1221. Osberni Historia de Translatione Corporis S. Elphegi, Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, a Lundonia ad Cantuariam.

MS. Lambeth 159. paper folio. xv. cent.
MS. Cott. Tiber. D. iii. f. 13. vell. folio. xiii. cent.
MS. Cott. Nero C. vii. ff. 45-57. vell. folio. dble col. xii. cent.
MS. Harl. 624. ff. 136-138 b. vell. folio. xiii. cent.
MS. Bibl. Imperial Par. 2475. Lat. vell. folio. xiii. cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit de translatione Sancti Patroni nostri " Elphegi, Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ Archiepiscopi et Martyris " gloriosi."

Incip.—"Quia venerandam Beati Martyris Elphegi pas-"sionem."

Expl.—"et nobis in terra propitius donavit. Qui cum "Patre et Spiritu Sancto vivit et regnat Deus per omnia "sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Coloph.—"Explicit translatio Sancti Patroni nostri El-"phegi, Archiepiscopi Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariæ Martyris "gloriosi."

Printed by Wharton in the "Anglia Sacra," ii. 143-147, from the Lambeth MS. and reprinted in Langbeck's "Script.

[•] In f. 71 b. at the bottom is the rubric "De translatione S. Alfegi," but it is wanting in this MS., the missing leaves being in MS. Harl. 624. f. 136. It would be curious to ascertain how they came there.

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A.D. 1012. "Rer. Dan," the "Act. Sanct.," and Mabillon, "Act. Sanct. "Bened." vi. i. 102.

This piece, which is also written by Osbern, is very short, and contains little that is remarkable. Its contents are,—the body of the martyred Archbishop having been buried in the church of St. Paul in London, and having proved its sanctity by various miracles, Archbishop Egelnoth resolved to translate it to Canterbury, its more appropriate resting-place. Accordingly, on the 12 March 1023, this design was carried into execution.*

Osbern received his account of the translation from Godric, Dean of Canterbury, who had formerly been one of Elphege's scholars, and who was present on the occasion. The narrative contains also an account of the disasters which befell the persons who had abetted the murder of the Archbishop.

1222. Vita S. Elphegi, Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi.

MS. Bodl. 285. f. 149 b. vell. large folio. xii. cent.

Incip. Prol.—"Sanctorum patrum, fratres carissimi, exordia."
Incip. Passio.—"Hic namque beatissimus præsul."

A very brief epitome of Osbern's work, in the form of a sermon; but the omissions are so frequent and decided, that it cannot justly be ranked among the manuscripts of that piece of biography.

1223. De Sancto Elphego, Archiepiscopo et Martyre.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1.

MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

MS. Lansd. 436. f. 50 b. vell. small folio. dble col. xiv. cent.

Incip.— "Principium nascendi splendidissimis natalibus "trahens Elphegus."

^{*} The dates given in the Saxon Chronicle vary from Osbern's narrative. There, it is stated that the elevation of the body took place 8 June, and that on the 10th it was conveyed from Rochester to Canterbury, deposited in Christ church on the 11th, and placed near the high alter on the 15th of that month. See "Monumenta Hist. Brit.," p. 428.

Expl.—"in sarcophago veneranter collocantes." A.D. 1012. Printed in Capgrave's "Nova Legenda Angliæ," f. 126 b.— 130.

This also is an abridgment of Osbern's Life, different, however, from that in MS. Bodl. 285, mentioned above.

1224. The Life of St. Alphege, by Robert of Gloucester.

MS. Cott. Julius. D. ix. ff. 57-60. vell. 12mo. xv. cent.

MS. Bodl. Tanner. 17. vell. small folio. xv. cent.

MS. Bodl. 779.

MS. Harl, 2277. ff. 30 b.-33 b. vell. 4to. xiv. cent. MS. Bodl. Laud. Miscel. 463.

Incip.—

"Seint Alphege the marter, that goodman was inough, Bore he was in Inglonde, and to holi liif drough."

Expl.—"p' we mote purf his bone to pe joye of hevene "wende. Amen."

There are verbal differences in each of the above-mentioned MSS.

A.D. 1016.

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1225. Chronicon ab Adventu Saxonum ad Regen Edwardum Ironside.

MS. Cott. Titus D. xix. ff. 105-108 b. vell. small quarto. xiv. cent.

Incip.—" Decrescente paulatim regno Britannorum."

Expl.—"In comitatu Gloucestriæ, ubi prædicti Reges pug-" naverunt."

Very brief, and of no value as an original composition; it is apparently taken from Florence of Worcester and William of Malmesbury, and other well known and still existing authorities. It consists of only four leaves.

A.D. 1020.

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1226. Vita S. Ailwini, Monachi et Episcopi Elmensis, auctore Johanne de Tynemouth.

MS. Bodl. 240. f. 594.

Ailwin, or Alfwin, became Bishop of Elmham in 1020, in

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A.D. 1020. which year he introduced monks into Bury Saint Edmund's.

The date of his death is uncertain. The information contained in this MS. is both vague and apparently inaccurate.

A.D. 1029.

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1227. Fulberti Carnotensis Episcopi Epistolæ Selectæ.

Fulbert, a disciple of the celebrated Gerbert at Rheims, became Bishop of Chartres in the year 1007,* and occupied that see until his death in 1029.†

One hundred and thirty-four of his epistles are still extant, and have been printed in his collected works at Paris, 1608, as also in the Bibl. Patrum, tom. xi., edit. Colon., and tom. xvii., edit. Paris. The most important of these is a letter addressed to King Cnut (pp. 2-8., edit. Paris, of the Bibl. Patrum), in which he thanks that Sovereign for the aid afforded by him in rebuilding the Cathedral at Chartres, which had been destroyed by fire in 1020. The same letter is mentioned, and extracts from it are given by William of Malmesbury.

A.D. 1032.

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1228. De Constructione Wintoniensis Cœnobii, quod Novum nuncupatur.

MS. Stowe, press. iii. No. xxxii. sec. xi.

Incip.—"Incipit præfatio constructionis Wintoniensis mo"nasterii quod Novum nuncupatur, scilicet a quibus personis
"inceptum perfectum que fuerit, vel quibus regum præroga"tivis ab ipsis fundamentis clauerit."

^{*} Mabill. Annal. iv. 193.

[†] Ibid. 351.

A.D. 1035.

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1229. Chronica Johannis Wallingford.
MS. Cott. Julius D. vii. 6.

Incip.—" Anno ab Incarnatione Domini CCCCXLIX."

Expl.—" urbe mortuus est, Anno M.XXVI. [MXXXV] ab Incarnatione Domini."

Printed in Gale's "Historiæ Britannicæ, Saxonicæ, Anglo-Danicæ Scriptores, xv." i. p. 525, from the manuscript cited above, which is believed to be unique.

This piece extends from the year 449 to 1035. The author seems frequently desirous of examining and comparing authorities, and yet the result is only error and absurdity, as he confounds persons and places, and sets chronology at defiance. He often speaks so much with the appearance of truth, that it is vexatious and mortifying to find, on examination, that he is in reality full of error and confusion; for instance, he makes Charlemagne to have subdued England; Offa to have put Ethelbert, King of Wessex, to death; Brichtric, King of Wessex, is said to have been tributary to Offa; Alfred is reported to have attempted to violate Frethswitha; Rollo comes to Ethelingai to assist Alfred; Guthrum after his baptism returns home till recalled by Athelstan, during the reign of his father Edward the Elder; Edgiva, wife of Charles the Simple of France, comes to England, and her brother bestows her in marriage on Sihtric, King of Northumbria, by whom she has Guthred and Olaf; Edward the Martyr reproves Gunnild, and on leaving her she stabs him; Ethelred has engaged a body of Danish soldiers in his service, whom he is compelled to sacrifice to the clamour of the people; Sweyn and Olaf come to avenge the slaughter; Ethelred, alarmed at their approach, goes to Normandy to buy assistance from Duke Richard, and leaves his children with him; London is besieged, and Olaf makes peace with Ethelred; the battle of Assandun is fought before the death of Ethelred.

The author seems to have used Beda, William of Malmesbury, Henry of Huntingdon, Florence of Worcester, and William of Jumièges; but the Lives of Saints form the larger portion of his work.* Among them he evidently uses the Life of St. Dun-

^{*} Many of these have been confessedly omitted by Gale, and he has passed over several others without notice.

A.D. 1035. stan, attributed to Bridferth, the Life of St. Neot, the Life of Guthlac, by Felix, and the Life of Edward the Martyr. He frequently mentions his intention of composing a larger Chronicle.

Although this Chronicle is attributed to John Wallingford, yet there is considerable doubt as to its authorship. In the beginning of the MS. (Julius D. vii.) is this rubric, "Hic est "liber fratris Johannis Wallingford, quem" (the remainder being obliterated). In another part is the figure of a monk, and over it "Frater Johannes de Wallingford, "quandoque Infirmarius;" which has induced Gale to consider John Wallingford to be the author, and to be the same person as Abbot John Wallingford, who died in the year 1214. But this appears to be an erroneous conclusion, for at the end of the volume is a list of all the monks of St. Alban's who died from the time that John Wallingford entered the society in the year 1231; and under the year 1258 occurs as follows, "xix. Kal. Septembris apud Wymundham obiit Johannes de " Wallingford, sacerdos Domini et scriptor hujus libri," from which it would seem that the Chronicle was transcribed by a John Wallingford, and not that he was its author or compiler. There is, however, no doubt that there was another John Wallingford, Abbot of St. Alban's, who died 17 July 1214. Matthew Paris, in his account of this Abbot's life, enters into minute particulars concerning him; but makes no allusion whatever as to his having been a chronicler, although he describes him as a man of learning, nor does his name occur in any of the bibliographical memoranda preserved by the earlier writers upon our literary history. Whoever the compiler may have been, it is clear that he was an inmate of the abbey of St. Alban's.

A.D. 1036.

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1230. Historia quædam de Cnuto.

MS. Claud. D. ii. f. 16. MS. Harl. 746. f. 84.

Incip.—"Post pacificatum Britanniam Chnutus Rex Anglo" rum."

Merely the introduction or proeme to the laws of Cnut.

A.D. 1040.

A.D. 1040.

1231. Emmæ Anglorum Reginæ, Richardi I. Ducis Normannorum Filiæ, Encomium, incerto auctore, sed coætaneo.

* MS. Hengwrt 158.

Incip. Prologus.—"Salus tibi sit a Domino Jesu Christo, " ô Regina quæ omnibus in hoc sexu positis præstas morum " elegantia. Ego servus tuus nobilitati tuæ digna factis meis " exhibere nequeo quoque pacto verbis saltem illi placere " nescio." &c.

Incip.—"Argumentum fortasse ô Lector."

Expl.—"Reginæ Emmæ lauditus respondere."

Incip. Lib. i.—" Regem Danorum Sueinum inquam veredica " comperi relatione omnium," &c.

Expl.—"Hee illis omnia præstitit qui unanimos in domo habitare facit, Jesus Christus Dominus omnium, cui in Trini"tate manenti immarcessibile floret imperium. Amen."

Printed in Duchesne's Collection of Norman Writers (folio; Paris, 1619, p. 161), and reprinted by Baron Maseres in 1783.

The period embraced in this work extends from Sweyn's invasion of England, A.D. 1012, to the accession of Hardecnut in 1040.

The above title does not accurately describe the scope and contents of this narrative, which is rather a history of Cnut 'and of his son Harold than of Emma.

The only copy of this piece hitherto used is one which formerly belonged to Sir Robert Cotton, and which was lent by him to Duchesne, who apparently did not return it. No traces of it can now be discovered, either in England or in France. A second copy, however, has recently been discovered in the Imperial Library in Paris, Fonds Lat. 6235 (formerly Colbert 5337, and Reg. 10. 504-9) in small quarto, upon vellum, of the fifteenth century, and formerly belonging to Cecil, Lord Burghley. It omits the Prologue and Argument (pp. 163 and 164 of Duchesne), and varies considerably from that text,

^{* &}quot;Transcriptum et excerptum a vetustissimo exemplari manuscripto per Thom. Talbot, 1566." This is in all probability a transcript of Sir Robert Cotton's MS., as it agrees with Duchesne's text.

[†] It consists of seven leaves and half a page, 45 lines in a page, 10 words in a line. The writing is remarkably fine and minute.

A.D. 1040. chiefly by omission. As these omissions affect the portions which throw discredit upon the accuracy of the work as it stands at present, they are of considerable importance. Until a careful collation has given us a knowledge of this new text, we are compelled to suspend our judgment as to the value of the narrative, as printed in Duchesne.

The following extracts from the text of the MS. in the Imperial Library, may be of some value in the meantime:—

"Ex eodem Gilda in historia de Sucyno et Knutone, quam in gratiam scripsit ad reginam Emmam.

"Regem Danorum Sueynum veridica comperi relatione " omnium suorum temporum regum ferme fortunatissimum " extitisse; adeo ut, (quod raro contingere solet,) principiis " felicibus secundum Deum et sæculum, multo felicior re-" spondit exitus. Hic denique a nobilissimis, quod primum " est inter homines, duxit originem, magnumque sibi decus " secundum sæculum peperit imperii quod administrabat re-" gionem. Tantam deinde illi gratiam divina concessit virtus " ut etiam puerulus intimo affectu diligeretur ab omnibus; " tantum patri proprio invisus, nulla hoc promerente pueruli " culpa, sed sola turbante invidia. Qui factus juvenis, in " amore quotidie crescebat populi, unde magis magisque in-" vidia augebatur patris; adeo ut eum a patria non jam " clanculum sed palam vellet expellere, jurando asserens eum " post se regnaturum non esse. Unde dolens exercitus, relicto " patre, hærebat filio, et eum defensabat sedulo. Hujus rei " causa congrediuntur prælio, in quo vulneratus fugatusque " pater ad Sclavos fugit, et non multo post ibi obiit; et " Sueynus ejus solium quiete tenuit, regnum prudenter et " strenue in omnibus gubernans, et suos in armis ad quos-" cunque eventus exercens, et clementia libertateque arctis-" sime sibi devinciens.

"Tandem, suadentibus amicis et proceribus, statuit validum exercitum in Angliam trajicere; maxime quod pridem illuc præcesserat Turchil princeps militiæ cum valida manu, de cujus fide dubitabat, quod nihil de suis inibi gestis renunciasset. Instruitur igitur prævalida et ornatissima classis. Ipse interim regni custodiæ præfecit filium natu minorem, cui nomen Haraldus; majorem vero Knutum, sive Canutum, secum ducens. Omnibus igitur paratis et cum exercitu conscensis navibus, dextera velificatione tandem ad oras

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" Britannicas appulit, cum finitimos mari patricienses ejus rei A.D. 1040.
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" sinistri commonuit nuncius. Nec mora, quo regia classis anchoras fixit, incolæ omnes loci occurrunt ad portum, po-

"tentiori se frustra parati defendere intrandi aditum. Re-

" lictis navibus, regii milites ad terram exeunt, et pedestri

" pugnæ intrepidi se accingunt. Hostes primo duriter contra

" resistentes dimicant, postea vero duplici periculi formidine " versi in fugam, sauciandi occidendique copiam persequenti-

" versi in fugam, sauciandi occidendique copiam persequenti" bus præstant. Itaque rex ex effectu * primo prælio usque

" bus præstant. Itaque rex ex effectu " primo prælio usque
" adjacentem † regionem invadit, fusis fugatisque hostibus.

"Tunc tali successu factus audacior ad naves rediit, et
"reliquos portus, qui plures eam terram cingunt, eadem ra"tione invadit. Postremo universam patriam tanto labore
perdomuit ut, si quis omnem historiam ad plenum per"currere velit, non modicum auditores fatigabit t et sibimet
injurius erit, dum ut voluit omnia perstringere minime
valebit.

"Itaque ubi sæpedictus rex totam Anglorum patriam est "inthronizatus, et ubi jam pene illi nemo restitit, pauco "supervixit tempore, sed tamen illud tantillum gloriose," etc. The manuscript ends thus:—

"His Ardechnuto cum matre certus factus, et transmarini " litoris tandem portum nactus, a cunctis incolis ejus dominum " terræ gloriosissime recipitur, sicque divini muneris gratia " sibi debitum redditur. His ita peractis, et omnibus suis in pa-" cis tranquillitate compositis, fraterno correptus amore mittit " ad Edwardum, rogans ut veniens secum obtineret regnum. " Qui jussioni fratris obaudiens, Anglias partes advehitur, et " mater amboque filii regii paratis commodis, nulla lite inter-" tendente, utuntur. His itaque fratribus concorditer reg-" nantibus mors media intercedit, et regem Hardechnutonem " vitalibus auris abstulit. Regem mater et frater maximo " cum luctu honorifice sepeliunt. Mortuoque Ardechnutone " in regnum successit Edwardus, hæres scilicet legitimus, vir " virium eminentia conspicuus, virtute animi consiliique,

" atque etiam ingenii vivacitate præditus, et, ut omnia breviter " concludam, omnium expetendorum summa insignitus."

^{*} Affectu, MS.

I Fatigabat, MS.

[†] Ad jactutem, MS.

A.D. 1040. The author, of whom nothing is known,* though contemporary with, and addressing, the Queen herself, does not appear to have any great share of information on the subject of which he treats. For instance, he does not seem to have known that Emma had been before married. Some of his statements may justly be questioned; such, for instance, as Sweyn's piety, the weapons in one ship, and the description and ornaments of Sweyn's ship. Some are apparently exaggerated, and some are clearly made in ignorance, as Turkil's defeat of the English at Scorstan near the Sea, the siege of London, &c. He also considers Edward and Alfred as the sons of Cnut. The work, as a whole, is meagre and unsatisfactory. He gives, however, many curious particulars, and his style, though inflated, is, for that period, not inelegant.

A.D. 1054.

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1232. De Origine Godwini Comitis et ejus moribus.

MS. Cott. Titus B. viii. f. 328. paper.

Incip.—" Edgarus Anglorum Rex."

Of no value. A modern copy, in the hand of Mr. James of CCC. Oxon.

A.D. 1058.

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1233. Historia Translationis S. Lewinæ, Virginis et Martyris, ex Anglia, in Monasterium Bergense; auctore Drogone, ejusdem loci Monacho coæquali.

Ex MS. Emerici Bigotii.

Incip. Epist.—"Domino ac venerabili Abbati Rumoldo."
Incip. Prol. — "Omnis mortalium cura diversis studiis
" agitur."

Incip. Hist.—" Venit in mentem cuidam monacho."

Expl. Hist.—"Pia virgo, mihi, oro, veniam impetra scele-"rum, quam in sinu suo cœlestis continet gloria."

^{*} The French Benedictines (Hist. Lit. de la France, vii. 673) conjecture that he was a monk of S. Bertin.'

Printed in Mabillon's Act. Sanct. Ord. Bened. vi. ii. 115, A.D. 1058. from a MS. which at that time belonged to Bigot. The Bollandists reprinted this text with collations "ex MS. Bergensi" (24 July) 613.

A monk named Balgerus determined to make a voyage from Flanders to England, where he was well known to the king and to many great men, and purposed landing at Dover, but the vessel was driven past her destination by stress of weather, and at last entered the port of Sevordh under full sail.* Next day being Easter Sunday, Balgerus was anxious to be present at Divine service, but no church was near at hand in which he could perform his devotions. He, however, perceived one nearly three leagues off, which he ascertained was dedicated to St. Andrew,† and contained the relics He was kindly received there by the priest, of St. Lewina. who interpreted to him the miracles of St. Lewing, which were written on sheets of parchment and fixed on the wall. After a time, the priest having left him in charge of the church, whilst he went elsewhere, Balgerus stole the relics, and conveyed them to Borg. On opening the package, they found a scroll of parchment, stating that the virgin Lewina had suffered martyrdom in the time of King Eilbert and Archbishop Theodore, and that many years afterwards her remains had been translated by Bishop Edelm.‡ Little more than this was known of her history, as her acts had either not been written or had perished.

This Balgerus appears to have been a notable relic-hunter. He had before conveyed those of St. Oswald, king and martyr, and St. Idaberga, to Borg (Act. Sanct. Ord. Ben. vi. 114).

As Drogo dedicates this history of St. Lewina's translation to his abbot, Rumold, we are enabled to ascertain that it must have been written before A.D. 1068, in which year that abbot died.

^{• &}quot;Sevordh Teutonice, Latino eloquio Marisvadum dicitur." A description of the port follows. It clearly is the modern Seaford.

