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Professor Schmidt and his assistant Dr Polotsky are heartily to be congratulated on their great discovery. It would be ungrateful to conclude without a word of recognition of the work of Dr Ibscher, to whose capable hands has been entrusted the delicate task of detaching and mounting the tattered leaves,

F. C. BURKITT.

## A MANUSCRIPT OF ST AUGUSTINE AT PERTH, SCOTLAND

SOME years ago a small but interesting collection of Latin manuscripts was presented to St John's Church, Perth,<sup>1</sup> by the Rev. John Stirton, D.D., Minister of Crathie and Domestic Chaplain to the King. Dr Stirton was led to make these gifts by his love for his native city, and the same impulse leads me to record the existence of one of the manuscripts there, lest it should escape the notice of interested parties. I have to thank the authorities of the church for lending the manuscript concerned to the University Library, Aberdeen, where I have been able to study it at leisure.

The manuscript, which was acquired by Dr Stirton in August 1919, is in a calf binding at least two centuries old and the outer and top edges are somewhat clipped. It bears old shelfmarks D. 1. 21, and No. 3. ll. 2. sh. 6, these being in different hands. The present measurements are mm. 164 × 118, and the written area measures mm. 109 × 71. The manuscript may be assigned to the second half of the thirteenth century. The present number of folia is 124, and these have never been numbered. The vellum is sometimes thick, sometimes thin, and the sheets have been arranged correctly, flesh side next flesh side and hair side next hair side, but no quaternion signatures are present. There is a table of contents on fol. 2 in a fifteenth-century hand. Two scribes took part in writing the manuscript. There are red subscriptions and blue initial letters. Chapter numbers are sometimes indicated in the margin, and occasionally there are catchwords. The lines are ruled in the usual way, and the number to the page varies between 23 and 31.

The contents are as follows:—

f. 3r. Incipit epistola<sup>2</sup> prima beati Augustini ad inquisitiones Ianuarii presbyteri. Dilectissimo filio Ianuario Augustinus in domino salutem.

<sup>1</sup> See *St John's Kirk, Perth, a History* by Thomas Hunter, J.P. (Perth, 1932), for an excellent account of this ancient place of worship.

<sup>2</sup> Here and elsewhere I have expanded the abbreviations to save difficulties in printing.

De hiis que me interrogasti, malle prius nosse (= epist. 54, CSEL xxxiii 158) — (f. 6r) alia quae interrogasti si dominus uoluerit alio tempore expediam. Explicit epistola prima.

Incipit secunda ad inquisitiones Ianuarii. Dilectissimo filio Ianuario Augustinus salutem. Lectis literis tuis ubi me comonuisti ut (= epist. 55, CSEL xxxiii 169) — (f. 19v.) ipsam caritatem tuam que non emulatur hanc epistolam ratus daturam atque lecturam. Explicit epistola secunda Augustini ad inquisitiones Ianuarii.

- f. 20r. Incipit sermo beati augustini de decem cordis. Dominus et deus noster misericors et miserator (= serm. 9, Migne *P.L.* xxxviii 75) — quod hic desideramus illic inueniemus (*no subscription*) (f. 34v).
- f. 35r. Incipit admonitio beati augustini per quam ostenditur quantum bonum sit lectiones dominicas legere et quantum malum sit ab eorum inquisitione desistere. Propicio Christo fratres carissimi ita lectionem dominicam audite et scienti (= Migne *P.L.* xl 1339) — Qui docti fuerint fulgebunt sicut stelle in eternas perpetuitates. Quod ipse nobis praestare dignetur qui cum patre et spiritu sancto uiuit et regnat deus in secula seculorum. Amen (*no subscription*) (f. 37r).
- f. 37v. Augustinus de uita christiana ad quandam uiduam. liber incipit. Ego peccator et ultimus insipientior quam ceteris et imperitior (= Migne *P.L.* xl 1031) — prestare non possumus confirmamus absentes (f. 53v).
- f. 54r. Incipit epistola quoduultdei diaconi ad augustinum. Domino uenerabili et uere beatissimo patri augustino episcopo quoduultdeus diaconus. Diu trepidus fui et ausus meos aliquociens (= [Aug.] epist. 221, CSEL lvii 442) — iam gaudere dictantem quam adhuc occupare legentem. Explicit epistola quoduultdei diaconi ad augustinum.
- f. 55r. Incipit epistola beati augustini episcopi ad quoduultdeum diaconum. Dilectissimo filio et condiacono quoduultdeo augustinus episcopus. Acceptis literis caritatis tue ubi a me ardentissimo studio (= epist. 222, CSEL lvii 446) — sanctorum episcoporum fortassis audistis fac ut nouerim deo uiuas. Explicit epistola augustini ad quoduultdeum.
- f. 56v. Incipit epistola quoduultdei diaconi ad augustinum. Domino merito uenerabili ac beatissimo sancto patri augustino quoduultdeus diaconus. Unum (?) quidem (?) reuerentiae tue commonito-

