

- ff. 1-49 Foreign correspondence, dated 1157-1307, with some forms at end, see Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 2-65; opens with Papal Bull of privileges to the abbey of Ystrad Fflur [Strata Florida], confirming the grant of its founder, Rhys ap Gruffydd ('yr Arglwydd Rhys', lord of Deheubarth). For text and discussion see Denholm-Young, pp. 2-3, and J. Conway Davies, 'A Papal Bull of privileges to the Abbey of Ystrad Fflur', *NLWJ*, 4 (1945-6), 197-203.
- ff. 49-81 Foreign correspondence, 1307-24; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 67-114.
- ff. 81-98<sup>v</sup> Gascon letters, 1289x1293-1323; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 115-149.
- ff. 99-102<sup>v</sup> Domestic letters close (corrodies and escheats), 1268-1323, and other dates in reign of Edward II; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 151-5.
- ff. 103-5 Papal letter, 1317, relating to a dispute between the University of Oxford and the Dominicans; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, p. 156.
- ff. 105<sup>r-v</sup> Papal bulls, 1222, 1253; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, p. 156.
- ff. 105<sup>v</sup>-16 The *Arenge* (treatise on eloquence) by Master Peter de Loro (named in explicit), 1255, followed by a model love letter and salutation formulae, a later fourteenth-century hand has made additions to the last; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 157-86.
- ff. 116<sup>v</sup>-22<sup>v</sup> Fifty-five letters, c. 1295-6, received by the Vicar-general of the Patrimony of St Peter in Tuscany, during the Pontificate of Boniface VIII, followed by three related documents, [?1297]-1303 ; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 187-207.
- ff. 123-6 Letters, 1313-17 and n. d., relating to the diocese of Durham; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 208-12.
- ff. 126-41 A south Italian formulary, late thirteenth century, probably from the University of Naples, and including a few letters of Peter de Vineia; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 213-41.
- ff. 141-4 Letter, post 1142, of Henry of Blois, bishop of Winchester to Brian Fitz-Count followed by the reply; see Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 242-8 where he suggests (pp. 242-3) that the letters are later exercises in composition based on earlier, genuine letters.
- ff. 144-61 Fifty-seven letters, c. 1316-22, relating to the University of Oxford; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, p. 249.

- ff. 161<sup>v</sup>-73 Fifty-eight letters, 1302-pre 1322, relating to the bishopric of Durham; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 250-2.
- ff. 173-8<sup>v</sup> An interpolated version of the *Aurea Gemma*, [?mid 12 cent.], formerly attributed to Henricus Francigena (see Botho Odebrecht, 'Die Briefmuster des Henricus Francigena', *Archiv für Urkundenforschung*, 14 (1936), 231-61, and Ernst Kantorowicz, *Medievalia et Humanistica*, 1 (1943), 41-57); Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 253-66.
- ff. 179-80 Ecclesiastical mandates, [1307x1325] concerning the execution of wills; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 267-8.
- ff. 180<sup>v</sup>-7 Letters, [1257-1304], relating to various Dominican and Franciscan matters, notably a dispute, 1284, between Archbishop John Peckham, the University of Oxford and the Dominican Order; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 269-77.
- ff. 187-9<sup>v</sup> Miscellaneous letters, [1130x1143-pre 1327]; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 278-63.
- ff. 190-8<sup>v</sup> Letters, [1296x1321], relating to the diocese of Lichfield; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 285-304.
- ff. 199-203<sup>v</sup> Miscellaneous letters, 1268x1280-pre 1317, on various matters, including some relating to the bishoprics of Chichester and Oxford; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 305-15.
- ff. 203<sup>v</sup>-5 Letters, [1285x1303], relating to the case of Walter Langton, royal Treasurer, summoned to Rome to appear before the papal court, after being maliciously accused; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 316-19. Richard de Bury has added on f. 203<sup>v</sup>, in a hand much larger than usual: 'de Joh'ne de Paynel de quaterno' (John Paynel's quire, see Denholm-Young, *Collected Papers*, pp. 4, 6).
- ff. 205-12 Miscellaneous letters, [1262x1324]; Denholm-Young, pp. *Liber Epistolaris*, 320-32.
- ff. 213-18<sup>v</sup> Twenty-nine letters, [1288x1299], relating to the diocese of Lincoln; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 333-40.
- ff. 218<sup>v</sup>-23<sup>v</sup> Letters mainly to the Pope and cardinals, copies of which are on the Close and Roman Rolls for 1306; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 341-6. Richard de Bury has noted 'Exemplar[ia] Thome de Brayton' on f. 218<sup>v</sup>, indicating he was copying from original official documents obtained from Brayton, a Chancery clerk (see further Denholm-Young, *Collected Papers*, p. 6 and note 2).
- ff. 223<sup>v</sup>-32 Foreign letters, 1275-90, of Edward I, some now on Close and Treaty Rolls; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 347-56.

- ff. 232-9 Papal bulls comprising thirteen, 1298-1301, of Boniface VIII, and four, 1244-52, of Innocent IV; Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. 357-60.
- Marginalia Most letters have been annotated, *c.* 1400, with a brief marginal summary of their content. 'John Thomas and Hugh Meredith' and 'Mannyngton' in a hand of 16 cent. on f. 123<sup>v</sup>; signature of Hugh Meredith also on f. 153<sup>v</sup>, other notes in same hand on ff. 99, 103. Other sixteenth century annotations, in another hand, on f. 73. See also below and Denholm-Young, *Liber Epistolaris*, pp. xiv-xvi, xxi.
- f. 240 One of two vellum leaves formerly part of an older binding structure; on the recto is part of a Latin document mentioning Canterbury and action to be taken following certain false allegations, Latin notes on closing formulae for letters, and a series of rough notes or pen-trials in Anglo-Norman and English, beginning 'de mestiers of craftys / essartes...'; written by four fourteenth-century hands, the last belonging to the later part of the century.