[†] It is called a "monasterium." but that term was frequently applied to a parish church, and this appears to be the case here, as no one is mentioned but the presbyter, who was also the keeper (ædituus), and on his quitting it for a particular purpose, he leaves it in the care of a stranger. There seems little doubt that the church was that of St. Andrew in Lewes.

[‡] Edelm was Bishop of Selsey (now Chichester) in the time of King Edgar.

A.D. 1062.

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1234. Chronicon breve a Christo nato ad annum 1062.

MS. Cott. Cleopat. A. vii. ff. 1-7.

A compilation from existing authorities, of no value or interest whatever.

A.D. 969.-A.D. 1066.

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1235. Historia Ramesiensis, sive Liber de Fundatione et Benefactoribus Cœnobii Ramesiensis. Auctore anonymo.

MS. Scaccar. in Publ. Rec. Off. 23. ff. 103-132 b. vell. fol. xiii. cent. MS. Bodl. Rawlins. B. 333. (olim Spelman).

Rubr.-"Præfatio sequentis operis."

Incip. Præf.—" Universis universalis Sancti Matris Eccle-" siæ filiis in quorum manus libellus iste devenerit."

Expl. Præf.—"ex parte animadversionis periculis superna "defensione protegi semper obtineatis et communiri." Explicit Præfatio.

Rubr.—"De situ insulæ quæ Ramesia dicitur."

Incip. Hist.—" Cum igitur in orientali angulo territorii "Huntingdonensis."

Expl. Hist.—"ad posteriorum notitiam confirmavit."

The author has divided his History into four parts, but three only, and the concluding part of the fourth, are to be found in the Exchequer manuscript. Gale, who used this manuscript for his text, has printed among the "Scriptores XV.," vol. i. pp. 385-462, the first three parts only, and he states that he had sought in vain for the fourth part, commencing with the Norman invasion. A transcript of the fourth part, which had belonged to Sir Henry Spelman,* is now among the Rawlinson MSS. in the Bodleian, and has never been printed; nor has the general preface to the book. Gale's object in omitting the preface is unaccountable, especially as it proves that the author wrote during the time when Walter, who died in the year 1160, was abbot of Ramsey.

^{*} Spelman does not mention where the original register was, from which he made his transcript. There is this note in the Rawlinson MS.: "Ex-" aminat com orig. 27. Jan. 1628 per me Hn. Spelman et Francisc. "Boyton."

This piece is a good specimen of monastic history, and is A.D. 1066. written with apparent candour; it gives an account of the foundation and fortunes of Ramsey Abbey prior to the Norman Invasion, its endowments by various individuals, and a sketch of the biography of its abbots. It contains also slight notices of public events, with many curious particulars of the manner of acquiring property, and of the arts and customs of the age in which it was written. It has also a few notices of Archbishops Odo, Dunstan, and Oswald, and of its founder, the Earldorman Ailwin. The general history affords little or nothing new; it seems derived from William of Malmesbury, many of whose expressions are adopted. The charters entered in this work are, in general, confessedly translated from the Saxon.

The History is followed by an account of the persecution of Abbot Walter by Geoffrey de Mandeville, commencing, "Per"secutio domini Galteri Abbatis. Postquam dominus Gual"terus, quondam Abbas Ramesiensis," and ending, "Abbas
"iste multis laboribus et expensis magnaque sui corporis
"anxietate, Graveliam, Bradenach, Cranleiam, Elington ad
"dominium ecclesiæ Ramesiensis revocavit. Walton vero de
"novo adquisivit."

This is the end of the fourth part of the Rawlinson MS. 333. The earlier portion of the fourth part was not entered in the Exchequer MS., but a space is left as if it was intended for it. The author lived during the time of Abbot Walter (as appears by the preface which Gale thought fit to omit) consequently before A.D. 1160.

There are other registers of this abbey extant. One among the Cottonian MS., Vespasian E. ii., a small quarto volume, en vellum, entitled "Registrum Cartarum Abbatiæ de "Ramesey transcriptum per Robertum Dodford, clericum, "usque ad 30 Hen. III." Otho B. xiv. f. 253 contains some valuable charters, as also does Vespasian A. xviii. Other charters will likewise be found in Galba E. x. In the Harleian Collection are two registers; one (No. 5071), the contents of which are given in the Appendix to Sprott's Chronicle, edited by Hearne; the other (No. 445) formerly belonged to Peter Le Neve. Tanner, in his "Notitia," mentions a register belonging to Henry Cromwell, Esq., in 1650. It is probably a copy of that now in the Public Record Office, if indeed it be

A.D. 1066. not the same; at least the following memorandum occurs in that volume:—"Liberatur in Curia 20° die Januarii, anno xxv. Reginæ Elizabethæ, per manus Henrici Cromewell, Militis."*

The Chronicle of Ramsey, embracing the period between 1341 and 1401, which was formerly in the Cottonian Library (Otho D. viii.), was destroyed by the fire of 1731.

1236. La Estoire de Seint Aedward le Rei.

MS. Bibl. Publ. Cant. Ee. iii. 59.† small folio, vell. triple cols. xiii. cent.

Rubr.—"Ai cumence la Estoire de Seint Aedward le Rei, "translatee du Latin."

Incip.—" En mund ne est, ben vus los dire,‡
Pais, reaume, ne empire
U tant unt este bons rois
E seinz, cum en isle dEnglois."

Expl.—" Issi finist lestoire

De Seint Aedward kest en gloire."

Edited with a translation and glossary, among the "Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland," by the Rev. Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. Lond. 8vo. 1858.

The poem is in Norman French, containing, at present, 4686 lines, and extends over the whole life of Edward the Confessor. It is addressed to Alianor, Queen of Henry the Third, and is translated from the Latin. It was probably written in 1245, on the occasion of the restoration of the church of Westminster. Of the church itself a very elaborate description is given. Its basis seems to be the "Vita Regis Edwardi" and the "Genealogia Regum Anglorum" by Aelred of Rievaulx; but

^{*} Among the ancient Rolls belonging to the Cottonian Collection is one marked II. 16, consisting of five membranes, and containing an extensive Catalogue of the Library of Ramsey Abbey, with the names of the different persons by whom the respective manuscripts were given. It is unfortunately imperfect. Leland, in his "Collectanea" (iv. 44), has noticed the titles of a few of the works he saw in the Library of that Abbey.

[†] Described in Mr. Luard's volume mentioned above, Preface, p. ix.

[‡] The first line is omitted in the text, but written in the margin.

in the early part, at least, there are additions from other A.D. 1066. sources, and the author has mixed up the two works together so as to make one continuous narrative. He has also availed himself of the works of other chroniclers, and has apparently obtained information from persons nearly contemporary with the events he describes. It ends with the Translation by Gundulf (Aelred, 1. c. 40); the last leaf but one has been torn Each page is headed with a coloured illustration of the events described in it. There is likewise a description of the illustration in verses written in red. The illuminations are of great merit, in outline, coloured. The MS. belonged to Nowel in 1563, and was given to Cope by Lambard. It was formerly in the collection of Bishop Moore, and presented by George I. to the University of Cambridge. Of the author nothing is known, but Mr. Luard's suggestion, founded on a hint he has given of himself (lin. 2020-2), that he was connected with Westminster, is probably correct.

1237. Vita Æduuardi Regis, qui apud Westmonasterium requiescit.

* MS. Harl. 526. ff. 1-20. vell. 8vo. xii. cent.

Incip. Prol. — "Surgens Musa tuis comitata decenter "alumnis."

Expl. Prol.—"Utque mones proso tramite pergo viam."

Incip. Vita.—"Virga æquitatis Dei ubi quod sibi displi"cuerat in populo."

Expl. Vita.—" et pro fide cujusque Deum invocantis insignia pietatis suæ rex regum Deus operatur."

Edited, with the piece last mentioned, by the Rev. Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, among "The Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and "Ireland," 1858. The above mentioned MS. is the only one now known to exist; but it is clearly not the author's autograph, but the work of a very careless and ignorant scribe. The author appears to have written his work for Queen Edith. He commences it in a dialogue between the Poet and the Muse, by whom he is exhorted to write on the glory of King Edward, the Queen, and her father Godwin. After the exor-

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^{*} The MS. is imperfect; it originally consisted of 24 leaves, or 3 quires in eights; the middle pair of the first and last quire are lost.

A.D. 1066. dium, which extends to ninety-four lines, he writes in prose. The period embraced in the work is the whole life of the Confessor, from his birth to his death, and in a historical point of view this compilation is unquestionably most valuable.* Mr. Luard suggests that it was written between the years 1066 and 1074, "during the pressure of the sufferings brought on "the Saxons by the Norman Conquest, though it is curious " that no hint of the Conquest or Harold's death, or even men-"tion of William, occurs throughout the manuscript." Be this, however, as it may, it is unquestionably a contemporary work, and contains many facts not found in other writers, and some which differ considerably from the usual accounts. Being a contemporary, he was probably the first who wrote a history of the times in which he lived, and being about the Court, he had ample opportunities of collecting his materials from the fountain head; but in reading his work some deduction must be made from the praise which he so largely bestows on the Queen and her family. "The author's style," writes Mr. Luard, "is for the most part easy and clear, as " far as the prose portions of his work are concerned. The " passages in verse, on the other hand, though sometimes " rising to what may be called poetry, are often very difficult " and obscure, the allusions being by no means always evident."

Nothing whatever is known of the author, but the compiler of the Catalogue of the Harleian Manuscripts throws out a suggestion that Eadmer was the writer; Mr. Luard, however, conclusively shews that the style and matter of the two writers differ essentially.

A.D. 1066.

1238. Vita et Miracula Sancti Edwardi, Regis et Confessoris, abbreviata ex Tractatu domini Osberni [Osberti], Westmonasteriensis Prioris.

MS. C.C.C. Cant. clxi. vell. xiii. cent.

Tit.—" Incipit excerptum epistolæ Domini Osberni, Prioris "Westmonasterii, ad Albericum Legatum, in Vita Sancti "Edwardi Regis."

^{*} The writer of the article "Godwin," in the Biographia Britannica, though only knowing the extract given by Stow, says, "After the Saxon "Chronicle, it was, perhaps, the most authentic piece of history that "escaped the general wreck of all that regarded the Saxon constitution."

Incip. Excerpt.—"Innocentii summi Pontificis sanctæque A.D. 1066.

" Romanæ et apostolicæ sedis Legato venerabili Alberico, Dei

" gratia Ecclesiæ Ostiensis Episcopo, frater Osbertus West-

" monasterii præpositus."

Expl. Excerpt.—" Tuæ itaque Celsitudini novum Regis opus "sacrandum dirigitur."

Coloph.—"Explicit excerptum epistolæ. Incipit prologus excerptus ejusdem auctoris."

Incip. Prol. — "Insignia virorum fortium gesta litteris "tradere."

Expl. Prol.—"ut a veritatis dulcedine non discordet."

Coloph.—"Explicit prologus de vita Sanctissimi Edwardi "Anglorum, Regis et Confessoris."

"Incipiunt capitula sequentis vitæ Sancti Eadwardi, Regis "Anglorum."

Incip. Vita. —"Pretiosus athleta Domini et Rex insignis "Eadwardus."

Expl. Vita.—"Hinc superno Regi laus et gloria, cujus ma-"jestas et imperium extat in sæcula sæculorum. Amen."

Coloph.—" Expliciunt vita et miracula Sancti Endwardi,

" Regis et Confessoris, abbreviata ex tractatu Domini Osberti, " Westmonasteriensis Prioris."

This piece has not been printed. In the volume in which it appears are several other Lives of Saints, this being the last in the volume. It is the foundation of Aelred's work, as may be seen by the "Capitula" of Osbert's tract, which are printed in the preface to Mr. Luard's "Lives of Edward the Confessor," p. xxv.

Osbert de Clare was originally a monk of Stoke Clare, in Suffolk, and subsequently became Prior of Westminster. He was sent by the King to Rome to obtain permission to establish a festival in commemoration of King Edward the Confessor, whose body had been exhumed in Westminster Abbey, and on which occurrence he composed this piece. Osbert wrote other Lives of Saints. His Letters also are preserved in Gale's collection at Trinity College, Cambridge, and were published by Mr. Anstruther, Brussels, 1846. See Art. 1245.

A.D. 1066. 1239. Vita et Miracula Confessoris Christi Edwardi, Regis Anglorum, per Aelredum Rievallensem Abbatem.

MS. Norf. 64.

MS. Harl. 200. f. 162. vell. 4to.
MS. Harl. 322. f. 9 b. vell. 4to.
MS. Harl. 374. 16. 21.
MS. Harl. 563. f. 121. vell. 4to.
MS. Harl. 4976. vell.
MS. Bodl. Laud. F. 15.

MS. Bodl. Digby, 59. f. 92. vell. 8vo. xii. cent. . MS. Bodl. F. 7. 2.

MS. Mostyn Gloddaeth 9. i. folio. vell. xii. cent.

MS. Cott. Vespas. B. xi. ff. 81-105b. vell. small folio dble. col.

xii. cent.

MS. Cott. Vitell. C. xii. f. 236. vell. folio.

MS. C.C.C. Cant. 101. 16. vell. fol. xii. cent.

MS. C.C.C. Cant. 318. f. 1. vell. 4to. xiii. cent.

MS. Bibl. Reg. 6. B. ix. 4. vell. 4to. xv. cent.

MS. Bern. vell. xiii. cent.

MS. Coll. S. Joh. Bapt. Oxon. 149. ff. 1-60. vell. 4to. xiii. cent.

Tit.—"Incipit prologus dompni Aelredi, Abbatis Rieval"lensis, in vita Sancti Edwardi, Regis et Confessoris."

Incip.—" Multis veterum studio didicimus."

Expl.—"ut æternam cum eo optineas felicitatem. Amen."
"Explicit prologus. Incipit præfatio ejusdem ad Lauren-

" tium, Abbatem Westmonasterii."

Incip. Præf.—"Dilecto ac diligendo et intimis visceribus "amplectendo venerabili patri et domino, dompno Laurencio,

" Westmonasterii Abbati, frater Elredus."

Expl. Praf.—"æterna mihi vita tam preciosi Confessoris "opitulatione donetur."

"Explicit præfacio. Incipit vita Sancti Edwardi, Regis Anglorum.

Incip. Vita.—" De sua generositate et sanctitate.

"Gloriosi ac Deo dilecti Regis Edwardi vitam literis tradituri."

Expl: Vita.—" et expressus extollendum tanti meriti patronum omnium corda commovit, ad laudem et gloriam

"Domini nostri Jesu Christi, cui est honor in sæcula "sæculorum. Amen."

"Explicit vita Sancti Edwardi, Regis et Confessoris, cum "miraculis eiusdem."

Printed in the "Decem Scriptores," col. 369-414; in A.D. 1066. Surius, De probatis Sanctorum Historiis;† in the Opera Divi Aelredi Rhievallensis, edit. Ric. Gibbon. 4to. Douay, 1616-1631, and reprinted in the Magna Bibl. Veterum Patrum, Cologne, 1618; in Migne's Patrologia; and in the Acta Sanct. Jan. i. 292,‡ but which last omits the preface and dedication, the last chapter of the first book and the whole of the second book (consisting of miracles) being abridged.

This piece, which is in two books, is almost entirely derived from Osbert, to whose life of the Confessor Aelred appears to refer in his preface addressed to Laurence, Abbot of Westminster, who took a prominent part in the translation, at whose request Aelred's work was written. He was present in the Abbey of Westminster at the translation of the relics, and on that occasion composed this Life.

1240. Vita Beati Edvardi, Regis et Confessoris, carmine.

MS. Bodl. Selden 55 ff. 1-20. vell. small 4to. xv. cent.§
MS. Bodl. Digby 186. folio, paper. xv. cent.∥

Incip.—"Quid faciat virtus, quæ spes speciosa beatis."

Expl.—"Per quem nos scimus bona, quo sine scire nequi"mus."

Col.—" Explicit vita Beati Edwardi, Regis et Confessoris."

This poem, containing 536 lines, was written by the command of King Henry VI., to whom it is dedicated, and was probably composed, as Mr. Luard suggests, between the years 1440 and 1450. It embraces the same period of history as

^{*} It is singular that the editors of this work could only find the single MS. copy, one, namely, belonging to Usher. See Twysden's Preface.

[†] The history of the translation, from a MS. apparently imperfect at the beginning, is given by Surius, and reprinted by Bollandus, p. 303.

In this edition the miracles are given in a contracted form.

[§] This MS. formerly belonged to Robert Hare, and the initial letters are alternately in red and blue. The first letter of the poem contains what is intended for a portrait of Edward the Confessor. The MS. contains ten leaves, twenty-seven lines being written in each page.

^{||} The MS. contains seven folio leaves, thirty-seven lines being in each. It is bound up in a volume of prophecies, of which many are by John of Brydlyngton. It omits the Colophon, and there are some verbal differences of no great moment between it and the Selden MS.

A.D. 1066. that in the "Vita Edwardi Regis" by Aelred; and as it is apparently wholly derived from that work, it does not throw any additional light on the history of that reign. It is, however, valuable as a specimen of the Latin poetry of the time. Of the author nothing is known.

Printed, from the two MSS. mentioned above, among the "Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland," under the editorship of the Rev. Henry Richards Luard, M.A., Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, 1858.

1241. Vita S. Edwardi Confessoris, Regis Anglise.

MS. Caius Coll. Cantab. 153. vell. xiii. cent.
MS. Vatic. Christin. 489. f. 35 retro. vell. 4to. dble col. xiii. cent.*

MS. Vatic. Christin. 489. f. 35 retro. vell. 4to. dble col. xiii. cent.*

MS. Norf. Arundel 61.

Rubr.—" Quid velit ex prologo liber hic studiose videro Lector, qui regis inclita gesta legis."

Incip. Prol.-

"Cum tibi, Laurenti, cogar parere jubenti,
Plus tamen illa movent quæ pia corde fovent."

Expl. Prol.—" Æduuardi extremum finis ad usque diem."

Titul. Lib. i.—

"Ætatem primam primus liber exiliumque Æduuardi regis et data sceptra canit."

Titul. Lib. ii .-

"Iste liber secundus init thalamos molimina dacum Detigit a papa vota remissa canit."

Titul. Lib. iii .-

"Tercius a Roma reduces et somnia visa Claudum curatum templa peracta canit."

and ends at fol. 35-

"Pur qui lur frere ont sa Sancte."

The Vatican MS., judging from a modern transcript (for the original has not been seen by the editor), is very inferior to the Caius MS. A copy of the whole poem, both Latin and French texts, is in Catal. Vatic. V. pp. 162-179 b. and vol. ii. pp. 124-130.

^{*} In the Vatican MS. there is a translation of the Latin text into Norman French. The whole of the first book, however, and some chapters of the second, are wanting. The French text, which extends from fol. 1 to fol. 35 of the MS., commences—

[&]quot;Le dens aveit ia sun curs fait E par nature se est retrait,"

Titul. Lib. iv .-

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"Sanat fœcundat quartus dat lumina ludos
Asperat offocat pandit aperta liber."

Titul. Lib. v.—

"Expositus quinto redit anulus ultima sistur
Mora propheta canit rex olet aula gemit."

Titul. Lib. vi .--

"Sextus adest claudo cæcis febri paralisi Virgam restituens regia membra palat."

Expl.—

"Noster equus victor cursus donandus honore Percipiat bravii debita dona sibi. Amen."

This metrical Life of Edward the Confessor, in six books, has been attributed, though without sufficient authority, to Aelred of Rievaulx, but it is hardly anything more than a versification of his prose Life of that monarch. Mr. Luard, in his preface to the "Lives of Edward the Confessor," published among the Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland, has pointed out the chief differences between this and the prose Life. (1.) The prologues (2.) The single combat of Cnut and differ considerably. Edmund Ironside, which is omitted in the prose Life, though given in the genealogy, is mentioned in the metrical Life. (3.) In the account of the dedication of Westminster the account of St. Augustine's mission is much fuller in the metrical Life. (4.) The "Literæ Regis" and the "Privilegium" Domini Nicholai Papæ are omitted in the metrical Life. (5.) The Preface to Book vi. is not in the prose Life. (6.) The metrical Life mentions Harold's defeat and death, which the prose Life does not.

1242. Revelatio S. Edwardi, Regis et Confessoris.

MS. Cott. Cleopat. C. iv. f. 114. paper, 4to.

Of no historical importance.

A.D. 1066. 1243. De Sancto Edwardo, Rege et Confessore.