- rium (= [Aug.] epist. 223, CSEL lvii 449)—indefessa importunitas mereatur. Explicit epistola quoduultdei diaconi ad augustinum.
- f. 57r. Incipit epistola augustini ad quoduultdeum diaconum. Domino sinceriter dilectissimo fratri et condiacono quoduultdeo augustinus in domino salutem. Cum mihi hec scribendi offerretur occasio (= epist. 224, CSEL lvii 451)—ad curam pertinent nostram. deo uiuas. Explicit epistola.
- f. 58r. Incipiunt capitula I Eunomiani *etc.*—lxxxx Eutichiani.
- f. 59v. Quod petis sepiissime atque instantissime (= Migne, *P.L.* xlii 21)—quid faciat hereticum disputabitur. Explicit est augustini ad quoduultdeum diaconum. Aurelii augustini de diuersis heresibus ad quoduultdeum diaconum liber incipit. Cum dominus ascendisset in celum (f. 61 v) (= Migne *P.L.* xlii 23)—uniuerso corpori auferri quod capiti defuisset (f. 84 r) (*no subscription*).
- f. 84 v. Incipit liber beati augustini de cathathsmo. Quoniam in proximo est dies redemptionis nostre percipite dilectissimi ea que uos erudiant (= Migne *P.L.* xl 693)—non uerbo saltem uestris orationibus pascar (*no subscription*).
- f. 92 v. Incipit liber beati augustini ypponensis episcopi de uera et falsa penitentia. Capitulum primum. Quantum sit appetenda gratia penitentie (= Migne *P.L.* xl 1113)—in ipso stabiliaris in odorem suauitatis AMEN (f. 112 r) (*no subscription*).
- f. 112 v. Incipit sermo beati augustini ypponensis episcopi de excidio Urbis Rome. Intueamur primam lectionem sancti dauid prophete ubi eum audiuius orantem et mirati sumus (= Migne *P.L.* xl 715)—sed faciet cum temptatione etiam exitum ut sustinere possitis (f. 119 r) (*no subscription*).
- f. 119 v. Qualiter homo factus est ad ymaginem et similitudinem dei. Tanta dignitas humane conditionis esse cognoscitur (= Migne, *P.L.* xl 1213, cf. c. 565)—in primo Adam condidit mirabiliter quod in secundo reformauit. Deo gratias (*no subscription*).
- f. 121 v. Incipit liber beati augustini episcopi de decem preceptis et decem plagis egipti. Non est sine causa, dilectissimi, quod preceptorum legis dei numerus cum numero plagarum quibus (= Ps-Aug., Appendix 21, Migne, *P.L.* xxxix 1783, cf. Morin 169 [= Frangipani 1])—putas quale peccatum est non solum suam sed et alienam (§ 10) (*end of codex*) (f. 124 v).<sup>1</sup> A. SOUTER.

<sup>1</sup> I am indebted to Mr R. J. Getty for help with this article when I was unwell.