

- ff. 4<sup>v</sup>-7 [ ]es cronicarum facta fuit per [ ] Thome Edenham et collecta De[ ] christiane per diuersa regna mundi [ ] regni Britannie. ... factus est Anselmus archiepiscopus Cantuariensis Anno Domini m<sup>o</sup> lxxxiiij<sup>o</sup>.
- A digest of the history of Christianity in Britain, beginning in the time of King Lucius, giving particular attention to saints Ivo, John of Beverley, Guthlac, Gilbert and other northern saints. On f. 7 with reference to St Gilbert and Sempringham we read 'que urbs ... sita est ... Distans ab urbe que Edenham vocatur Sex miliaris ... .Hoc in loco Scriptor huius operis frater minor Thomas de Unda quercum extitit oriundus.'
- ff. 7<sup>v</sup>-8<sup>v</sup> On Church fathers.
- f. 8<sup>v</sup> On St Anselm.
- ff. 9-13<sup>v</sup> Tempore Regis Willielmi Ruffi anno 4<sup>to</sup> regni ei[us]. De profecione ad terram Sanctam et capcione Antiochie et Jerusalem ... incepit viriliter successores sui S. Baldewynus.  
On the crusade, the kingdom of Jerusalem and the Angevin dynasty.
- ff. 14-19<sup>v</sup> On Hugh of St Victor, Gratian, Peter Lombard, Peter Comestor, St Francis ('De beato patre nostro Francisco'), St Anthony and other Franciscan saints, popes and doctors, down to the canonisation of St Bonaventura and others in 1482. Written in 1487 (the date given beside the words *sicut nec nunc*, f. 18<sup>v</sup>).
- ff. 20-1<sup>v</sup> 'Quedam ommissa in subsequentibus et hic merito inserenda. De Etatibus mundi':  
Anno mundi MDCLVI factum est diluuium generale ... quam Etas mundi vel Seculi.  
On the seven ages of the world.
- ff. 21<sup>v</sup>-6 'Breuis descriptio orbis':  
Julius Cesar diuinis humanisque rebus singulariter instructus ... vsque hodie illa vocatur anglice Offedyke.  
Peter Comestor is cited on f. 22<sup>v</sup>. Following the text on f. 26 is a note: 'De Britannia et eius partibus vide in .A. altero paruo libello qui Intitulatur sic. Adest Britannia iuxta promissum nouissime describenda' (see f. 43<sup>v</sup>).
- ff. 26-31<sup>v</sup> 'De quibusdam personis siue regibus famosis qui non fuerant de regno Anglie':  
Ante ortum Christi per CCCXXX annos ... Cui successit progenitus suus Lodowicus primus.  
On Philip of Macedon, Alexander, two Ptolemys, Julius Cæsar, Augustus and Charlemagne.
- ff. 31<sup>v</sup>-7 'De ciuitate Lincolnie et eius preconiiis':  
Lincolnia que est capud prouincie Lyndeseie primo vocabatur Kaer ludcoit ... vide Galfridum de Gestis Britonum (f. 31<sup>v</sup>) ... De Remigio qui fuit primus Episcopus Lincolnie. Et de suis successoribus (f. 31<sup>v</sup>) ... Thomas Roderam (f. 37) ... Deinde ab ecclesia Lincolnensis ad Ecclesiam Eboracensis est translatus [1480].

f. 37<sup>v</sup>

Blank roundels.

ff. 38-94

'Magister Petrus Comestor Trecensis presbyter in *Historia Scolastica*':  
In principio creavit deus celum et terram ... et sic Britones et nomen et regnum  
penitus amiserunt. Script' die martis anno gracie 1483.  
The narrative of ff. 38-94, biblical, Trojan, British, is hung on a  
genealogy running from Adam to Yvor son of Cadwaladr, the names in  
the genealogy being in roundels joined by a vertical red line which  
runs from page to page, interrupted only where the text digresses. The  
heading indicates the initial dependence on Comestor's *Historia  
Scholastica*; the form suggests the influence of the British pedigree  
chronicles derived from the *Compendium Historiæ* of Peter of Poitiers.  
Parts derive from Henry of Huntingdon's *Historia Anglorum* (cited on  
ff. 43<sup>v</sup>, 49), perhaps via Ranulf Higden, *Polychronicon*, ed. Churchill  
Babington (Rolls Series, London, 1865-86), notably in the description  
of Britain. The main source, in part perhaps indirect, is Geoffrey of  
Monmouth's *Historia regum Britannia*. A digression on ff. 90-1  
discusses the conflict between Geoffrey's account of Arthur and those  
of all other historians. Other digressions are:

ff. 43<sup>v</sup>-9 'Hic nota de prima Inhabitatione Britannie. Et  
quomodo primo vocatum fuit Albion':

Adest Britannia iuxta promissum describenda ... hec erant nomina ciuitatum tempore  
Romanorum et Britannorum. Hucusque de situ et habitu Britannie (f. 49) ... Sicut  
collegi ex patrum dictis priorum veris non fictis. Policronica teste librorum. Henricus  
Huntindunensis archidiaconi.

On ff. 55-67<sup>v</sup>, following a section on Trojan history:

'Incipiunt annales De Gestis Britonum. de gestis Romanorum. De  
gestis Saxonum. De gestis Danorum. De gestis Normanorum qui  
diuersis temporibus regnauerunt in Anglia':

Iste Eneas tercio anno post Troie excidium ... ab urbe condita 739<sup>o</sup>.

The narrative is interrupted on ff. 67<sup>v</sup>-9<sup>v</sup> by a digression on the events  
of the New Testament:

Hoc anno Maria virgo nata est ... et hic terminatur quinta Etas seculi. 5196 annorum.

On ff. 86<sup>v</sup>-7 comes a digression on the 'inter tempus' of 1483 and the  
actions of Richard, duke of Gloucester:

qui dictum Regem Edwardum [V] secum duxit et potestatem regiam usurpauit.  
Regem ut videbatur suppeditauit.

This was written on 14 or 15 June 1483. A succession of dates on ff.  
67 (also referring to the 'inter tempus'), 70, 80, 86<sup>v</sup>, 88<sup>v</sup> and 94 shows  
that these pages were written between 3 June and 17 June 1483.

An inserted leaf, f. 47<sup>r-v</sup>, contains an account in English of King  
Molymicius and the making of the four royal highways by his son

Belinus, borrowed from John Trevisa's translation of Higden's *Polychronicon* (see Rolls Series, vol. ii, pp. 43-5):

*Molymicius king of Brytons was the xxiii of hem ... by chesterfeld. by yorke. And forth vnto Tynmouthe.*

At the head of pages on ff. 19<sup>v</sup>-30, written by the scribe, is a series of rhyming invocations of Jesus, 'IHC ex patre genitus', 'IHC liber signatus', etc, and on f. 41, 'IHC amend helpe'.

ff. 94-8<sup>v</sup>

'De diuisione Britannie in Septem Regna':

Post aduentum Anglorum siue Saxonum in Britanniam vt predicatur ... a quo reges orientalum Anglorum Uffingas appellant ... successit Ethelredus.

On the Heptarchy. Breaks off at the foot of f. 98<sup>v</sup> in the genealogy of the kings of East Anglia.