MS. Cott. Tiber. E. 1. ff. 6-b. MS. Bodl. Tanner. 15.

Incip.—"Gloriosi ac Deo dilecti Regis Edwardi literis "tradituri."

Expl.—" visitato sancti sarcophago quasi in momento " curati sunt."

Printed in Capgrave's "Legenda Nova Angliæ," f. 108. It is an abridgment of the narrative of Ailred of Rivaulx.

1244. De Edwardi Anglorum Exequiis. MS. Vatic, 3726. vell. xiv. cent.

1245. Epistola in Vita B. Regis Edwardi, Domino celeberrimo Ostiensi Episcopo et Romanæ Ecclesiæ Legato, præmissa, Epistola Osberti de Clara ad Dominum Henricum, Wintoniensem Episcopum, Apostolicæ Sedis Legatum, de canonizando Sancto Rege Eadwardo, cum Epistolis Henrici Episcopi Wintoniensis et Regis Stephani ad Innocentium Papam de eodem argumento, cum ejus Responsoria ad Abbatem et Fratres S. Petri Westmonasterii.

MS. Cott. Vitell. A. xvii. f. 19. vell. 4to. MS. Trin. Coll. Cant. Gale. O. 10. 16.

Incip.—"Sanctæ Romanæ et Apostolicæ Sedis summo "Pontifice Innocentio præsidente."

Printed among the letters of Osbern by R. Anstruther, Brussels, 1846, from the Trinity College MS.

These letters relate to the attempt to procure the canonization of Edward the Confessor in the year 1140. That to Henry Bishop of Winchester states where he derived his information relating to Edward's miracles. This is followed by letters of credence for Osbert, Prior of Westminster, to Pope Innocent;

and for Henry, Bishop of Winchester, from the Chapter of St. A.D. 1066. Paul's, from King Stephen, recommending the canonization; and Innocent's answer to the Abbot of Westminster commending Osbert's conduct; but requiring more information, and a more general request for the canonization. Concerning his canonization, see a bull of Alexander IV. dated at Anagnia, 7, Id. Feb. 1161, given by Wilkins, Concil. 1. 434, Mansi, xxi. 871 and 1047, Baronius ad an. No. 1, and in the Acta Sanctorum, p. 303. King Edward was canonized by Alexander III., at the instance of King Henry II. The translation of his body, which ought immediately to have followed his canonization, was delayed until the return of King Henry to England from Normandy. The ceremony took place 13th Oct. 1163; and his festival was thenceforth held on that day, instead of the day of his death, which occurred on the 5th January.*

1246. S. Edwardi Regis et Confessoris vita, auctore anonymo, Anglice.

MS. Coll. S. Trinit. Oxon xi. small 4to. xv. cent.

Incip.—"Seynt Edward the good kynge ought devoutly to be had in remembraunce; he was born in England of the blood royall. Afore his days there was in Englande oft- tymes werre and blode sheed, for fokes were as they yet

" tymes werre and blode sneed, for lokes were as they ye
" are trecherous."

Expl.—"that we may come to reigne with hym in joy and bys that be in Haven. Tu autem Domine miserere nostri;

" For charite pray for me; Deo gratias."

It ends with the narrative of Gilbert Crispin and the Bishop of Rochester finding the King's body incorrupt (Aelred Rieval. col. 408), and seems to be nothing more than a translation from Osbert or Aelred of Rievaulx. It is apparently the composition of Lydgate.

^{*} Surius, i. 78, has printed a piece entitled "De Canonizatione et Trans" latione Edwardi Regis et Confessoris, ex antiquo codice."

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1247. Sulcardus Monachus de prima constructione et dedicatione Ecclesiæ Westmonasterii.

MS. Cott. Faustina A. iii. ff. 11-160. vell. xiii. cent. MS. Cott. Titus A. viii. vell 4to, xiii. cent.

Titul.*—" Hic incipit prologus de constructione Westmonas" terii."

Incip.—" Venerabili viro et semper Dei servo, domino Abbati
" Vitali."

Expl.—"cedente non solum Anglis sed omnibus vicinis "regnis in gemitum."

The prologue is addressed to Abbot Vitalis, and the author therein gives his authorities and explains his design. He states that Ethelbert, King of Kent, built monasteries at Canterbury and Rochester; he afterwards built a church at London in honour of St. Paul; and when designing to add another to be dedicated to S. Peter, "quidam civium urbis non infimus cum " uxore," asks permission to build one, which he grants. It is built, and is dedicated by St. Peter in person. King Offa becomes a benefactor to Westminster; he goes to Rome, founds the English school there, and takes the cowl. From his time to that of Edgar, Westminster lay neglected, when Dunstan, who had read of that monastery, as well as heard of it from his predecessor, applies to Edgar, who bestows it on him; he purchases lands and erects offices, &c. there. Edward the Confessor purposes going to Rome; but is prevailed on to abandon his design and restore some monastery dedicated to St. Peter. The author himself had seen the old church; a new church is built and ordered to be dedicated. Edward falls sick and dies, and is there buried; he dissembles his sickness on the first day; but on the second is unable to appear before his nobles.

In both manuscripts there follows a collection of Charters, Letters, and Papal Bulls relating to Westminster. In the Faustina MS. they come down as low as the reign of Henry VIII. in several hands; but in the Titus MS. they do not

^{*} The Title to MS. Titus A. viii. is "Hic incipit Prologus de prima "constructione ecclesiæ Westmonasterii, et de dedicatione loci ejusdem per "Sanctum Petrum Apostolorum principem.

come lower than the time of Edward I., and are all written by A.D. 600the same hand.

Nothing appears to be known of Sulcardus, except that he was a monk of Westminster, and dedicated his work to Abbot Vitalis between the years 1076 and 1082.

1248. Speculum Historiale de Gestis Regum Angliæ, per Ricardum, Ecclesiæ Beati Petri Westmonasterii, prope Londoniam, Monachum, ab anno 449 usque ad annum 1066.*

MS. Bibl. Pub. Cant. Ff. i. 28.

Tit.—" Incipit proœmium in Speculum Historiale de Gestis "Regum Angliæ."

Incip. Proæm.—"Prudentiæ veterum mos inolevit laudabilis "res memoriæ dignas suis in temporibus factas."

Expl. Proæm.—" quatinus facta regalia dignissima laude me" moranda diligenter ea intuenti luce clarius elucescant."

LIBER PRIMUS.

Tit.—"Incipit liber qui vocatur Speculum Historiale de "Gestis Regum Angliæ. De causa vocationis Anglorum et "de adventu ipsorum in Britanniam."

Incip. Lib. i.—"Post primum insulæ Britanniæ Regem, "nomine Brutum."

Expl. Lib. i.—"metam figentes ad secundum librum operis præsentis stilum nostrum duximus convertendum."

LIBER SECUNDUS.

Tit.—"Incipit Prologus in librum secundum Speculi His-"torialis de gestis Regum Anglorum."

Incip. Prol.—" Prosequentes igitur materiam inchoatam de gestis."

Expl.—"in præsenti libro operis nostri duximus conse-" quenter inserere."

Tit.—"Incipit liber secundus Speculi Historialis de gestis "Begum Angliæ."

^{*} The Second Part is called "Anglo-Saxonum Chronicon," and is a continuation of the First Part to the year 1348. In MS. Bodley, Rawlins. B. 193, it is brought down to the year 1350; and in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, No. 427, art. 3, there is an abridgment which extends to the year 1272, beyond the year 1265, where Nasmith (p. 399) fixes its "desinit.

A.D. 1066. *Incip. Lib.* ii.—"Anno gratiæ D.xcv1", qui est annus "centesimus quadragesimus octavus."

Expl. Lib. ii.—"qui regni Angliæ monarcharum extiterat "primus, opitulante Domino, recto ordine inchoantes."

LIBER TERTIUS.

Tit.—"Incipit liber tertius Speculi Historialis de gestis "Regum Angliæ."

Incip. Lib. iii.—"Anno dominicæ Incarnationis D.ccclx11do

" Anglorum decus, Regum gemma."

Expl. Lib. iii.—"tam nobiles quam plebei ejus mortem "minime lugebant."

LIBER QUARTUS.

Tit.—"Incipit liber quartus Speculi Historialis de gestis "Regum Angliæ."

Incip. Lib. iv.—"A primo monarcha imperii Anglicani."

Expl. Lib. iv.—"Sed et jam ad Willelmi primi tempora "pervenientes, placet libro quarto Speculi Historialis de gestis

" Regum Angliæ finem imponere, et a prædicto Willelmo

"Anglorum Rege librum quintum præsentis operis inchoare."
Explicit liber quartus Speculi Historialis de gestis Regum

Explicit liber quartus Speculi Historialis de gestis Regum Angliæ.

Hic finitur prima pars historiæ præsentis de gestis regalibus ab adventu Anglorum sive Saxonum in Britanniam, ex chronicis diversis collecta, et in quatuor libros præscriptos digesta, per fratrem Ricardum de Cirencestria, Monachum Ecclesiæ beati Petri Westmonasterii prope Londonias. Præterea secunda pars historiæ prælibatæ de gestis regalibus a quinto libro sumet initium, quam a nativitate primi Willelmi Anglorum Regis præfatus frater Ricardus inchoare decrevit.*

This work is in the press, under the editorship of the Rev. J. E. B. Mayor, M.A., Fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge, and will be published among the "Chronicles" and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland."

The first part extends to Four Books. The first book contains 54 chapters, commencing with the arrival of the Saxons in Britain in A.D. 449, and ending with the death of

^{*} A hand of the 16th Century adds, "et Johannes Bale quintum librum eolum vidit, ut in pag. 430."

King Webba, in the year 594, which intervening space the A.D. 1066. author denominates the Pagan period.

The second Book, in 71 chapters, begins with the conversion of the Saxons, and ends with the death of Ethelred, in 871, and the union of the kingdom under Alfred.

The third, in 36 chapters, commences with the genealogy and coronation of Alfred, the first monarch of England, and ends with the death of Hardecnut.

The fourth, in 52 chapters, commences with the birth of Edward the Confessor, here called Edward the Third, and ends with the accession of Harold II.

Of the compiler little is known. In the prologue he calls himself Richard, a monk of Westminster, and at the close of the fourth book, or, as he terms it, the end of the first part, Richard of Cirencestria, a monk of the Church of St. Peter, Westminster.

The MS. volume (which is the only copy known) formerly belonged to Archbishop Parker, and has his signature, Mattheus Cantuar. 1574, written on the top of the first page.

Stukely, in his account of Richard of Cirencester, states that his name first appears on the chamberlain's list of the monks of Westminster in the year 1355. He was witness to a deed in 1387, and his name is found in the chamberlain's lists 1397 and 1399. In 1391 he obtained his abbot's licence to go to Rome. In 1400 he was in the abbey infirmary, and died in that or the next year. Other works are ascribed to him. The treatise "De Situ Britanniæ," which was published by C. J. Bertram, at Copenhagen, in 1757, is also given to him; but the authenticity of the work is doubted.

A.D. 1066.

1249. The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle.

There is some difficulty in placing the collective annals which constitute "The Saxon Chronicle" under any one year in particular, as the manuscripts in which they are contained all end at different times, and consequently there would be a difficulty in inserting them in this Catalogue under any of the years in which these copies respectively terminate. It has therefore been deemed advisable to place a notice of the

A.D. 1066. work under the year 1066, as being the last year of the Anglo-Saxon dynasty; although one copy brings the annals down to the year 1154.

At what period the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle first began to be composed, or by whom it was originally compiled, there is now no means of discovering; but it is evidently the work of various successive hands, and extends in one copy from the time of Casar's invasion to the middle of the twelfth century. It is also clear that it was commenced after the death of Beda in 731, as nearly the whole of the portion from its beginning to that year, when Beda's Ecclesiastical History terminates, is derived either from that work or his "Chroni-" con." The notices, however, relating to military events are generally peculiar to the Chronicle itself. It is likewise indisputable that at the end of the ninth century it had assumed its present form; for Asser, who appears to have written the Life of King Alfred about the year 895, employed a copy which came down to the year 887, while Ethelweard evidently used one ending in the year 975, and differing from that employed by Asser in many, but trivial, points. From these considerations it seems pretty clear that there was but one original text, which formed the basis of all the others that are now known to exist.*

From the internal evidence of the Chronicle, it would appear to be nearly certain that all its earlier portion, i.e., until about the year 851, is a compilation from a Latin basis (with a few additions from some other source, possibly from tradition or historical poems); for it is not probable that several different persons would have been compiling at the same time, and would have selected the same events, and adopt precisely the same language and expression. question whether or not it was first penned by a Mercian or West-Saxon must be left undecided until some philologist, of greater skill and discernment than any who has hitherto investigated the subject, shall be able to determine the fact from the internal evidence of the several manuscripts of the Chronicle. There is now a fair opportunity of accomplishing this desirable end by means of the

^{*} In proof that all the manuscripts were copied from one source, it may be stated that five manuscripts place the death of Cynewulf under the year 755, whereas it did not occur until the year 784.

edition which has recently appeared, among the "Chronicles A.D. 1066." and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland," under the direction of the Master of the Rolls.

To King Alfred, Archbishop Plegmund, and Archbishop Dunstan, respectively, has been assigned the honour of being the originator of the Chronicle; but no contemporary evidence can be adduced in favour of any one of them. That the first named, however, may have ordered that materials should be collected for such a purpose is probable enough, for we know that he did everything in his power to encourage learning and foster historical knowledge among his subjects. When we find him translating Beda's Ecclesiastical History, Orosius, and Boëthius, into his mother tongue for the information of his subjects, it certainly is no violation of probability to believe that he would order the events of his kingdom to be gathered together, and published in the vernacular idiom of his people, for their benefit and instruction. the extraordinary general accordance of all copies now remaining, from the earliest entry in the Chronicle to the close of the ninth century, does to a certain extent encourage the belief that it was at Alfred's command that the compilation was commenced. Against this supposition, however, it may be urged that so important an undertaking would scarcely have escaped the notice of Asser, his contemporaneous biographer; but in answer to this, it must be borne in mind that the same biographer has omitted all notice of Alfred's other literary productions.

In further corroboration of the assumption that King Alfred was the originator,* we do not say the actual framer, of the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle; this fact may be adduced, that from the date of his birth in the year 849 to that of 891 the entries in the different manuscripts, as far as his actions are concerned, are, with one exception (Domit. A. VIII.), unequivocally alike.

All these circumstances combined certainly encourage the belief that it was by King Alfred's order that the various annals or memoranda of public events, at that time kept in the

^{*} Corroborative also of this view, at least to some extent, is the assertion of Geoffrey Gaimar, that King Alfred caused an English book to be written of deeds and laws, of battles in the land, and of kings who made war.

A.O. 1066. various monasteries and written in Latin, should be collected translated into English, and sent to the principal monasteries in the realm, as he did in the case of his translation of Pope Gregory's Pastorale.

These annals, being thus distributed, were continued in some monasteries and neglected in others; hence it is that we have in the copies which are extant so many local notices in some, that are not found in others.

Many incidental notices of its contemporaneous progress, as to matters of public interest, could be pointed out, were it necessary, but there is one in reference to the year 1012 which carries conviction on its face. In that year the body of Elfeah is said to be now at London, although its removal to Canterbury is described eleven years afterwards.

The MSS. which are at present known may be thus classed:—

MS. Corpus Christi College, Cambridge.
 MS. Cott. Tiber. B. xi.

II. MS. Cott. Tiber. A. vi.

MS. Cott. Tiber. B. i.

III. MS. Cott. Tiber. B. iv.

MS. Cott. Domit. A. viii.

MS. Bodl. Laud. 636.

Upon a careful consideration of the subject, it would seem that the original MS., which formed the basis of all the other MSS. to the end of the ninth century, was similar to the Corpus Christi MS. before it was interpolated from the now destroyed MS. Otho B. xi.; but this basis is enlarged in different copies by partial insertions from Beda's "Ecclesias-" tical History," which were not in the original copy, and by the occasional introduction of purely local events.

The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle has been printed several times. First under the title of "Chronologia Anglo-Saxonica," at Cambridge, in the year 1644, with a Latin translation by Abraham Wheloc. The text is taken from MS. Cott. Otho. B. xi. (which was afterwards nearly destroyed in the fire of 1731), and MS. C.C.C. Cantab. 183. It was next edited by Edmund Gibson, at Oxford, in the year 1692. He used Wheloc's text as his basis, and MS. Bodl. Laud 633 (formerly E. 80), MS. Cott. Tiber. A. vi., and MS. Cott. Domit. A. viii. Besides giving a new Latin version of the text, he added a preface, notes, and chronological and glossarial indices. In

1823 an edition was published by Dr. Ingram, president of A.D. 1066. Trinity College, Oxford. He collated all the known MSS., and gave an English version, together with a preface, notes, indices of persons and places, and brief grammar of the Anglo-Saxon language.

In the "Monumenta Historica Britannica," edited by the late Mr. Petrie, and published in the year 1848, that portion of the Chronicle extending from Cæsar's invasion of Britain to the year 1066 was printed with an English translation and notes. The text was re-constructed, and a manuscript in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, (the oldest known,) was adopted as its basis; this was collated with MS. Cott. Tiber. A. vi., MS. Cott. Tiber. B. i., MS. Cott. Tiber. B. iv., MS. Bodl. Laud. 636, MS. Cott. Domit. A. viii., and the fragments of MS. Cott. Otho. B. xi. All additions to the text of Corpus manuscript are placed in brackets in the text; where this could not be conveniently done the variations form a second text. Every variation, however minute, occurring in the several manuscripts has been preserved.

A new edition has lately appeared among the "Chronicles" and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland," published by the Government, under the direction of the Master of the Rolls, and edited by Mr. Benjamin Thorpe. In this edition the texts of six manuscripts are printed in parallel columns. A second volume contains a translation of the text. The indexes are translated from those in Gibson's edition, but made to correspond with the pages of the Anglo-Saxon text and translation. There is also a glossary of two pages and a half of a few Anglo-Saxon terms, necessarily retained in the translation, for which there is no exact equivalent in English.*

1250. Annales Saxonici a Jul. Cæsar, ad an. 1070.

MS. C.C.C. Cant. clxxiii. vell. med. folio.

Incip.†-" Ær Cristes geflæscnesse lx. wintra."

^{*} Miss Gurney made a translation of the Saxon Chronicle, which was printed but not published.

[†] There are at the commencement of the Corpus Christi College MS. some short annals containing the genealogy of the West Saxon Kings, from VOL. I.

A.D. 1066. Expl.—" 3 syppan pa bletsungan underfeng."*

The oldest existing manuscript of the "Anglo-Saxon " Chronicle" is that preserved in Archbishop Parker's Collection, which he presented to Corpus Christi College at Cambridge. It is written on vellum, in various hands, and in double columns, to the end of page 9 (A.D. 417), but afterwards in a full page to the end. The first or original hand ends with the year 891, at the bottom of page 83, with the words "pe on Scottum was gefor." Another begins at the top of the verso of p. 83, something like the erased hand at An, 845, mentioned below; then p. 34 is in another hand. At p. 35 to near the end of p. 41 (An. 912) the hand seems a little changed; then to the end of p. 42 (An. 918 mid xl. pundum) it is again different. At p. 43 to the end of p. 48 (tha ared), (being the conclusion of An. 921), the hand is seemingly the same as at p. 34. Page 49 (An. 922) is in another hand, ending about the middle of p. 50, and leaving the lower half of that page blank. At p. 50

Cerdic to the accession of Alfred, and beginning, "by geare be was agán "fram Cristes acennesse cccc. uuintra n xciiii. uuintra;" and ending, "bas "be hes eyn ærest Westseaxna lond on Wealum geeodon." The Cottonian MS. Tiberius A. iii. contains a single leaf, with the same annals, but coming lower down, viz., to the accession of Eadweard, Edgar's son, where the MS. terminates abruptly. The destroyed MS. Otho B. xi. also had the same annals, but terminating at the same point as the Corpus Christi manuscript. Hence it might be inferred that the Corpus MS. and the MS. Otho were written in the reign of Alfred, and Tiberius A. iii., or rather Tiberius A. vi., for Wanley with good reason conjectures that in fragment originally belonged to that MS. (See No. 1163.) was written during the reign of Edward the Martyr. These annals have been repeatedly printed; first in the preface to Wheloc's edition of Beda, p. v., and afterwards in the Oxford edition of Spelman's "Vita Ælfredi," p. 199. They are also inserted in Gibson's and Ingram's editions of the Saxon Chronicle, An. 495.

^{*} This is followed by an account of Lanfranc, in Latin, commencing, "Hoc anno Lanfrancus, Cadomensis Abbas," and ending, "et sacratus est "ii. Noā. Decemb." Then came the "Leges Ælfredi Regis, in quibus "recitantur Leges Inæ, Regis West-Saxonum." Immediately after which occur "Nomina Pontificum Romans urbis, Archiepiscoporum Dorovernensis "Ecclesiæ, Episcoporum Hrofensis. De palliis a Pontificibus Romanis huc "missis. Nomina Episcoporum Orientalium Saxonum, Australium Saxonum, "Occidentalium Saxonum, Scireburnensis Ecclesiæ, Wiltunensis Ecclesiæ, et Cridiensis Ecclesiæ;" each generally ending with the immediate successors of those last named in MS. Cott. Tiber. B. v. The names of the northern Bishops evidently do not come from the same source. Both of these, viz., the account of Lanfranc and the Lists of Bishops are printed by Wheloc.

to 54 (An. 925-955) the hand is again changed, and at p. 55 A.D. 1066. there is another hand. From p. 56 to p. 59 (An. 973 to the end of An. 1001) there is a different and smaller hand. The remainder, to An. 1066 (except Cnut's gift, An. 1031), seems to be in the same hand. The account of Lanfranc (An. 1070) is in a somewhat different hand, and in the latter part it resembles that of the ancient additions preceding An. 891.

Besides the variety of hands already noticed, there are many insertions preceding the year 891, in a hand apparently of the twelfth century. They in general occupy the place of passages which have been erased,* and which they were probably intended to correct; but there are also a few corrections or various readings inserted between the lines, without effacing

pið patricius

the ancient reading (uup-Her paladius).†

Wheloc, who collated this copy, has inadvertently ascribed these additions to Josselin, who, though he did indeed insert in the margins many collations from other manuscripts, yet the hand in which they are written in the text is certainly not his. Wheloc further says, that Josselin assigns them to the "Codex " Petroburgensis," whereas Josselin merely says occasionally, "sic et in Cod. Petroburg."

The original hand in the text to An. 891 has various uniform peculiarities of orthography, such as Cuom for Com, Walas for Wealas, hiera for hiora, Ofslog for Ofsloh, Miercna for Myrcna, Cuen for Cwen, &c. Josselin has attended to these variations in his collations in Tiberius, B. iv.; but Wheloc has not noticed them.

^{*} The original and its intended correction or substitution may be seen at An. 603 and 604.

[†] At An. 845 a passage has been added and afterwards erased, apparently because it was found to be in the text lower down (An. 851). It is, however, still in a great degree legible; being in a hand somewhat larger than the text, and not so upright.

[‡] For instance, under An. 381, 409, 423, 430-604, and in two or three other places, Josselin writes "sic etiam in Petrob.," yet he leaves many others without any attempt to appropriate them. Most of them, however, in substance at least, are either in MS. Cott. or in MS. Laud 636, which, if not Josselin's Cod. Petrob., is a nearly similar copy.

[§] Wheloc has not denoted the additions at An. 26, 560, 596, 606, 616, and he has erroneously marked as additious parts of An. 465, 588, 761, 794, and 879, which are in the original hand. He has also omitted to point out a few passages which are wanting in the Corpus MS, compared with Otho B. xi.

A.D. 1066. These dialectal peculiarities are thought to indicate a Mercian origin.

He has also omitted to notice, among some other particulars, the following circumstances connected with the chronology of this manuscript. An. 892 is left blank at the bottom of the recto, where the original hand ends, and the words "ond by "ilcan geare," (Wheloc, p. 540) follow in a new hand at the top of the next verso, without any date, but apparently adopting the preceding date, 892.

An. 893 of Wheloc "her on pysum" was originally 892, and the several years to An. 925 (originally 924) have been altered in the same manner; so that (at least to An. 915), it is not easy in every year to discover the obliterated number; but they are evidently now a year *later* than they originally stood.

With a few exceptions, the Corpus MS. seems to have agreed with Otho B. xi. till the latter ended, An. 1001.

The Corpus MS. begins with the genealogy of the West-Saxon Kings to Alfred, printed by Wheloc in the preface to Beda (p. 5). The text "Ær Cristes" begins at the top of the "verso," or second page.

There are red crosses in three places in the margin, at the years 853, 860, and 910; a few others in ink having been added by a later hand.

1251. Chronicon Saxonicum, a Julio Cæsare usque ad annum Domini 1001 inclusive.

MS. Cott. Otho B. xi. vell. small folio.

Incip.—"Ær Cristes geflæscnesse syxti wintra." Expl.—" 7 syppan öa bletsungan underfeng."

The volume in which this copy of the Saxon Chronicle occurs was a small folio before it was damaged by fire in 1731. It is now reduced to a small quarto. The whole volume, which is in a hand apparently of the eleventh century, was supposed to have been destroyed by fire, but a considerable portion of Beda's Ecclesiastical History, which was included in the volume, and three leaves of the Saxon Chronicle, beginning A.D. 837 and ending A.D. 871, have recently been recovered.

Both works were used by Wheloc in his edition of Beda's "Historia Ecclesiastica" and the Saxon Chronicle. Of the latter this MS. formed the basis. A comparison of such parts

as are still legible with Wheloc's edition shows that he A.D. 1066. transcribed it very faithfully.

A transcript by Lambard, apparently of this MS., is among Usher's collections in Dublin.

Incarn.—A.D. 977.

1252. Annales Saxonice ab Incarn, ad an. 977.

MS. Cott. Tiber. A. vi. ff. 1-34. vell. small folio. xii. cent.

Incip.—"Ær Cristes geflæscnesse lx. wintra." Expl.—"on Ses Paulus portice."

This was originally a small quarto, but is now much shrunk by fire, and has been rebound. It extends from the Incarnation to the year 977, and is written in one uniform hand, apparently of the latter part of the tenth century. The chronology was never completed. The years are regularly marked on the outer margin (except in blank years) to 552; but afterwards they are only occasionally inserted. Josselin has supplied the chronology where it was wanting, but his dates do not agree exactly with those of any one of the copies which he is known to have used, although they approach very nearly to those of Tiberius B. iv. To A.D. 918 this copy, with little variation, is taken from a manuscript similar to the Cottonian MS. Otho B. xi.; but it would seem that the compiler of it having found the Annals of Mercia, during the government of Ethelfleda, in a separate form, instead of attempting to incorporate them chronologically with the other narrative, has inserted them continuously, so that after carrying on the annals to An. 918, he returns to 896 with the Mercian notices. which are continued till the two narratives run into one, An. Thenceforward to An. 934 it has little resemblance to MS. Otho B. xi., but afterwards, from that year to 975, it has much in common with that copy. Its connexion with a copy resembling Otho, rather than the Corpus MS., before it was interpolated, is ascertained by a comparison of the years 547, 560, 565,* and 616,* with Wheloc's edition, as collated with the Corpus MS.

^{*} Both years are on erasures in the Corpus MS.

A.D. 1066. There is a transcript of this manuscript on paper of the end of the sixteenth or beginning of the seventeenth century in the Bodleian Library, Laud 661 (formerly G. 36), which was used by Gibson and referred to by him as "MS. Cant." It has no note indicating the name of a former possessor, except that of Laud's donation in 1638. Nor is there any remark concerning the chronology, which is regularly copied from that supplied by Josselin in Tiberius A. vi.

1253. Chronicon Saxonicum a Jul. Cæsar. ad ann. 1066.

MS. Cott. Tiberius B. 1. vell. 4to.

Incip.—" Ær Cristes geslæscnesse lx. wintra."

Expl.—" j pes cyninges su.. Hetmundus let Harold faran "ham to Norweie mid alle pa scîpe."

This copy extends from the invasion of Julius Cæsar to the year 1066. It is written apparently in the same hand to the year 1046, and afterwards in various hands to the end. The years of the Incarnation are in red. At An. 1056 there is half a page blank, and it then passes on to 1065.

It appears to have been copied from a manuscript nearly similar to Tiberius A. vi., as far as that copy reaches. It also inserts the account of Ethelfleda continuously. Afterwards it agrees to A.D. 1056 for the most part with Tiberius B. iv., Bodley, Laud 636 and Domitian A. viii. After 1056 it is blank to A.D. 1065, and ends, in a hand of the twelfth century, with the story of the Dane at Stamford Bridge, A.D. 1066.

In a few instances, differing from most of the other copies, it seems to begin the year at Easter.*

By Josselin it is called "Chronicon Abbendoniæ"† and "MS. Boyer." Before it became the property of Sir Robert Cotton, it belonged to Bowyer, who was Keeper of the Records in the Tower.

^{*} The year 708 is erroneously written for 709, and in consequence of this mistake each succeeding year to A.D. 721 has been made one short.

[†] The Laud MS. has more notices of Abingdon than this MS.

1254. Chronicon Saxonicum ab Incarn. ad ann. 1079. A.D. 1066. MS. Cott. Tiber. B. iv. med. folio, vell. xi. cent.

Incip.—"Brytene igland is ehta hund mila lang."

Expl.—"Ne wylle we peh her na mare scace awrîtan pe " he his fæder ge . . ."

This copy extends from the Incarnation to the year 1079, and is written in the same hand to A.D. 1016, then in the same kind of hand, but smaller, and afterwards nearly the same to the end. The continuation after 1016 bears internal evidence of being in some places the work of a contemporary. It is much mutilated from An. 261 to An. 693; but part of the hiatus, from 409 to 633, has been filled up by Josselin from other copies. It is also mutilated at the end. It originally had no initials, but some have been added in red to An. 794. Besides using the common basis of the Corpus Christi MS. to An. 975, it seems to have insertions from two other MSS., one like Laud 636, and the other like Tiberius A. vi.; in addition to which, it has many events relating to Mercia and Northumbria from an unknown source, which would almost seem to imply the existence of a distinct Chronicle. The history of Ethelfleda is interwoven chronologically, but sometimes unskilfully.

In general *Item* implies the beginning of a new year;* but in this copy it seems occasionally to indicate the insertion of an extract from a fresh manuscript.

This MS. is called "Chronicon Wigorniæ" by Josselin.

The portion extending from A.D. 1043 to the end has been printed by Lye as an Appendix to his Saxon Dictionary, from a faulty transcript by Lambard, now in the library of Christ Church, Canterbury.

1255. Chronicon Saxonicon ab Incarnatione ad A.D. 1154.

MS. Bodl. Laud 636. (olim E. 80.) vell. small 4to. xii. cent.

Incip.—"Brittene igland is ehta hund mila lang."

Expl.—"abbot j...haued begunnon. Xrist hi...."

^{*} In the latter portion of this MS. the annalist seemingly commences the year at Easter, contrary to the usual mode of Anglo-Saxon reckoning; thereby strengthening the presumption that this portion is the work of a contemporary writer.

This copy, embracing the period from the Incarnation to A.D.1154, is written in double columns from An. 12 to An. 476, but after that in full page. Between the years 891 and 975 the information in it is very scanty, several years being blank.* The handwriting and ink are nearly the same to A.D. 1122, and thus far it is apparently the work of the same scribe. From 1122 it appears to have been written by various persons. The year 1122 is in a looser hand; that of 1123 is in paler ink; and that of 1124 in darker ink, but the writing is not so neat as the hand in general afterwards to the end, though in the same description of hand. It ends in a mutilated state at the bottom of a page, and a small portion of the last leaf is now illegible. Several of the latter leaves are larger than the rest, and on the margins between the years 1128 and 1140 is inserted, in a later hand, a brief French Chronicle from Brut to Edward I.†

On the paper with which the volume is interleaved, and sometimes on the original parchment, are collations and a few notes, apparently by Lisle, from the Corpus MS., which is referred to as "Benet MS. vol. 269," and these extend as low as An. 918; after which he calls it "MS. Cant.," or "Canter-" bury Book." To A.D. 891, it is derived from a copy similar to the Corpus Christi MS. It has, however, many additions during that period, of which the greater part is from Beda. The remainder consists of brief notices, partly relating to the southern portion of the island, and partly to North-umbria. This Laud MS. has little in common with the Corpus Christi MS. after An. 891, but after An. 975 it agrees more or less with Domitian A. viii., Tiberius B. i., and Tiberius B. iv., till they severally end.

From A.D. 655 it has many late additions peculiar to itself concerning Peterborough, to which monastery it appears to have belonged.‡ It has also certain Latin notices inserted between the years 114 and 812, which are derived from a

^{*} Nothing is entered between the years 894 and 901.

^{† &}quot;Apres lui (Hen. III.) fu rei Edward sun fiz, beau bacheler, pruz et " valiant."

[‡] See Ann. 665, 657, 675, 686, 777, 852, 963, &c. In MS. Cott. Domit. xviii, ff. 38-49 are excerpts seemingly from this MS. from the year 189 to 973, made by Lawrence Nowell.

source similar to that of the "Chronicon Cadomense," printed A.D. 1066. by Duchesne.

In the latter portion of this manuscript there is much to lead to the inference that it is the production of more than one contemporaneous writer. In one place an expression points to Edward the Confessor as being on the throne when the entry was written (An. 1041). In another the author gives a minute and graphic description of William the Conqueror, from personal observation (An. 1087). A pious ejaculation for the welfare of Ernulf, Bishop of Rochester upon his accession to that dignity in 1114,* shows that the passage in which it occurs must probably have been written at the time, certainly before his death in 1124. A sentence which may be seen at the end of the year 1127† proves that the writer when he penned it was then ignorant of the issue of a transaction, which, however, he presently enters as concluded in 1128.‡ This portion of the Chronicle bears indisputable marks of a contemporary hand on every page; the hopes and fears, affections and antipathies, of the writer being all distinctly recorded. It was not reduced to its present form, however, until after the death of King Stephen, whose reign is mentioned as having extended to 19 years (A.D. 1137). Again, Martin Abbot of Peterborough is spoken of as dead when the narrative assumed its present form, an event which we know did not occur until An. 1155. The writers, whoever they were, seem to have been well informed upon the transactions of the period, and at the same time cautious in introducing statements, of the veracity of which they had not reasonable evidence. In one place, An. 1106, they say, speaking of some strange appearances in the sky, "but we do not write more " fully about it, because we saw it not ourselves." Upon another occasion, they express themselves with a degree of independence of thought upon the delicate subject of the venality of the Court of Rome, which shews them to have

^{* &}quot;God ælmihtig wunie æfre mid him."

[†] Speaking of Henry, Abbot of Peterborough, the chronicler says, "Dis " was his ingang of his utgang ne cunne we lett noht seggon. God " seawe fore."

^{‡ &}quot;j bes ilces geares ferde se forensprecene abbot Henri ham to his "agen minstre to Peitou . be bes Kynges leve."

A.D. 1066. been men who would not scruple honestly to express their convictions. Upon the whole, we may perhaps consider this manuscript as the most valuable copy of the Saxon Chronicle.

1256. Chronicon Saxonico-Latinum a Christo nato ad A.D. 1058.

MS. Cott. Domit. A. viii, ii. vell. 8vo. xi. or xii. cent.

Incip.—"Britene igland ys ehta hund mila lang."

Expl.—"7 Siward abb. to b. to Rof"

This MS. is apparently in the same hand throughout, but sometimes carelessly written, and in some places nearly illegible; in which state it ends. There are also many erasures. A Latin translation follows the Saxon* text at the end of each year, and is in general very close; but it has occasionally insertions in Latin, which are not to be found in the Saxon text. It contains also various additions chiefly relating to Kentish ecclesiastical affairs, the first of which occurs under the year 694. It appears to have belonged to Christ Church, Canterbury, within the walls of which it was probably compiled.

Its basis to the year 891, in common with the Cottonian MS. Tiberius B. iv. and the Bodleian Laud 636, is a text similar to Otho B. xi., only with many additions, which, for the greater part, resemble those copies. Like Laud 636, it contains very little between the years 891 and 975; after which it nearly coincides with Tiberius B. i., Tiberius B. iv., and Laud 636.

Among the Bodleian MS. (Junius 10) is Junius's collation of this MS. (Domitian A. viii.), with Wheloc's edition of the Saxon Chronicle, but he takes no notice of the Latin translation.

1257. The Anglo-Saxon Laws.

It has been considered expedient in noticing this class of materials for English History to place them together under

^{*} The Latin version of this MS. begins "Britannia insula habet in "longitudine octingenta miliaria," and ends "Et Edwardus pater Edgari" et Margaretæ Reginæ Scotorum."

one head, rather than to distribute them under the several A.D. 1066. periods to which they respectively relate.

The earliest collection of these Laws was made by William Lambarde, who published the result of his labours in the year 1568, under the title of "APXAIONOMIA, sive de Priscis "Anglorum Legibus Libri, sermone Anglico, vetustate anti"quissimo, aliquot abhinc seculis conscripti." This volume only contains the Laws of Ina, and of Alfred, the agreement between Alfred and Guthrum, the Laws of Edward, the agreement between Edward and Guthrum, the Laws of Athelstan, Edmund, Edgar, Ethelred, Cnut, and Edward the Confessor.

In the year 1644 Abraham Wheloc produced an amended edition of these Laws, with the Laws of the Conqueror and Henry I.; and David Wilkins published, in 1721, his celebrated collection under the title of "Leges Anglo-Saxonicæ Eccle-" siasticæ et Civiles." The last edition of these Laws published in England* was in the year 1840. It was commenced under the direction of the late Mr. Henry Petrie, as a portion of the "Monumenta Historica Britannica," and was to have formed one of the volumes of that national collection. Mr. Petrie was assisted in this portion of the work by the late Mr. Richard Price, a highly competent and accomplished scholar. On the death of Mr. Price the completion of the work was entrusted to Mr. Thorpe by the late Record Commissioners, and at his suggestion the portion that had been printed under Mr. Price's revision was cancelled, in order that "an uni-"formity of phraseology might be secured in the translation."

The Laws of Kings Aethelbirht, Hlothære and Eadric, Wihtræd, Alfred and Ine, Alfred and Guthrum's Peace, the Laws of King Edward the Elder, Edward and Guthrum, Aethelstan, Edmund, Edgar, Ethelred, Cnut, and Edward the Confessor, will be found in one or other of the following manuscripts:—

MS. Cott. Nero E. i. Nero A. i. Claud. A. iii. Claud. D. ii. Tiber. A. iii. Vespas. D. xv. Tiber. A. xxvii. Vitell. A. ii. MSS. Harl. 55. 746.

MS. Bibl. Reg. ii. B. ii.

[•] Dr. Schmid brought out an edition in 1832, and Kolderup published the Laws of Cnut in 1826. A new edition lately published in Germany.

A.D. 1066. MSS. C.C.C. Cant. 383 (19. 2). 265 (k. 2). 201 (s. 18). 173 (s. 11). 190 (L. xii).

MSS. Bodl. Laud F. 17. Junius 121.

MS. Text Roffens. MS. Lib. Rub. Scace.

MS. Gurney (Macro).

MS. Holkham.

MS. Bibl. Duc. Burgund. Bruxell.

The following MSS. contain Latin versions of the Saxon Laws:---

MS. Bibl. Reg. ii. B. ii. MSS. Cott. Tiber. A. xxvii. Vitell A. xvii. Claud. D. ii. Domit. A. viii.

MSS. Harl. 746. 1704. MSS. Bodl. Digby 13. Bodl. Douce 137. MS. Oriel. xlvi. MS. Regin. 212.

MS. Univers. 177. MS. Regin. Barlow. P. 13 (2419). MS. C.C.C. Cant. 70.

MS. Phillips. 8079. MS. Gurney (Macro). MS. Holkham 228. MS. Heber 81.

MS. Bibl. du Roi 4771, olim Colbert at Paris.

The following MSS. contain the Laws of Edward the Confessor in French:—

MS. Bibl. Pub. Cant. Ee. i. i. MS. Bodl. Douce 139.

1258. Welsh Laws.

The reason for here grouping all the Welsh Laws together is the same as that assigned at p. 660, for placing under one head all the Anglo-Saxon Laws.

A collection of Welsh Laws was first made by Dr. William Wotton, and published in the year 1730, under the title "Cyfreithjen Hywel Dda ac eraili, seu Leges Wallice "Ecclesiastice et Civiles Hoeli Boni et aliorum Wallie Prin"pum, ex variis Codicibus Manuscriptis erute.*

^{*} The principal MSS. used by Dr. Wotton were MS. C.C.C. Cant. Q. xi. 2. (454). MS. Leidæ. MS. Cott. Vespas. E. xi. i. MS. Cott. Calig. A. iii. 3. MS. Cott. Titus D. ii. MS. Cott. Titus D. ix. MS. Cott. Cleopat. B. v. 2. MS. Cott. Cleopat. A. xiv. 5. MS. Harl. 93. c. 23. 63. B. 20. MS. Coll. Jesus Oxon. MS. Owen Mayricke. MS. Coll. Merton Oxon. MS. penes Mosen Gulielmum. MS. Guil. Philipps. MS. Hen. Rowlands. MS. Sebright. MS. Hengwrt.

A new collection was formed by the late Mr. Aneurin Owen, A.D. 1066. and published by the Record Commission in the year 1841. It was originally intended to constitute a portion of Mr. Petrie's "Monumenta Historica Britannica;" but the Record Commissioners determined to publish it in a separate form. In the first instance it was entrusted to the late Humphries Parry; but his decease occurred before any progress had been made by him in the collection of the materials. It is pleasing to observe the terms in which Mr. Aneurin Owen speaks of the late Mr. Petrie when offering his acknowledgments to those who assisted him.

The Venedotian or North Wales Code, containing the Laws of Howel Dda, as printed in Mr. Owen's edition, will be found in the following manuscripts:-

- (a) MS. Hengwrt. xii. cent.
- (b) MS. Cott. Titus D, ii. xiii. cent.
- (c) MS. Cott. Caligula A. iii. xiii. cent.
- (d) MS. Hengwrt. xiv. cent.
- (e) MS. Welsh School, London. xiii. cent.
- (f) MS. Hengwrt. xv. cent.(g) MS. Hengwrt. xiii. cent.
- (h) MS. Hengrwt.

The Dimetian or West Wales Code, as printed in Mr. Owen's edition, will be found in the following MSS.:-

- (i) MS. Hengwrt, Beta 19. vell. 8vo. xiv. cent.
- (j) MS. Coll. Jesu, Oxon. xv. cent.
- (k) MS. MS. Hengwrt, Kalan. xv. cent.
- (1) MS. Cott. Titus xiii. D. ix. cent.
- (m) MS. Hengwrt, Beta 47. xiv. cent.
- (n) MS. Hengwrt, Beta. xiv. cent.
- (o) MS. Hengwit, Bedu. xiv. cent.
- (p) MS. Hengwrt, Be-fol. xiv. cent.
- (q) MS. Wynnstay. xv. cent.
- (r) MS. Hengwrt, Maredudd Llwyd. xiv. cent.
- (s) MS. Cymrodorion Soc. Lond. xv. cent.
- (t) MS. Harl. 958. xiii. cent.
 - MS. Bodl. 280. xiv. cent.
 - MS. Coll. Merton, Oxon.
 - MS. Trin. Coll. Cant.
 - MS. Lambeth.

The Gwentian Code, as printed in Mr. Owen's edition, will be found in the following MSS.:-

- (u) MS. Hengwrt, Morg. xiv. cent.
- (v) MS. Harl. 4353. xiv. cent.

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- (w) MS. Cott. Cleopat. A. xiv. xiv. cent.
- (x) MS. Cott. Cleopat. B. v. xiv. cent.
- (y) MS. Conybeare. xiv. cent.
- (z) MS. Hengwrt, Pomf. xv. cent.

The Welsh or Anomalous Laws, as printed in Mr. Owen's edition, will be found in the following MSS.:—

- A MS. Hengwrt, As. xv. cent.
- € MB. Sebright 8.
- O MS. Hengwrt, Frag.
- D White Book of Hergest.

The Leges Wallicæ (Latin), as printed in Mr. Owen's edition, will be found in the following MSS:—

MS. Hengwrt, Lat. xiii. cent. MS. Cott. Vespas. E. xi. xiv. cent. MS. Harl. 1796, xiii. cent.

1259. Brehon Laws.

The Ancient Laws and Institutes of Ireland.

A Commission was issued in the year 1852 under the Great Seal of Ireland, for the promotion of historical knowledge, and the collection and publication of the ancient laws of Ireland in a form similar to that in which the Anglo-Saxon and Welsh laws were edited. It was well known, from the Essay of Edward O'Reilly, published in the fourteenth volume of the Transactions of the Royal Irish Academy, and from the "Capitula selecta ex antiqua Canonum collectione facta in "Hibernia seculo circiter viii," in D'Achery Spicilegium, Ed. Paris, 1723, as well as from the extracts published by Vallancey, in his "Collectanea de Rebus Hibernicis," that the ancient Irish laws, known as the "Brehon Laws," apart from their mere antiquity, possess considerable interest to the historian and jurist.

The Brehon laws are to be found in several manuscripts of Great Britain and Ireland. Although no manuscript containing them can be found of an older date than the fourteenth century, yet they bear the marks of great antiquity. They are written in a dialect almost as different from the vernacular Irish of the present day as Anglo-Saxon is from modern English.

They exhibit important bearings upon the existing condition A.D. 1066. of society in Ireland. Some relate to offences against person and property; and regulate, in the most minute manner, the fines to be paid by the offenders as the compensation to be received by the injured parties or their representatives. Others prescribe the prices to be paid for work done or articles purchased. A very interesting class of laws lays down the privileges attaching to persons in the different ranks of society. Others have reference to the distribution and transfer of land. No portion of the work has been published; but large collections, amounting to about 13 volumes, have been made, and are ready for printing.

1260. Codex Diplomaticus Ævi Saxonici.

An important series of Charters, Wills, and other documents, has been collected and printed for the English Historical Society, under the above title, by the late Mr. John M. Kemble, from various original sources and ancient manuscripts.

A large and valuable collection of Charters relating to the Anglo-Saxon period was made by the late Mr. Petrie, and is now deposited in the Public Record Office. It contains a great number of important documents which are not in Mr. Kemble's volumes. Mr. Petrie's collection was lent to Mr. Thorpe in the spring of 1858, and that gentlemen has announced his intention of publishing the collection.

1261. De Dignitate Hominum.

MS. Lindenbrogianus in Bibl. Civit. Hamburg.

Incip.—"Taini lex est, ut sit dignus rectitudine testamenti "sui."

Expl.—"Et alia plurima fuerunt a pluribus, quorum hoc "viaticum sit, et quod supra diximus."

A short tract, showing the duties and rights of many ranks and conditions of the common people before the Norman invasion.

A.D. 1066. 1262. Catalogus Sanctorum qui in Anglia requiescunt, vel exinde originem traxerunt.

> MS. C.C.C. Cant. S. 18. (201) S. 18. f. 147. 149. vell. small folio. xi. cent. MS. Bodl. Jun. 38. iv. et MS. Bodl. Jun. 100.

> > MS. Sloane 38.

MS. Cott. Claud. B. ix. 3.

MS. Harl. 1663.

Printed in Hickes' "Dissertatio Epistolaris," from the Corpus Christi MS., f. 147.

Rub.—" Her cýð ýmbe ða halgan ðe on Angelcynne restað." Incip.—" On ures Drihtenes naman Hælendes Cristes Scs " Agustinus."

Expl.—" pe his öridda fæder Eadbold cyninge het asettan " Gode to lofe j sca_Marian."

1263. De Sanctis in Anglia sepultis.*

MS. C.C.C. Cant. S. 18 (201) f. 149. MS. Cott. Vitell. D. 17. f. 232. vell. 4to.

Rub.—"Her onginned secgan be dam Godes som be on Eng-" lalande reston."

Incip.—" Ses Albanus ærost martyr on Breotone."

Expl.—" in ealra worulda woruld on ecnysse. Amen."

Printed in Hickes' "Dissertatio Epistolaris," p. 117, from the Corpus MS. S. 18. f. 149.

1264. Excerpta e Secundo Libro Historiæ Eliensis.

Incip.—" Interim abbas [Brithnodus] circa ecclesiæ."

Expl.—"tantum inductus novi regni."

Printed in Gale's "Historiæ Britannicæ, Saxonicæ, Anglo-" Danicæ Scriptores xv," 1. 489.

This is a portion of the Second Book of the "Liber Eliensis," which in the Ely MS. reaches to the year 1107. Gale printed

^{*} A Latin version of this is in MS. Cott. Vitell. A. 2. f. 4 b. and MS. Lambeth 99, f. 187.

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it from his own MS. It contains but little of a public interest. A.D. 1066. The author uses and quotes Florence of Worcester, the Saxon Chronicle, Osbern, and William of Malmesbury. He gives various interesting details respecting the monastic modes of acquiring property.

1265. Godefridi de Malmesbury ab adventu Saxonum ad tempore Regis Guilielmi primi Historia, quando Normanni regnare coeperunt.

MS. Cott. Vespas. D. iv. f. 126. vell. small folio. xv. cent.

Incip.—"Britannia insula a quodam consule Romano."

Expl.—"ipse Rex Haraldus bello contecuit. Tunc coepe"runt Normanni regnare."

Godfrey of Malmesbury is a writer unknown to our early bibliographers. His history is said to be founded upon Beda; but in fact it is almost entirely based upon Geoffrey of Monmouth, with a continuation down to A.D. 1066, from well known and existing authorities. The work is of no historical value.

1266. Nomina Normannorum qui floruerunt in Anglia ante Conquestum.

Printed in Duchesne's Collection of Norman Writers (folio, Paris, 1619).

A short list of dubious authority. It is followed by copies of the Battle Abbey Roll, the "Feoda Normanniæ," &c., and a collection of charters, genealogical tables, and other matters illustrative of the volumes.

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A.D. 1066. 1267. Vita Haroldi, quondam Anglorum Regis.

MS. Harl. 3776. ff. 1-25 b. 4to. vell. xv. cent.

Rubr.—"Incipit prologus in vita venerabilis Haroldi, quon-" dam Anglorum Regis."

Incip. Prol.—"Sicut fœderis tabernaculi sub Moyse."

Expl. Prol.—"in portum secundi litoris perducat. Amen." Explicit prologus.

Rubr.—"Incipit vita servi Dei Haroldi, quondam Regis "Anglorum."

Incip. Vita. — "Illustrissimi vere, quia Regis legitimi, Haroldi."

Expl. Vita.—"ad destinatam perduxisse stationem. Sit "autem Deo, Adjutori nostro, omnis honor et gloria, qui Trinus "et Unus solus imperat benedictus, laudabilis, gloriosus, et "super-exaltatus in sæcula. Amen."

This is followed by two additional chapters, the second of which terminates abruptly with the words "et ipsum esse cer"tissime re..."

This piece, which is little else than an historical romance, is probably unique, and has never been printed.* It was written apparently for the purpose of proving that Harold was not interred at Waltham, and was, perhaps, composed by one of the secular canons who had been expelled from that establishment, with the intention of robbing it of the honour of holding the remains of its founder. The narrative originally consisted of twenty chapters, but two others were subsequently added.

The principal events narrated are as follows:—In cap. 5 the author states that Harold was mortally wounded, and to all appearance dead, but when the field of battle was examined by some women who were searching for their friends, it was discovered, and life still lingered in his body. With the aid of two English franklins, he was removed to Winchester and placed in a secret place, where he was attended for two years, and finally cured by the surgical skill

^{*} A portion will be found in Michel's "Chroniques Anglo-Normandes" tom. ii. pp. 223-254; and Mr. Stevenson has given a full account of the piece in an article in Cochrane's Foreign Quarterly for June 1835.

of a Saracenic woman. On his recovery, lamenting the A.D. 1066. fate of his country, he determined to try and rid her of the yoke under which she was groaning, by expelling the Normans. He left England and sought the assistance of Saxony and Denmark, but without success. Cap. 6. Disgusted and foiled in his attempt, he determines to abandon ambition and revenge, and by way of penance to go barefooted to Palestine. He spent two years there, and underwent the greatest privations and austerities, and at the same time collected many relics, evidently for his foundation at Waltham. Cap. 7. When at Rome he carried off the bones "Crisanti et Dariæ;" he is pursued, however and brought back in bonds. The author states in cap. 9 that the oak is yet standing near Rouen under which Harold swore to William when he was in his power. Cap. 10. He says that the oath was extorted from him under fear of perpetual imprisonment or death, from which there was no escape, and that on his return to England he related what he had done, and all persons were enraged with him; yet notwithstanding, he was, at Edward's death, unanimously chosen king. That when the King of Norway invaded York, and Harold went against him, he was attacked with a disease in his legs, and that he was cured by Elsinus, Abbot of Ramsey, through the mediation of the spirit of Edward the Confessor. In cap. 13 the writer relates how Harold during his peregrination pined for his native land, which he determined to visit. He lands at Dover, and from the top of the high cliffs surveys the kingdom once his own. Assuming the name of Christian, he passes through Kent and goes into Wales, concealing his scarred features with a cowl. In Shropshire, at a place called Ceswrthin, he constructs himself a cell, where he remains ten years, but leaves the spot on account of the annoyances he received from the Welsh, who frequently beat him and stole his garments. Cap. 15. He has now become decrepit with age, and prays to have a place assigned for his death, and wanders in search of it. He goes to Chester, where by a supernatural intimation he finds a dwelling prepared for him in the chapel of St. James, within the cemetery of St. John the Baptist, on the banks of the river Dee, a little beyond the walls of the city of Chester. An anchorite had recently died there, and Harold succeeded to his cell. They suspected from his wounds that he was Harold, but he geneA.D 1066. rally gave evasive answers to all who questioned him as to his name and rank. He confessed that he had been at the battle of Hastings, and that no man was dearer to Harold than himself. He lived there seven years, and at his death revealed his secret, and acknowledged that he was indeed the last Saxon King of England. In cap. 17 the writer says that he does not wonder at the error of Malmesbury in his account of Harold's death and burial, since the canons of Waltham themselves buried a body which they falsely believed to be Harold's, but that those who had carried off Harold alive from the battle-field had circulated a report of his death, and conveyed a mutilated and decaying corpse to Waltham.

The author states that he had obtained his information from a certain venerable anchorite named Sebricht, who had been Harold's servant at Chester, and who, at Harold's death, left Chester and made a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. On his return he settled at a village in Oxfordshire called Stanton, where the author became acquainted with him, and heard from him the history of Harold. Many persons of indubitable veracity, who had quite as favourable opportunities of knowing the truth, confirmed the testimony of Sebricht. Gurth, Harold's brother, who also survived the battle of Hastings, confidentially confirmed Sebricht's statement that the canons of Waltham were deceived as to the body of Harold, which had been interred at Waltham. Michael, a Canon of Waltham, who was alive when the narrative was written, had also conversed with Gurth on the subject. Two supplementary chapters contain the testimony of the recluse who immediately succeeded Harold in his cell at Chester, who quotes the information he received from Harold's confidential attendant, named Moyses. and that of Andrew the priest, to whom the dying King made his last confession.

Nothing is known of the author of this narrative, but from internal evidence there is sufficient to prove that it was written about 150 years after the battle of Hastings. There is probably some truth in this curious narrative, but its errors are great and numerous. It is, however, known from good evidence that there was a report in circulation at an early period that Harold had escaped from the slaughter at Hastings, and those who are curious to know more on this subject may consult Brompton's Chronicle, col. 961; Knyghton, col.

2342; Aelred of Rievaulx, p. 394; and Giraldus Cambrensis, A.D. 1066. p. 874.

For a highly interesting account of Harold, the reader may consult with advantage Mr. Stubbs's Introduction to the Tract ' De Inventione Sanctæ Crucis nostræ in Monte Acuto et de- ' ductione ejusdem apud Waltham," an account of which will be given in its proper place.

1268. Versus circa Tumbam Haroldi Regis.

MS. Harl. 3776.

Incip.—" Macte pater patriæ, meritis insignis Harolde."

Expl.—" Quæ nequeunt salvare, necant, fraudemque se" quuntur."

1269. De Bello Hastingensi Carmen, auctore W.

MS. Bibl. Reg. olim Duc. Burgund. Bruxell. 629. f. 227 b. 4to vell. xii. cent.*

MS. Bibl. Reg. olim Duc. Burgund. Bruxell. 330 d. £ 142 b. vell. xiii. cent.†

Incip.—" Quem probitas celebrat, sapientia munit et ornat, "Erigit et decorat, L. W. salutat."

Expl.—" Crismate diffuso, regis et ipse caput

"Unxit, et in regem regali more sacravit."

Printed for the first time in the "Monumenta Historica Britannica," from which it was reprinted in Appendix C. to the Report on the "Fædera," pp. 73-86, under the title "De "Bello Normannico, seu de Conquestione Angliæ per Gulielmum "Ducem Normanniæ, Carmen Elegiacum." This latter edi-

^{*} The poem seems defective at the end, although there is no indication of such defect in the manuscript.

[†] This MS. contains only sixty-six verses.

[‡] The defects of the second line may be thus supplied in accordance with the theory here suggested. "Erigit et decorat L[anfrancum] W[ido]

A.D. 1066. tion has not yet been published. It was afterwards published in the "Chroniques Anglo-Normandes" by Francisque Michel, under the title of "Widonis Carmen de Hastingæ Prælio."

This poem is supposed to be the composition of Wido, or Guido, who held the see of Amiens from the year 1059 to 1075. This supposition is founded on the statement of Ordericus Vitalis, that Bishop Guido wrote a poem on the subject of the battle of Hastings, immediately after that event, in which he highly extolled William* and vituperated Harold. The laudatory and vituperative character of the piece accords well with Orderieus's description of it. William of Jumièges also speaks of a poem in hexameters by this Guido, which he designates as a respectable production.

Against the supposition that Guido, Bishop of Amiens, was the author of the poem, it may be urged that the style and subject of the introduction indicate a man unoccupied and aiming at celebrity; which can hardly be reconciled with the character of a prelate already so distinguished as to be appointed to accompany Matilda, the Conqueror's Queen, into his new dominions.

The poem is addressed to L., probably Lanfranc, and bears a general resemblance to the narrative of William of Poitiers, each, however, occasionally, in describing the same event, exhibiting circumstances which are not to be found in the other. It is interesting on account of the authentic information it affords concerning the Normans upon their arrival in this country, and embraces a period of about four months. It was probably finished before the year 1068.

The volume in which the whole poem occurs formerly belonged to the Dukes of Burgundy, and is now in the Royal

^{*} Guido, Bishop of Amiens, was related to the Conqueror. In the Archæologia (xxvi. 357) is a genealogical table, which states his relationship. Le Long (Art. 34967), noticing the poem of Guy of Amiens, writes: "Ce poëme de Guy, Evêque d'Amiens, qui fleurissoit en 1074, est cité par "Oudry Vital, au livre iii. de son Histoire, où il dit que cet auteur a fait "une poème de la Guerre des Normans, dans lequel, à l'example de Virgile "et de Stace, il chante les grandes actions de ces héros; il y blâme et "condamne Harold; mais il loue et relêve beaucoup Guillaume le Conquérant. Duchesne cite cet ouvrage comme manuscrit, pag. 193 de sa

[&]quot;Collection des Historiens de France; mais il ne marque pas où il se

[&]quot; trouve."

Library at Brussels (No. 629). It contains a variety of pieces, A.D. 1066 and is written continuously in one unbroken series, in a very minute hand of the twelfth century. The poem has no heading or title of any kind The other volume is in the same library, the writing being of the thirteenth century; but it contains only the first sixty-six lines, also without any title or heading.

1270. Balderici Burguliensis Abbatis, Versus de Conquestu Angliæ per Guilielmum Normannorum Ducem, ex majore Poemate nuncupato ad Adelam Comitissam.

Le Long* says it exists among Duchesne's collections in Bibl. du Roi, tom. xix. p. 537. The author of the Hist. Lit. xi. 104 can add nothing to this notice.

Baldericus died some short time before Honorius II., who expired 14 Feb. 1130.

1271. Obituaria diversarum Ecclesiarum sive Cœnobiorum usque ad annum 1066.

† MS. C.C.C. Cant. 67. 5. vell. large folio. ‡ MS. C.C.C. Cant. 196. 1. vell. small folio. x. or xi, cent.

^{*} The following is Le Long's note on this entry, No. 34,968 (iii. 370): "Ce fragment de Baudri, abbé de Bourgueil en 1089, nommé à l'évêché de "Dol en 1114 et mort en 1131, est conservé dans la Bibliothèque du Roi, "entre les MSS. de Duchesne, volume dixneuvième, pag. 537." When in Paris, in 1858, Mr. Stevenson examined this volume of Duchesne's collections, and found it to consist of "Mémoires de la maison de Chastillon "sur Marne, non imprimes en l'Histoire," with notes, extracts from MSS., and other genealogical matter. It is probable that the reference has been changed since Le Long's time.

[†] In the margin of this martyrology the dates of the death of divers saints and monks are noted in various hands.

[‡] Imperfect at the beginning and ending.

A.D. 1066 1272. De Ecclesiis fundatis ante adventum Normannorum in Angliam.

MS. C.C.C. Cant. 111. f. 307, olim. Miscel. G. Partly vell. and partly paper.

1273. Chronicon de rebus gestis Anglo-Saxonum a tempore Regis Vortigerni, usque ad victoriam Normannorum.

MS. Harl. 902, fol. 48-64. 63, b.*

Incip.—"Postquam vero de inclitorum gestis Britonum."

Expl.—"ad dominium Normannorum, quorum strenuitate
"regnum Anglorum per longa tempora claruit, nobilitate, et
" sic finis."

1274. Genealogia Edwardi, Regis Anglorum et Confessoris, a Sema filio Noachi; in qua breviculæ deducuntur narrationes de successione Regum Angliæ usque ad mortem Haraldi filii comitis Godwini.

† MS. Cott. Julius A. xi. f. 25 b. vell. small 4to. xiv. cent.

Incip.—" Genealogia Eduuardi regis Anglorum."

Expl.—" Signum regium quod vocatur standard aspor"taverunt."

1275. Historia brevis a Bruto usque ad tempora Regis Edwardi Confessoris.

MS. Cott. Titus, D. iv. ff. 15-75. paper.

Incip.—" Quoniam vera temporum distinctio ad histo-

Expl.—" Hic Saxonum et Danorum progenies desiit, nec "ulterius prosecutio."

^{*} F. 64 commences a new tract headed "Reges Anglorum Saxonum."
† This MS. formerly belonged to St. Mary de Bella landa; it was

presented to the Cottonian Library by Sir Henry Savile in the year 1609:

1276. Polychronicon Ranulphi Higdeni, Monachi Ces-A.D. 1066. trensis, de rebus Britannicis et Hibernicis usque ad Conquæstum.

Printed by Gale in his Scriptores, vol. 1, p. 179.

A full account of this writer and his work (of which that which is here printed is only a portion) will be found in the next volume.

1277. De Connubiis et Prole Regum Angliæ, ab Aluredo ad Willelmum Primum.

MS. Heralds' College, xlviii. fol. 96.

This forms a portion of the Collectanea of William of Worcester, alias Botoner. The information is neither correct nor complete.



APPENDIX.



TO THE READER.

The Appendix contains a list of the materials for our history which have hitherto been printed. Although it may seem sufficiently intelligible of itself, some explanation may be necessary.

Since the appearance, in 1480, of the earliest historical work by Caxton down to the present time, the ancient English historians, chronicles, and works of less pretensions have at different times been published, either To the historical student separately or in collections. the knowledge whether a manuscript has been printed is essential, and it is part of my plan to assist him in this respect, by directing him to the volume in which it occurs; for there can be but little doubt that generally a reader would prefer consulting a printed book to a difficult manuscript; thus the list may prevent a valuable manuscript being used, except in instances of doubt as to the correctness of the print. There is always some chance of deterioration every time ancient writings are used. The list given in the Appendix was compiled for my own use; I found it indispensable, and I print it here in the full belief that it will be equally useful to others. Much of it refers to the period from the Norman Conquest to the accession of Henry VIII, and therefore, strictly, should properly have been inserted at the end of the work; but for obvious reasons it has been placed where it now stands.

Although the list shows where each article has been printed, there is a double reference given to those which occur in such collections as the "Scriptores post Bedam," "Anglia Sacra," "Acta Sanctorum." This arrangement appeared to me more convenient for general consultation than that generally adopted of giving cross references.

Several of the works which are mentioned belong to a subsequent period; but in giving a list of the publications of the various Clubs and Societies, as well as those of the Government, I have thought it advisable not to omit any, although they relate to matters subsequent to the reign of Henry VII. Hollingshed, Fox, and one or two other well-known historical works, have been placed in this category.

As many of the articles which are printed among the works of the different Societies or Clubs, and in collections, are of little importance compared with others, and may be termed subsidiary, I have not mentioned them specially in the alphabetical list. If the reader does not find the article which he seeks in its proper place, he is requested to look under the collections published by the several Clubs and Societies, as well as by private individuals.

The Journals of the various Archæological Societies are not included in this Appendix, as their contents are generally in the nature of dissertations, rather than the publication of original historical pieces. Some articles in the Archæologia, &c., form an exception, because they contain original documents.

It may be objected that some of the notices refer to books which can scarcely be said to belong to the class to which this Appendix is devoted; but I have deemed it advisable not to exclude them, in the belief that they will be found useful to the reader.

It may also be said that this Appendix does not exhaust each subject, and that much more could be added to some of the articles. The only answer I can make to such an objection is, that I do not profess to put this forward as a perfect work, but only perfect so far as my personal knowledge extends. Those who have made any one subject their speciality will be able, no doubt, to supply many of my deficiencies.

APPENDIX.

A.

ABBANUS:

Vita S. Abbani, Abbatis de Magharnuidhe. Ex MS. Codice Kilkenniensi.

Colgan (Mar. 16), i. 610.

ABBO:

Vita Sancti Abbonis, Abbatis Floriacensis, auctore Aimonio monacho ejus discipulo. Ex Libris editis et Cod. MS. Floriacensi.

Mabill. Act. Sanct. vi. par. i. p. 27, edit. Venet.; vi. par. i. p. 30, edit. Par. Migne's Patrologiæ Cursus Completus, 139, 387.

Miracula S. Abbonis, auctore eodem Aimonio.

Ibid. p. 51, edit. Venet.; p. 57, edit. Par.

Vita S. Abbonis, Floriacensis Abbatis, auctore monacho Floriacensi anonymo.

Surius (13 Nov.), iv. p. 322.

Vita S. Eadmundi; v. EDMUND.

ABBOTSFORD CLUB:

 Ancient Mysteries, from the Digby Manuscripts, edited by Thomas Sharpe, of Coventry, 1835.

Household Books. Compota Domestica Familiarum de Buckingham et d'Angouleme, 1443, 52, et 63. Quibus annexe expense cujusdam Comitfs in itinere, 1273. Edited by W. B. Turnbull, 1836.

 Weavers' Pageant: The Presentation in the Temple, a Pageant, as originally represented by the Corporation of Weavers in Coventry. Now first printed, 1836.

Ancient Metrical Romances of Rouland and Vernagu, and Otuel, with a fragment of Alexander. Edited by J. Maidment, from the Auchinleck MS., frontispieces by C. K. Sharpe, 1836.

Williams (Sir John, Master and Treasurer of the Jewels to King Henry VIII.) Account of the Monastic Treasures confiscated at the Dissolution of the various Houses in England. Edited by W. B. Turnbull, 1836.

Herries (Lord), Historical Memoirs of the Reign of Mary Queen of Scots, and a portion of the Reign of King James the Sixth. Edited by Robert Pitcairn, 1886.

Saint Andrews and Cupar. Ecolesiastical Records: Selections from the Minutes of the Presbyteries of St. Andrews and Cupar, 1641-1698, fac-similes, 1837.

Fife. Ecclesiastical Records: Selections from the Minutes of the Synod of Fife, 1611-1687, fac-similes, 1837.

Melros (Thomas Earl of, afterwards of Haddington), State Papers, and Miscellaneous Correspondence, from 1599 to 1625. 2 vols. 1837.

 Ancient Mysteries. Mind, Will, and Understanding: A morality; from the Macro MS. Edited by W. B. Turnbull, 1887.

Miscellany of the Abbotsford Club. A collection of Documents illustrative of the History and Antiquities of Scotland. Edited by J. Maidment, 1887.

ABBOTSFORD CLUB—continued.

Letters and State Papers during the Reign of King James the Sixth, from the original MS, fac-similes. Edited by J. Maidment, 1838.

Arthour and Merlin: A Metrical Romance, now first edited from the Auchinleck MS., fine frontispiece by C. K. Sharpe, 1838.

Inventaire Chronologique des Documents relatifs à l'Histoire d'Écosse, conservés aux Archives du Royaume à Paris, by A. Teulet, 1889.

Humes of Wedderburn: Humii (Davidis, de Godscroft), De Familia Humia Wedderburnensi Liber, 1839.

Ianark. Recleastical Records: Selections from the Registers of the Presbytery of Ianark, 1623-1709, 1839.

Atholl Family: Jacobite Correspondence of the, during the Rebellion 1745-46, 1840.

Sir Guy of Warwick, and Rembrun his Son, the Romances of, now first edited from the Auchinleck MS., frontispiece by C. K. Sharpe, and facsimiles. Edited by W. B. Turnbull, 1840.

Le Clerc (Guillaume, Trouvère du Troisième Siècle), Le Roman des Aventures de Fregus. Publié pour la première fois, par Michel, 1841. Saint Katherine of Alexandria, the Legend of. Edited by the Rev. James Morton. Vignette, 1841.

Balmerino and Lindores. Liber Sancte Marie de Balmerinach et Lundoris. Now first printed from the original MSS. Edited by W. B. Turnbull. Plates, 1841.

Liber Conventus Sancte Katherine Senensis, by J. Maidment, 1841. Chronicles: Extracta e Variis Cronicis Scotize, by W. B. Turnbull, 1842. Gardyne's Poems: Garden of Grave and Godlie Flowers, and the Theatre of Scottish Kings, by Prof. Alex. Garden. Edited by W. B. Turnbull, 1845.

The Buke of the Order of Knighthood, by D. Laing, 1847.

Sire Degarre: A Metrical Romance, 1849. Cameron of Lochiel's Memoirs. Edited by J. Macknight.

Cameron of Lochiel's Memoirs. Edited by J. Macknigh Liber Officialis Sancti Andrese, 1845.

Poems: A Pennyworth of Wit.

Odal Rights and Peudal Wrongs of Orkney, 1860.

Memoirs of the Insurrection in Scotland in 1715, by John, Master of Sinclair, with Notes by Sir W. Scott. Edited by D. Laing and James Macknight, 1858.

Ancient English Poetry, from the Auchinleck MS., by D. Leing, 1857.

ABBREVIATIO ORIGINALIUM; v. ROLLS.

ABBREVIATIO PLACITORUM; v. Rolls.

ABERBROTHOC:

Liber S. Thomæ de Aberbrothoc; Registrum Abbatiæ de Aberbrothoc, pars prior; Registrum vetus, munimentaque eidem coætania complectens. 1178-1329.

Edited by C. Innes and P. Chalmers, 1848, for the Bannatyne Club.

ABERCONWAY:

Chronicle of the Abbey of Aberconway. Edited by Sir H. Ellis, for the Camden Society, 1847.

ABERDEEN:

Extracts from the Council Register of the Burgh of Aberdeen. 1398-1625.

Edited by J. Stuart. 4to. 1844-48. Printed for the Spalding Club.

Registrum Episcopatus Aberdonensis Ecclesiæ Cathedralis.

Aberdonensis regeste gym extent in unnum cellecte. Pro-

Aberdonensis regesta quæ extant in unum collecta. By Cosmo Innes. 4to. 2 vols. 1845.

Printed for the Spalding and Maitland Clubs.

ABERDEEN—continued.

Breviarium Aberdonense. Edinburgh, 1509-10.

Reprinted at London, 1852-1853, for the Bannatyne Club.

See BOETHIUS.

ABINGDON:

Chronicon Monasterii de Abingdon. Edited by the Rev. Joseph Stevenson.

Among the Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland. 2 vols. 8vo. Lond. 1858.

Chronicle of the Monastery of Abingdon, from 1218 to 1304. Edited by J. O. Halliwell.

4to. Reading, 1844.

Historia Cœnobii Abendoniensis, a prima ejus Fundatione ad annum Domini MCXXXI., ex additamentis Chronici Florentii Wigorniensis, authore monacho Abendoniensi. Anglia Sacra, i. 163.

D'ACHERY; v. SPICILEGIUM.

ACTA SANCTORUM:

Quotquot toto orbe coluntur, vel a catholicis scriptoribus celebrantur, ex Latinis et Græcis aliarumque gentium antiquis monumentis collecta, digesta, notisque illustrata ab Jo. Bollando, G. Henschenio, et D. Papebrochia, et aliis Presbyteris theologicis e Societate Jesu, servata primigenia scriptorum phrasi, operam et studium contulit G. Henschenius, S. J.

Fol. Antwerp, 1643. Fol. Venetiis, 1784-70.

List of the principal British Saints contained in the "Acta Sanctorum."*

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[•] Many of these are nothing more than historical commentaries by the Bollandists.
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Twysden, Hist. Angl. Script. Decem. col. 2763.

Adam de Marisco; v. Monumenta Franciscana.

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1823.

 Vitæ Dunkeldensis Ecclesiæ Episcoporum, a prima Sedis fundatione ad anuum 1515. Ab Alexandro Myln. Printed at the expense of the Club, and edited by Thomas Thomson, Esq., V.P.—Vide also No. 40.

(2.) Poems by Sir David Murray of Gorthy: The Tragicall Death of Sophonisba, &c. 1611-1615. Presented by Thomas Kinnear, Esq., Treasurer of the Club.

(3.) The Buke of the Howlat. By Holland. Presented by David Laing, Esq., Secretary of the Club.

(4.) Teares for the Death of Alexander Earle of Dunfermeling, Lord Chancellor of Scotland. By John Lyoun. 1622. Presented by James Maidment, Esq., Advocate.

1824.

(5.) Discours particulier d'Escoase: Escrit par commandement et ordonnance de la Royne Dovarière et Regente, par Messires Jaques Makgill, Clerc du Registre, et Jean Bellenden, Clerc de la Justice. 1559. Presented by Thomas Thomson, Esq., Vice-President.—Some extra copies of this volume were printed on thin common paper.

(6.) Robene and Makyne, and the Testament of Cresseid. By Robert Henryson. Presented by George Chalmers, Esq., London.

(7.) Report by Thomas Tucker upon the Settlement of the Revenues of Excise and Customs in Scotland. A.D. 1858. Presented by John A. Murray, Esq. (now the Hon. Lord Murray.)

A Bannatyne garlande. By P. F. Tytler 1824-29.

1825.

- (8.) Etchings, chiefly of Views in Scotland. By John Clerk, Esq., of Bidin. 1773-1779. Presented by the Hon. John Clerk, Lord Eldin.—This volume is in folio, and contains 27 plates.
- Auld Robin Gray; a ballad. By Lady Anne Barnard. Presented by Sir Walter Scott of Abbotsford, Bart., President of the Club.
- (10.) Recit de l'Expedition en Escosse, l'an 1546. Et de la Battayle de Muscleburgh. Par le Sieur Berteville: au Roy Edouard VI. Presented by David Constable, Esq., Advocate.
- (11.) Hectoris Boethii Murthlacensium et Aberdonensium Episcoporum Vitse. [1522.] Iterum in lucem cditse. Presented as a joint-contribution by Henry Cockburn, Esq. (now the Hon. Lord Cockburn), and Thomas Maitland, Esq. (the late Hon. Lord Dundrennan).
- (12.) An Apology for Sir James Dalyrymple of Stair, President of the Session. By himself. 1690. Presented by William Blair of Avonton, Esq.
- (13.) The Historie and Life of King James the Sext: being an Account of the Affairs of Scotland from the year 1560 to the year 1596: with a short continuation to the year 1617. Printed at the expense of the Club, and edited by Thomas Thomson, Esq., V.P.—Some extra copies were printed for general sale on a thin wove paper.
- (14.) The Discoverie and Historie of the Gold Mynes in Scotland. By Stephen Atkinson. Written in the year 1619. Edited by G. L. Meason. Presented by Gilbert Laing Meason, of Lindertis, Esq.

1836.
(15.) Letters of John Grahamjof Claverhouse, Viscount of Dundec. 1678–

- 1689. Presented by George Smythe, Esq., Advocate.
 (1a.) De Vita et Morte Roberti Rollok, Academies Edinburgense Primarii,
 Narrationes; Auctoribus Georgio Robertson et Henrico Charteris.
 1599. Printed at the expense of the Club.
- 1827. (17.) Memoirs of his own Life, by Sir James Melville of Halhill 1549– 1593. Printed at the expense of the Club, and edited by Thomas'
- Thomson, Esq., V.P.
 (18.) The Palice of Honour. By Gawyn Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld.
 Presented by John Gardiner Kinnear, Esq.
- (19.) The Bannatyne Miscellany; containing Original Papers and Tracts, chiefly relating to the History and Literature of Scotland. Volume first. Printed at the expense of the Club, and edited by Sir Walter Scott, Bart., President, and Mr. D. Laing, Secretary of the Club. See volume II. under 1836. Volume III. under 1855.
- 1828.

 (20.) Extract from the Despatches of M. Courcelles, French Ambassador at the Court of Scotland. 1586-1587. Edited by R. Bell. Printed at the expense of the Club.
- (21.) Chronicon Coenobii Sanctes Crucis Edinburgensis, iterum in lucem editum. Presented by Robert Pitcairn, Esq.
- (22.) The Siege of the Castle of Edinburgh. 1689. [By W. R.] Presented by Robert Bell, Esq., Advocate.
- (23.) Letters from the Lady Margaret Kennedy [afterwards Burnet] to John Duke of Lauderdale. 101 copies, printed on ordinary paper, were purchased for the Club, and an additional title-page supplied.
- (24.) Papers relative to the Marriage of King James the Sixth of Scotland, with the Princess Anna of Denmark, 1589. And the Form and Manuer of Her Majesty's Coronation at Holyrood House, 1590. Presented by James T. Gibson Craig, Esq. (now Treasurer of the Club.)
- (25.) A Diary of the Proceedings in the Parliament and Privy Council of Scotland. May 21, 1700-March 7, 1707. By Str David Hume of Crossrig. Presented by John Hope, Esq. (now the Right Hon. Lord Justice Clerk.)

1820.

(36.) Memoirs of his own Life and Times, by Sir James Turner. 1632-1670. 101 copies, printed on Club paper, were purchased for the members. Edited by Thomas Thomson, Eq., V.P.

(27.) Papers relative to the Regalia of Scotland. [Including a true account of the preservation of the Regalia of Scotland. By Sir George Ogilvie of Barras, Bart. Edinburgh, 1701.] Presented by William Bell, Esq.

(28.) Les Affaires du Conte de Boduel, l'an 1568. Edited by T. G. Repp. Presented as a second joint-contribution by Henry Cockburn, Esq. (now the Hon. Lord Cockburn), and Thomas Maitland of Dundrennan, Esq.

(29.) The History of the House of Seytoun to the year 1859. By Sir Richard Maitland of Lethington, Knight. With the continuation by Alexander Viscount Kingston to 1887. 101 copies, printed on Club paper, were purchased for the members from the Maitland Club, Glasgow.

(30.) Descrittione del Regno di Scotia, di Petruccio Ubaldino. 1588. Presented by Andrew Coventry, Rsq.

(51.) Letters from Archibald Earl of Argyle to John Duke of Lauderdale. 101 copies of this volume, printed on ordinary paper, were purchased for the members.

(32.) The Diary of Mr. James Melville, Minister of Kilrenny. 1556-1601. Presented as a joint-contribution from Viscount Melville, Sir William Arbuthnot, Bart., Sir Henry Jardine, Robert Dundas, of Arniston, Baq., Colin Mackensie of Portmore, Esq., and John Borthwick, of Crookston, Esq.

(33.) Memorials of George Bannatyne. 1545-1608. (Including a Memoir by Sir Walter Scott, Bart., and an account of Bannatyne's Manuscript Poetical Collections, 1568, by Mr. D. Laing.) Printed at the expense of the Club.

(34.) Thomse Dempsteri Historia Ecclesiastica Gentis Scotorum: sive de Scriptoribus Scotis, Editio altera. In two vols. Presented as a joint-contribution from the Count M. de Flahault, the Hon. Lord Fullerton, David Irving, LL.D., William Murray, of Henderland, Esq., James Keay, of Snaigo, Esq., James Campbell, of Craigie, Esq., Andrew Skene, Esq., Andrew Butherfurd, Hsq., and William Gibson Craig, younger, of Ricoarton, Esq.—(The text of vol. I. was circulated among the members in 1838; vol. II. and the preface to vol. I. in 1829.)

1830.

(35.) The History of the Troubles and Memorable Transactions in Scotland and England from 1624 to 1645. By John Spalding. In two vols. Edited by J. Skene. Printed at the expense of the Club. (Volume I. was circulated among the members in 1828.)

(86.) The Anatomie of Humoure; and the Passionate Spark of a Relenting Minde. By Simion Grahame. 1804, 1809. Presented by Robert Jameson, Esq., Advocate.

(37.) Relation of Proceedings concerning the Affairs of the Kirk of Scotland, from August 1637 to August 1638. By John Harl of Rothes. Presented by James Nairne, Req.

(38.) Memoirs of the Affairs of Scotland. 1577–1608. By David Moysie. Presented by James Dennistoun, Hsq.

(39.) The History of Scotland. From the death of King James the First, in the year 1436, to the year 1561. By John Lealey, Bishop of Ross. 101 copies, printed on Club paper, were purchased for the members.

1881.

(40.) Compotum Magistri Fabrice Pontis Dunkeldensis. 1513-1516. In a re-publication of Myln's Lives of the Bishops of Dunkeld (No. I.

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- of the Club series), an appendix was added under the above title, and separate copies were thrown off to complete the original edition.
- (41.) Trial of Duncan Terig, alias Clerk, and Alexander Bane Macdonald, for the murder of Arthur Davis, June 1754. Presented as a second contribution by Sir Walter Scott, Bart., President of the Club. 1832.
- (42.) Criminal Trials in Scotland, from A.D. 1488 to A.D. 1624, compiled from the original Records and MSS., with historical notes and illustrations. By Robert Pitcairn, Esq. Of this collection, 101 copies, printed on Club paper, were purchased for the members. This work was circulated in separate parts; vis., parts 1, 2, 3, in 1829; parts 4 to 8, in 1830; part 9, in 1831; and part 10, in 1833: the last two parts forming the earliest portions of the series of trials.
- (48.) Hymns and Sacred Songs. By Alexander Hume. Reprinted from the edition of Waldegrave, 1899. Presented as a second contribution by John Gardiner Kinnear, Esq., Treasurer of the Club. 1833.
- (44.) Collection of Ancient Scottish Prophecies, in alliterative verse: reprinted from Waldegrave's edition, 1668 (and collated with Hart's 1615). Printed at the expense of the Club.
- (45.) Diurnal of Remarkable Occurrents that have passed within Scotland since the Death of King James the Fourth till the year 1875. From a manuscript of the sixteenth century, in the possession of Sir John Maxwell, of Pollock, Bart. Edited by T. Thomson. Printed at the expense of the Club.
- (46.) Memoirs of the War carried on in Scotland and Ireland, 1689-1691. By Major-General Hugh Mackay. Presented as a joint-contribution by James Maitland Hog, of Newliston, Esq., Patrick Fraser Tytler, Esq., and Adam Urqubart, Esq.
- (47.) The Buik of the most noble and vailseand Conquerour Alexander the Great. (Reprinted from Arbuthnot's edition, circa 1880, in the possession of Lord Panmure.) Presented by William H. Miller, of Craigentinny, Req.
- (48.) (The Ragman Rolls.)—Instrumenta Publica sive Processus super Fidelitatibus et Homagiis Scotorum Domino Regi Anglia factis, A.D. 1291-1296. Edited by T. Thomson. Presented as a joint-contribution by the Right Hou. William Adam, Lord Chief Commissioner of the Jury Court, and the Right Hon. Sir Samuel Shepherd (for merly Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer in Scotland), 1835.
- (49.) Letters and Papers relating to Patrick Master of Gray, afterwards seventh Lord Gray. Presented by the Lord Gray.
- (56.) Chronica de Maiiros, e Codice unico in Bibliotheca Cottoniana servato, nune iterum in lucem edita. Edited by Joseph Stevenson. Presented as a joint-contribution by Sir John Hay of Hayston, Bart., and Alexander Pringle of Whytbank, Esq.
- (51.) Philotus, a Comedy. Reprinted from the edition of Robert Charteria, 1608. Presented by John Whitefoord Mackensie, Esq. 1836.
- (52.) The Bannatyne Miscellany. Volume second. Printed at the expense of the Club, and edited by the Secretary. See volume first, under No. 12.
- (88.) Memoriales of Transactions in Scotland. 1569 to 1578. By Richard Bannatyne, Secretary to John Knox. Edited by R. Pitcairn. 101 copies, printed on Club paper, were purchased for the members.
- (64) Diary of Public Transactions and other Occurrences chiefly in Scotland. From January 1660 to June 1667. By John Nicoll. Edited by D. Laing. Printed at the expense of the Club.

(55.) Life of Lieut.-General Hugh Mackay of Scoury. By John Mackay, Esq., of Rockfield. 101 copies, printed on ordinary paper, were purchased for the Club, and an additional title-page supplied.

1837.

- (56.) Excerpta e Libris Domicilii Domini Jacobi Quinti Regis Scotorum. 1525-1533. Presented as a joint-contribution by the Hon. Lord Mackenzie, Robert Graham of Balgowan, Esq., and James Mackenzie, Esq.
- (57.) Davidis Buchanani de Scriptoribus Scotis Libri duo, nune primum editi. Printed at the expense of the Club.
- (58.) Liber Sancte Marie de Melros: Munimenta Vetustiora Monastorii Cisterciencis de Melros. In two vols. Presented by the Duke of Buccleugh and Queensberry. A few copies were printed on large paper.
- (59.) The Seven Sages, in Scottish Metre. By John Rolland of Dalkeith. Reprinted from the edition of 1578. Presented by James Ivory, Esq. (now the Hon. Lord Ivory.) Edited by D. Laing.
- (60.) Registrum Episcopatus Moraviensis, e pluribus Codicibus consarcinatum circa A.D. 1400. Cum Continuatione Diplomatum recentiorum usque ad A.D. 1623. Presented as a joint-contribution in the names of the late and present Dukes of Sutherland.

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- (61.) Historical Observes of Memorable Occurrents in Church and State, from October 1680 to April 1686. By Sir John Lauder, of Fountainhall. Printed at the expense of the Club. Some additional sheets to complete this volume were printed in 1840. The copies, printed on thinner paper, intended for general sale, were afterwards distributed among the members.
- (62.) Ancient Scottish Melodies, from a Manuscript of the Reign of King James VI. With an Introductory Inquiry illustrative of the History of the Music of Scotland. By William Dauney, Eq. 101 copies, printed on Club paper, were purchased for the members.

1839.

- (63.) Catalogue of the Library at Abbotsford. [By J. G. Cochrane.]
 "To the President and Members of the Bannatyne Club this Cata"logue of the Abbotsford Library is presented by Major Sir Walter
 "Scott Rart as a slight return for their librarity and kindness in
 - "Scott, Bart., as a slight return for their liberality and kindness in agreeing to continue to that library the various valuable works printed under their superintendence."
- (64.) Sir Gawayne, a Collection of Ancient Romance-Poems, by Scottish and English Authors, relating to that celebrated Knight of the Round Table. With an Introduction, Notes, and a Glossary, by Sir Fre-
- derick Madden, K.H. Printed at the expense of the Club.

 (65.) De Arto Logistica Joannis Naperi Merchistonii Baronis, Libri qui supersunt. 101 coptes, printed on Club paper, were purchased for the members.
- (66.) Joannis Ferrerii Historia Abbatum de Kynlos: una cum Vita Thomæ Chrystalli Abbatis. Presented by Sir Alexander Wellesley Leith, Bart.
- (67.) The Æneid of Virgil, translated into Scottish Versa. By Gawin Douglas, Bishop of Dunkeld. In two vols. Presented as a joint-contribution by Andrew Rutherfurd, Esq. (now the Right Hon. Lord Rutherfurd), and George Dundas, Esq. A third volume, containing an Introduction, Glossary, &c., was intended to have completed the work.
- (68.) Chronicon de Lanercost, 1201-1346. E Codice Cottoniano, nunc primum typis mandatum. Edited by Jos. Stevenson. Presented by William Macdowall of Garthland, Esq.

1840.

(60.) The Booke of the Universall Kirk of Scotland: Acts and Proceedings of the General Assemblies of the Kirk of Scotland from the year 1860. (In three volumes.) Printed at the expense of the Club, and edited by Thomas Thomson, Esq. The first volume (1860-1877) was circulated in 1839; and the second (1878-1892) in 1840. See volume third, under the year 1845.

(70.) Roman de la Manekin, par Philippe de Reimes, Trouvère du Treizième Siècle, publié par Francisque Michel. Printed at Paris at the expense of the Club.

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(71.) The Accounts of the Great Chamberlains of Scotland and of some other Officers of the Crown, rendered at the Exchequer, M.CCC.XXVI.-M.CCCC.VI. Printed at Edinburgh, 1817. Two volumes. Edited and presented (in 1836) by Thomas Thomson, Esq., President of the Club, and circulated among the members in May 1841. See volume third, under the year 1845.

(72.) The Letters and Journals of Robert Baillie, A.M., Principal of the University of Glasgow, M.DC.XXXVII.-M.DC.LXII. (In three vols.) Volumes I. and II. Printed at the expense of the Club, and edited, with a memoir of the Life and Author, by D. Laing. See volume third, under the year 1842. An impression of the work in royal 8vo. was printed for sale, but not at the expense of the Club.

(78.) Liber Cartarum Prioratus Sancti Andree in Scotia. E Registro ipso in Archivis Baronum de Panmure hodie asservato. Presented by O. Tyndall Bruce, of Falkland. Esc.

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(74) Liber Cartarum Sancte Crucis: Munimenta Ecclesic Sancte Crucis de Edwinesburg. Edited by Cosmo Innes. Presented by Lord Francis Exerton (now Barl of Ellesmere).

(75.) Memoirs touching the Revolution in Scotland, 1688-1690. By Colin, Barl of Balcarras. Presented to King James II. at St. Germains, 1690. Presented by Lord Lindsay.

1842

(76.) Correspondence of George Baillie of Jerviswood, M.DCC.II.-M.DCC.VIII. Presented by the Earl of Minto.

(77.) The Letters and Journals of Robert Baillie. Vol. III. With additional sheets to vol. I., containing a memoir of Baillie by the Editor. See volumes I. and II., under No. 72.

(78.) Registrum de Dunfermelyn. Liber Cartarum Abbatie Benedictine S. S. Trinitatis et B. Margarete Regine de Dunfermelyn. Presented as a joint-contribution by the Duke of Buckingham and Chandos; the Earl Spencer; the Earl of Rosslyn; the Right Hon. Thomas Grenville; Robert Ferguson, of Raith, Esq.; James Loch, Esq., M.P.; and John Richardson, Esq.

1843.

(79.) Registrum Episcopatus Glasguensis: Munimenta Ecolesie, Metropolitane Glasguensis, a Sede restaurata Seculo incunte XII., ad Beformatam Religionem. In two vols. Printed at the joint expense of the Bannatyne and Maitland Clubs, and edited by Cosmo Innes, Rac.

(86.) A Diary of the Public Correspondence of Sir Thomas Hope, of Craighall, Bart., 1633-1645. Printed at the expense of the Club.

(81.) Leven and Melville Papers: Letters and State Papers chiefly addressed to George Earl of Melville, Socretary of State for Scotland, 1689-1691. From the originals in the possession of the Earl of Leven and Melville. Presented by the Hon, William Leslie Melville.

(82.) Liber Ecclesie de Scon: Munimenta Vetustiora Monasterii Sancte Trinitatis et Sancti Michaelis de Scon. Presented by William Smythe, Esq., Advocate.

1845.

- (83.) The Booke of the Universall Kirk. Part Third, 1593-1618. See volumes I. and II., under No. 69.
- (84.) The Chamberlain Rolls, &c. Volume third, with a Preface to volume first. See the previous volumes under No. 71.
- (85.) Horn et Rimenhild. Recueil de ce qui reste des Poëmes relatifs à leurs Aventures, composés en François, en Anglais, et en Ecossais, dans le XIII., XIV., XV., and XVI. Siècle. Publié par Francisque Michel. Printed at Paris, at the expense of the Club.

1846.

(86.) Liber S. Marie de Calchou: Registrum Cartarum Abbacie Tironensis de Kelso, 1118-1567. Edited by C. Innes. Two volumes. Presented by the Duke of Rozburghe.

- (87.) Liber S. Marie de Dryburgh : Registrum Cartarum Abbacie Premonstratensis de Dryburgh. Presented by John Spottiswoode of Spottiswoode, Esq.
- (88.) Carta Monialium de North Berwie: Prioratus Cisterciensis B. Marie de North Berwic Munimenta Vetusta que supersunt. Printed at the expense of the Club. Edited by C. Innes.
- (89.) Liber Insulæ Missarum: Abbacie Canonicorum Regularium B. Virginis et S. Johannis de Inchaffery Registrum Vetus: Premissis quibusdam Comitatus Antiqui de Stratherne reliquiis. Printed at the expense of the Club.

- (90.) Liber S. Thome de Aberbrothoc. Registrum Abbacie de Aberbrothoc, Pars prior; Registrum Vetus, Munimentaque eidem coestania complectens, 1178-1329. Edited by C. Innes and P. Chalmers. Printed at the expense of the Club, with extra copies on a different paper, for private subscribers.
- (91.) Historical Notices of Scottish Affairs, selected from the Manuscripts of Sir John Lauder of Fountainhall, Bart., one of the Senators of the College of Justice. Edited by D. Laing. In two vols. Vol. L, 1661-1683. Vol. II., 1683-1688. Printed at the expense of the Club.
- Ancient Records of the Bishoprick of Caithness, from the Charter Room at Dunrobin. Contributed by the Duke of Sutherland to the Miscellany of the Club. Edited by Cosmo Innes. N.B.-Forms part of a third volume of the Miscellany.

1840.

- (92.) The Ancient Sculptured Monuments of the County of Angus; including those at Meigle in Perthshire, and one at Fordoun in the Presented by Patrick Chalmers of Mearns. (Imperial folio.) Auldbar, Esq.
- (93.) Registrum S. Marie de Neubotle; Abbacie Cisterciensis. Beate Virginis de Neubotle Chartarium Vetus. Accedit Appendix Cartarum Originalium, 1140-1528. Edited by C. Innes. Printed at the expense of the Club.
- (94) The Darien Papers: Being a Selection of Original Letters and Official Documents relating to the Establishment of a Colony at Darien, by the Company of Scotland trading to Africa and the Indies, 1695-1700. Edited by J. H. Burton. Printed at the expense of the

1850.

(95.) Descriptive Catalogue of Impressions from Ancient Scottish Seals: Royal, Baronial, Reclesiastical, and Municipal, embracing a period from A.D. 1094 to the Commonwealth. By Henry Laing. 101 copies on Club paper, purchased for the members.

- (96.) Origines Parochiales Scotia: the Antiquities, Ecclesiastical and Territorial, of the Parishes of Scotiand. (Edited by Cosmo Innes, Bsq., Advocate.) Volume first, with a map. 4to. This volume was presented as a joint-contribution of the late Lord Jeffrey, the Hou. Charles Francis Stuart, and Sir Thomas Makdougall Brisbane, Bart. 1851.
- (97.) Original Letters relating to the Ecclesiastical Affairs of Scotland, chiefly written by, or addressed to, His Majesty King James the Sixth, after his accession to the English Throne, MDCHL-MDCXXV. (Collected and edited by the Secretary of the Club.) Two volumes. Presented by Beriah Botfield, Esq., Norton Hall, Northamptonshire.
- (98.) French State Papers: Papiers d'Etat, Pièces et Documents inédits ou peu connus relatifs à l'Histoire de l'Ecosse aux XVI. Siècle, tirés des Archives et des Bibliothèques de France, et publiés pour le Bannatyne Club, par A. Teulet, Archivist. Two vols. Printed at Paris at the expense of the Club. Rapport de M. Mignet, &c.

(99.) Breviarium Aberdonense: Pars Estivalis. Reprinted in London for private subscribers. (See No. 102.) The copies subscribed for by the Club.

1853.

- (100.) Registrum Honoris de Morton: a Series of Ancient Charters of the Barldom of Morton, with other original Papers. In two volumes. Printed at the expense of the Club. Edited by T. Thomson, with the assistance of A. Macdonald. The edition completed by Cosmo Innes.
- (101.) Engraved portrait of Thomas Thomason, Esq., President of the Bannatyne Club, and Biographical Notice by the Secretary. (4to. folio, pp. 12.)
- 1854.
 (102.) Breviarum Aberdonense: Pars Hyemalis. Reprinted at London from the original work, in two volumes, which issued from the press of Walter Chepman at Edinburgh, in the years 1509 and 1510. See No. 99.
- Album of the Bannatyne Club. No. III. Edinb. 1854. 12mo.

1856.

The Bannatyne Miscellany. Vol. III.

Ackerman. Edinburgh, 1856. 4to.

Origines Parochiales Scotise. Vol. II. Edited by C. Innes. See No. 96. The Black Book of Taymouth [by W. Bowie], with other papers, from the Breadalbane Charter Room. Edited by the Marquis of Breadalbane, with a preface by C. Innes. 4to. Edinb.

1856.

Registrum Episcopatus Brechinensis, cui accedunt cartæ quamplurimæ originales. Edited by C. Innes. 2 parts. Aberdeen, 1856. 4to. Letters from Roundhead officers, written from Scotland, and chiefly addressed to Captain Ádam Baynes, 1650-1660. Edited by J. Y.

1857.

Vitæ S. Columbæ, auctore Adamnano. Edited by W. Reeves. Dublin, 1887. 4to. This volume was edited for both the Bannatyne Club and the Irish Archæological and Celtic Society, and circulated among the members of the two Societies under two different title pages.

1858

- Original Letters of J. Colville, 1582-1603. To which is added his Palinode. Edited, with a memoir of the author, by D. Laing. Edinb. 1858. 4to.
- A Catalogue of the Graduates in the Faculties of Arts, Divinity, and Law of the University of Edinburgh since its foundation. Edited by D. Laing. Edinb. 1858. 8vo.

1859.

Registrum Cartarum Ecclesie S. Egidii de Edinburgh. A series of charters and original documents connected with the church of St. Giles, Edinburgh. Edited by D. Laing. Edinburgh, 1859. 4to.

1860.

Tracts by David Fergusson, 1563-1572. Edited by J. Lee. Edinb. 1860. 8vo.

Tracts by Gilbert Skeyne, Medicinar to his Majesty James I. Edited with a biographical notice, by W. F. S. Edinb. 1860. 4to.

Papiers d'Etat pièces et documents inédits ou peu connus relatifs à l'Histoire de l'Ecosse au XVI. Siècle, tirés des Bibliothèques et des Archives de France, et publiés pour le Bannatyne Club d'Edinbourg, par A. Teulet. 3rd vol. Paris, 1851-60. 4to. See No. 98.

Registrum Domus de Soltre, necnon Ecclesiæ Collegiatæ S. Trinitatis prope Edinburgh. Charters of the Hospital of Soltre, of Trinity College, Edinburgh, and other Collegiate Churches in Mid-Lothian. Edited by D. Laing. Edinb, 1861. 4to.

SERIES OF CLUB BOOKS IN 8VO.

- (1) Correspondance Diplomatique de Bertrand de Sailgnac de la Mothe Fénelon, Ambassadeur de France en Angleterre, &c. 1568-1575. Seven vols. Edited M. Alex. Teulet. 101 copies of this work, printed on ordinary paper, were purchased for the members. Vols. I. and II. were circulated in 1859, the remaining vols. in 1840.
- (2.) The works of John Knox. Collected and edited by David Laing. Volumes I. and II. The first two volumes, containing the History of the Reformation in Scotland, and circulated in 1847 and 1848, were printed for the Wodrow Society, and copies on Club paper for the members of the Bannatyne Club. Volume third is now completed, and will be circulated in a few weeks. Volume fourth is in the press.
 (3.) History of the Church of Scotland. By John Spottiswood, Arch.
- (3.) History of the Church of Scotland. By John Spottiswood, Archbishop of St. Andrews. (Edited by the late Bishop Russell, and Mark Napier, Esq.) Three vols. 8vo. 1850. Copies on Club paper, purchased by the members.

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BARBOUR, JOHN:

The Bruce, or History of Robert I., King of Scotland, by John Barbour.

12mo. Edinb. 1616; 8vo. Edinb. 1620, 1648, 1665, 1670; 8vo. Glasg., 1672. 4to. Edinb. 1758; 8vo. Lond. 1790, 2 vols., edit. John Pinkerton. 4to. Edinb. 1820, 2 vols., edit. Jamieson. Edit. Cosmo Innes for the Spalding Club. 1856. 4to. From the Cambridge and Edinburgh MSS.

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An. 596. Adventus Augustini, Anglorum episcopi, Augustinus Britanniam advenit; ab Edilberto, sive Ethelberto rege Cantiorum benigne excipitur, vitam et doctrinam primitivæ ecclesiæ imitatur; regem baptizat; et sede episcopali donatur.—Ex Beda, lib. i. cap. 25 et seq.: 1. 16.

An. 597. Synodus Landavensis. Synodus Landavensis ab Oudoceo tertio Landavensi episcopo convocata; qua Mouricus rex Glamorganise ob perfidam Cynuetu interfectionem excommunicatur, etc.—Ex vet. MS. Landav. ecclesis; citante Spelmanno: 1. 17.

^{*} This list extends only to the year 1066.

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- Synodus alia Landavensis. Synodus alia Landavensis ab Oudocco pracdicto (tertio Landavise episcopo) ad Podum Carbani vallis conciliata in Morcanti regis absolutionem.—Ibidem : L 17.
- An. 597. Synodus tertia Landavensis. Synodus tertia sub Oudoceo tertio Landavensi episcopo, ab hostio Gui, usque ad hostium Tiui, Landavisc congregata, qua Guidnert fratrem in causa regni interficiens, excommunicatus est.—Ibidem: i. 18.
- An. 601. Responsiones S. Gregorii ad Augustinum. Responsiones S. Gregorii pape ad questia per nuntios Augustini primi Cantuariensis archiepiscopi, pro nascenti jam apud Anglo-Saxones ecclesia gubernanda.—Rx Beda Hist. Ecclesiast., lib. i. cap. 37: 1.18.
- An. 601. Synodus Wigorniensis.—Ex Beds, lib. 2, H. E., c. 2: i. 24.
- An. 605. Concilium Cantuariense.—Ex Hist. Thom. Sprot. citante Spelmanno: i. 28.
- An. 605. Synodus Londinensis ab Augustino et coepiscopis habita: i. 29. Docretum regis Ethelberti, de rebus Dei et ecclesise non abstrahendis.— Ex MS. Roffensi: i. 29.
- An. 617. Concilium Cantianum.—Ex Beda, lib. ii. cap. 5, et Parker. Antiq. Brit., p. 73 et seq.: i. 30.
- An. 621. Epistola Bonifacii papes V. Edwino regi Anglorum, in qua cum ad fidem Christianam exhortatur.—Ex Bed. Hist. Eccl., lib. ii. cap. 10: i, 30.
- An. 622. Epistola Bonifacii papse V. ad Justum nuper Roffensem episcopum, mòdo Melliti successorem in archiepiscopatu Cantuaria; in qua laudat eum quod Adelvaldum regem ad fidem perduxerat, speransque alios perducturum, pallium mittit, jusque ordinandi episcopos ei concedit.—Ex Bed. Hist. Rocl., lib. il. cap. 8: 1. 51.
- An. 622. Alia Epistola Bonifacii V. papæ ad Justum archiep. Cantuari-ensem.—Ex MS. Cott. Cleop. E. i., fol. 39: i. 82.
- An. 623. Epistola Bonifacii V. ad Edelburgam Edwini regis conjugem. In qua gratulatur eam fidem recepisse, monetque ut hoc marito suo regi præstet beneficium. Munuscula etiam mittit, speculum argenteum, et pectinem eburneum.—Ex Beda, H. E., lib. ii. c. 18: 1. 33.
- An. 630. Synodus Lechleniensis: i. 34.
- An. 634. Epistola Honorii papse I. ad Edwinum regem Nordanhumbronsium quem Anglorum vocat. In qua hortatur, ut permaneat in accepta fide, ejusque precibus, Honorio et Paulino Cantuariso at Eborum metropolitanis duo pallia mittit: decernitque ut defuncto altero, alter in locum ejus surrogetur.—Ex Beda H. E., lib. ii. c. 17: i. 34.
- Epistola Honorii papee I. ad Honorium archiepiscopum Cantuariae (Justo nuper defuncto) constitutum. In qua ipsum monet sui muneris: pallitque meminit cujus in superiori epistola mentionem fecit. Ex Beds H. E., lib. ii. c. 18. Hunting., lib. 3 Histor. : i. 34.
- An. 634. Epistola Honorii paper Honorio archiepiscopo Cantuar. concedentis ei primatum ecclesiarum Britannise.—Ex Cod. Cott. Faust. B. 6, fol. 94 b.: i. 35.
- An. 634. Epistoles Honorii papee L et Johannis papee IV. ad Scotorum gentem pro observatione Pasche, et Pelagianes hæresis extirpatione; quas primo idem Honorius et post Johannes IV. episcopi Romani, genti Scotorum pro Pasches observatione simul et pro Pelagiana hæresi extirpanda miserunt.— Ex Bed. H. E., lib. ii. c. 19, Huntingt., lib. iii. Histor.: i. 36.
- An. 640. Epistola Johannis paper IV. ad episcopos, presbyteros, et abbates Scotize, de codem: i. 36.
- An. 640. Constitutio Earcomberti regis Cantiorum de destruendis idolis, et quadragesimali jejunio observando, hactenus ab Anglis non suscepto.—Ex Bed. Hist. Eccl. lib. iii. c. 8: 1. 37.
- An. 660. Conventus archiepiscopi, episcoporum, etc., de monasterio Petriburgensi consecrando: i. 37.

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- An. 664. Synodus Pharensis (set Supenseyhalh) rogatu Hildse illic abbatisses, celebrata sub Nordanhumbrorum regibus Oswio patre, et Alchfrido filio, anno Christi 664.—Ex Bed. Hist. Rocles. lib. iii. cap. 25: i. 37.
- An. 667. Epistola Vitaliani papee ad Osuium regem Nordanhumbrorum, ejus de Paschate judicium expetentem.—Ex Bedse H. E., lib. iii. c. 29: i. 40.
- An. 668. Vitaliani paper I. epistola Theodoro archiepiscopo Cantuar, de primatu ecclesise Cantuariensis.—Ex MS. Cott. Faust., B. 6, fol. 97 a.: i. 41.
- An. 673. Concilium Herudfordense. Ex Beda, lib. iv. Hist., c. 5, collat. cum M8. Cotton. Vespas. A. 14, fol. 170: i. 41.
- An. 673. Privilegium quod Cantuariensibus monachis coenobii 8. Petri et Pauli ab Adeodato papa concessum fuisse dicitur.—Ex MS. Clar. Usserii penes rev. episc. Assaven. : i. 43.
- An. 679. Concilium Romano Britannicum. Occasio istius synodi, uti enarratur a clar. Spelmanno, etc.: i. 44.
- An. 679. Exemplar hujus concilii juxta MS. codicem; in quo cognoscitur de statu Britannicæ ecclesiæ, et de modo eundem redintegrandi.—Citante Spelmanno: i. 45.
- An. 679. Sequitur aliud exemplar istius concilii juxta Malmesburium, vel saltem alia ejusdem actio in qua Wilfridi causa cognoscitur, et ipse restituendus ad archiepiscopatum Eboracensem decernitur. Ex Malmesb. de Gest. Pontif., lib. 3: i. 47.
- An. 680. Decretalis epistola Agathonis papes regi Merciorum Æthelredo, Theodoro archiepiscopo Cant., Saxulfo Merciorum episcopo, etc., directa; in qua abbatem Medamstedæ legatum Romanum constituit super omnem Angliam ejusdemque monasterium (instar liminum apostolorum) fore pro absolvendis votis qua de peregrinando Romam concepta fuerint. Est autem Medhamsted, id quod postea de Burgo nuncupatur, novissime Petriburgam, vulgo Peterburgh, forte quod liminis 8. Petri vicem exhibet.—Ex Chron. Saxon. in ann.: i. 48.
- An. 680. Concilium Hedtfeldense.—Ex Bed. Hist. Eccles., lib. iv. c. 17.; Hunting. lib. 4: 1. 51.
- An. 680. Synodus Lateranensis.—Sancta synodus dixit: i. 52.
- An. 680. Synodus Northumbrensis, in qua mandatum Agathonis paper de restituendo Wilfrido archiepiscopo Eboracensi examinatur.— Ex Heddio, in vita Wilfridi, cap. 33: i. 55.
- An. 685. Twifordensis synodus in Northumbris, præsidente Theodoro archiepiscopo Dorobernensi, celebrata; in qua Cuthbertus episcopus electus est.—Ex Monast. Anglic., tom. i. p. 46: i. 55.
- An. 692. Concilium Baccanceldense.—Ex Chronico Saxon. pag. 48: i. 56. An. 692. Aliud exemplar Beccanceldensis istius concilii.—E MS. Cant.
- An. 693. Altud exemplar Beccanceldensis istius concilii.—E MS. Can Becl. A., p. 88 a. b. sumptum: 1. 57.
- An. 698. Leges ecclesiastica: Ina regis Occiduorum Saxonum seu Gervisorum in usum ecclesiae lata, ex aliis suis legibus Saxonicis decerptae—Ex MS. Coll. Corp. Chr. Cantabr. B. 2: 1. 58.
- An. 696. Concilium Berghamstedense.—Ex textu Roffensi: i. 60.
- An. 696. Constitutio quomodo damna et injurise sacris ordinibus illata sunt compensanda.—Ex textu Roffensi: i. 62.
- An. 700. Privilegium Withraedi regis Cantii, quo ecclesias sus ditionis liberas facit a tributis, &c.—Ex MS. Eccles. Cant. A. p. 88. b.: i.63.
- Epistola Sergii papse ad Ceolfridum abbatem monasterii BB. Petri et Pauli (quod est ad Wirimutham et Gyruum) de Beda Romam transmittendo.—Ex MS. clar. Usserii in Spelm. apud rever. episc. Assaven.: i. 63.
- An. 701. Concilium sub Alfrido rege Nordanhymbrorum, et Birtwhaldo archiepiscopo Cantuarise habitum.—Ex Malmesb. de Gest. Pontiff. lib. iii.: 1. 64.

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- An. 705. Synodus Mercians, in qua Aldhelmo abbati monasterii Maildufi urbis (i.s., Malmesburise) praceptum est ut librum acribat adversus erroram Britonum in Paschate celebrando.—Ex Bod. Hist. Eccl. lib. v. cap. 18: i. 66.
- An. 705. Concilium Niddense.—Ex Malm. de Gest. Pontif. lib. iii. : 1. 67.
- An. 795. Concilium Adderbournense, congregatum juxta fluvium Noddre vel Nodderum.—Ex W. Malmesb. lib. v. de Gestis Pontif. : i. 68.
- Epistola Johannis pape: VII. ad Ethelredum regem Merciorum, et Alfridum regem Deirorum, etc.—Ex Malm. de Gest. Pontif. lib. iii. : i. 68.
- An. 705. Synodus sub Ina rege Occidentalium Saxonum habita, in qua episcopatus Occidentalium Saxonum in duas dividitur parcecias.—Ex Faricio Tusco in vita Aldheimi, et Malmesb. de Gest. Pontif. I. iii.; i. 70.
- Anno incerto. Synodus alia sub Ina Occidentalium Saxonum rege habita.

 —Ex Willibaldo: i. 70.
- An. 709. Bulia Constantini pape Birthwaldo archiepiacopo Cantuariensi, de concilio celebrando, et de comobio instituendo.—Ex M8. reg. Cant. A. fol. 19 b.: i. 71.
- An. 709. Synodus Alnensis.—Ex Birthwaldo Glascon. in vita S. Egwini apud Godwin, p. 501, citante Spelm.: i. 72.
- An. 712. Concilium Londinense.—Ex centur. Magdeburg. centur. 8, et Balsso: i. 72.
- An. 712. Concilium omnium episcoporum et principum, procerum, comitum, et omnium sapientum, seniorum, et populorum totius regni, per præceptum regis Inse habitum cum jam Gualam filiam Cadwaladri regis Britonum, in uxorem cepissest, unaque Cambriam totam et coronam Cadwaladri adeptus esset.—Ex leg. Edw. Confes. cap. 35. in auctar.: 1.74.
- An. 718. Bulla Constantini papes de privilegiis ecclesias Cantuariensis.— Ex originali in MS. Cott. Cleop. Δ. 1, fol. 61, 62, et reg. Cant. Δ. fol. ii. a.: i. 74.
- An. 714. Epistola Ceolfridi abbatis ad Naitanum regem Pictorum, pro catholico Paschate et Romana tonsura.—Ex Bed. Hist. Recl. lib. v. cap. 21: i. 75.
- An. 714. Decretum Naitani regis Pictorum pro catholico Paschate et Romana tonsura.—Ex Bed. Hist. Eccl. lib. v. cap. 21: i. 79.
- An. 725. Charta Inse regis Occidentalium Saxonum Glastenburize monachis confecta, in qua prædia, immunitates, et exemptiones ab episcopo iis conceduntur.—Ex Malmesb. de Antiquitate Glaston. Eccles. p. 33, et seq. edit. Tho. Gale: i. 79.
- An. 730. Gregorii pape II. epistola episcopis Anglise de Tatwino archiepiscopo Dorovernise.—Ex MS. Cott. Faust. B. 6, fol. 97 a.b.: i. 81.
- An. 734. Incipit succinctus dialogus ecclesiastics: institutionis a domno Regberto archiepiscopo Eburace civitatis compositus.—Ex MS. Cott. Vitel. A. 12. 1.: i. 82.
- An. 788. Concilium Wigorniense.—Ex. MS. Cott. Tiber. A. 13. in Monast. Anglic. tom. 1, pag. 121: i. 86.
- An. 742. Concilium Cloveshoviense.—Ex MS. Cott. Claud. D. 2, f. 30 b. et MS. Cant. citante Spelmanno: i. 86.
- An. 746. Epistola Bonifacii Moguntiensis archiepiscopi, ad Aethelbaldum regem Merciorum.—Ex centur. Magdeburg. centur. 8. *Vide*Baron. in ann. collat. cum Epist. Bonifacii per Nic. Serar. edit. p. 22, et seq.: 1.87.
- An. 745. Epistola Bonifacii ad Heresfridum presbyterum.—Ex Baron.
 Annal. in h. ann.: i. 90.
- Epistola Bonifacti archiepiscopi Mogunt, ad Cuthbertum archiepiscopum Cantuaris, de corrigendis vitiis Anglorum, et adhibenda Synodo.—Ex exemplari Spelm. collat. cum Epistola Bonifacti per Nic. Serar. p. 143 et seq.: 1, 90.
- An. 747. Concilium Cloveshoviense : 1. 94.
- An. 747. Synodus Cuthberti archiepiscopi.—Ex codice MS. literis Saxonicis, citante Spelmanno: i. 94.

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- An. 749. Privilegium Aethelbaldi regis ecclesiis concessum.—Ex clar. Spelmanno: i. 100.
- An. 750. Excerptiones D. Ecgberti Eboracensis archiepiscopi e dictis et canonibus sanctorum patrum concinnates, et ad ecclesiastice politice institutionem conducentes.—Ex MS. Cotton. Nero A. 1, fol. 131, verso: 1, 101.
- An. 750. Poenitentiale Ecgberti archiepiscopi Eboracensis.—Ex MS. Coll. Corp. Chr. Cantabr. l. xii, 13, p. 365-417 : i. 113,
- An. 756. Synodus generalis sub Cuthberto, archiepiscopo Cantuaria, qua decernitur de natalitiis S. Bonifacii, etc., annuo celebrandis.—Ex Magdeburg. cent. viii. cix. p. 315: i. 144.
- An. 757. Pauli Romani pontificis ad Eadburtum Nordanhumbrorum regem epistola.—Ex MS. clar. Usser, ad hunc locum inter codd. MSS. rev. episc. Assavensis: i. 144.
- An. 760. Kinewulfi, Occidentalium Saxonum regis, ad Lullum, Moguntinum archiepiscopum, epistola.—Ex MS. clar. Usser. ad hunc locum: i. 145.
- An. 770. Alhredi, Nordanhumbrorum regis, ad Lullum, Moguntinum archiepiscopum, epistola.—Ex MS. clar. Usser. ad hunc locum: i. 145.
- An. 785. Concilium Calchuthense.—Ex Magdeburg. cent. viii. c. 9, p. 575: i. 145.
- An. 785. Lichefeldensis episcopatus in archiepiscopatum designatur ab Offa rege.—Ex codice 8. Alban, de vita Offæ regis MS. p. 153.—Citante clar. Spelm.: i. 152.
- An. 788. Concilium Finchenhalense.—Ex Huntingdon, et aliis: i. 153. Synodus Acleensis.—Citante Spelmanno: i. 153.
- An. 793. Caroli Magni ad Athelardum, Cantuariensem archiepiscopum, cpistola.—Ex MS. clar. Usser. ad hunc locum: i. 154.
- Offa, rex Merciorum, decimam omnium rerum suarum ecclesise concedit.
 —Ex Chronico Jo. Bromton. abb. Jornal. p. 778: i. 154.
- Collatio Verolamii sub Offse, rege Merciorum, de exquirendo S. Albani protomartyris sepulturs: loco.—Citante Spelmanno: i. 154.
- An. 793. Concilium Verolamiense.—Ibidem: i. 155.
- An. 794. Denarius annuus scholæ Anglorum Rome collatus ab Offa rege ox singulis familiis regni sui.—Ibid.: i. 155. (Causa collationis, et collatio: in cujus remunerationem papa concedit, ut nullus Anglus ponitentise causa mittatur in exilium.)
- An. 794. Concilium Calchuthense.—Ex Stow in Chronico: i. 157.
- Concilium aliud Verolamiense sub Offa rege.—Citante Spelm. ex MS. Albanensi: i. 157.
- An. 796. Synodus ab Aethelardo, archiep. Cantuariensi coacta.—Ex Chron. Saxon. p. 67: i. 158.
- Caroli Magni ad Offam, Merciorum regem, epistola.—Ex MS. clar. Usser. ad h. l.: i. 158.
- An. 797. Alcuini ad Athelardum, Cantuariensem archiepiscopum, epistola.

 —Ex MS. clar. Usser. ad hunc locum: i. 159.
- An. 797. Leonis papæ III. epistola ad Athelardum, archiepiscopum Cantuar. de jure et privilegiis archiepiscopatus Cantuariensis.—Ex MS. Cott. Faust. B. 6, fol. 97 b, 98 a.: i. 160.
- An. 798. Synodus Finchenhalensis: i. 161.
- Concilium Cloveshoviense sub Athelardo, archiepiscopo Doroberniæ, ockbratum.—Citanto Spelmanno: i. 161.
- An. 798. Concilium Baccanceldense.—Ex MS. Cott. Claudius D. 2. fol. 30 b. 31 a.: i. 162.
- An. 800. Concilium provinciale Cloveshoviense.—Ex MS. Cott. Claudius D. 2, fol. 31: i, 162.
- An. 801. Epistola Kenulfi, regis Merciorum, ad Leonem papam III. pro restituenda Dorobernensis ecclesiæ dignitate, quam Hadrianus papa I. ot rex Offa spoliaverant.—Ex Malm. de Gestis Reg. l. i. c. 4: i. 163.

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- An. 801. Omnium totius Britannise episcoporum et sacerdotum epistola ad Leonem III. papam de successione archiepiscoporum Dorovernensium.—Ex MS. Cott. Vespas. A. 14, fol. 176: i. 166.
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- An. 803. Decretum Athelardi archiepiscopi de libertate ecclesiarum.— Citant. Spelm.: i. 167.
- An. 803. Constitutio in concilio Cloveshoviensi de pastu reddendo episcopo Wigorn.—E vet. MS. citante Spelmanno : i. 168.
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- An. 816. Synodus Calchuthensis.—Εx MS. Cott. Vespas. A. 14, fol. 147 : i. 169.
- An. 821. Concilium sub Wulfredo, archiepiscopo Cantuariensi: i. 171. Concilium apud Oslaveshlen sub Wulfredo, archiepiscopo Cantuariensi: i. 171.
- An. 822. Concilium synodale Cloveahoviense.—Ex codice MS. Wigorn. c. 5, et ex MS. Cott. Claudius D. 2, fol. 32: i. 172.
- An. 824. Concilium Cloveshoviense,—Ex originali MS. Cott. Aug. 2, n. 73: i. 173.
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