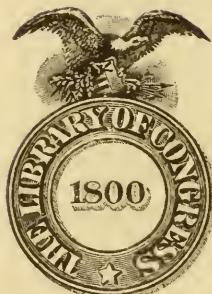
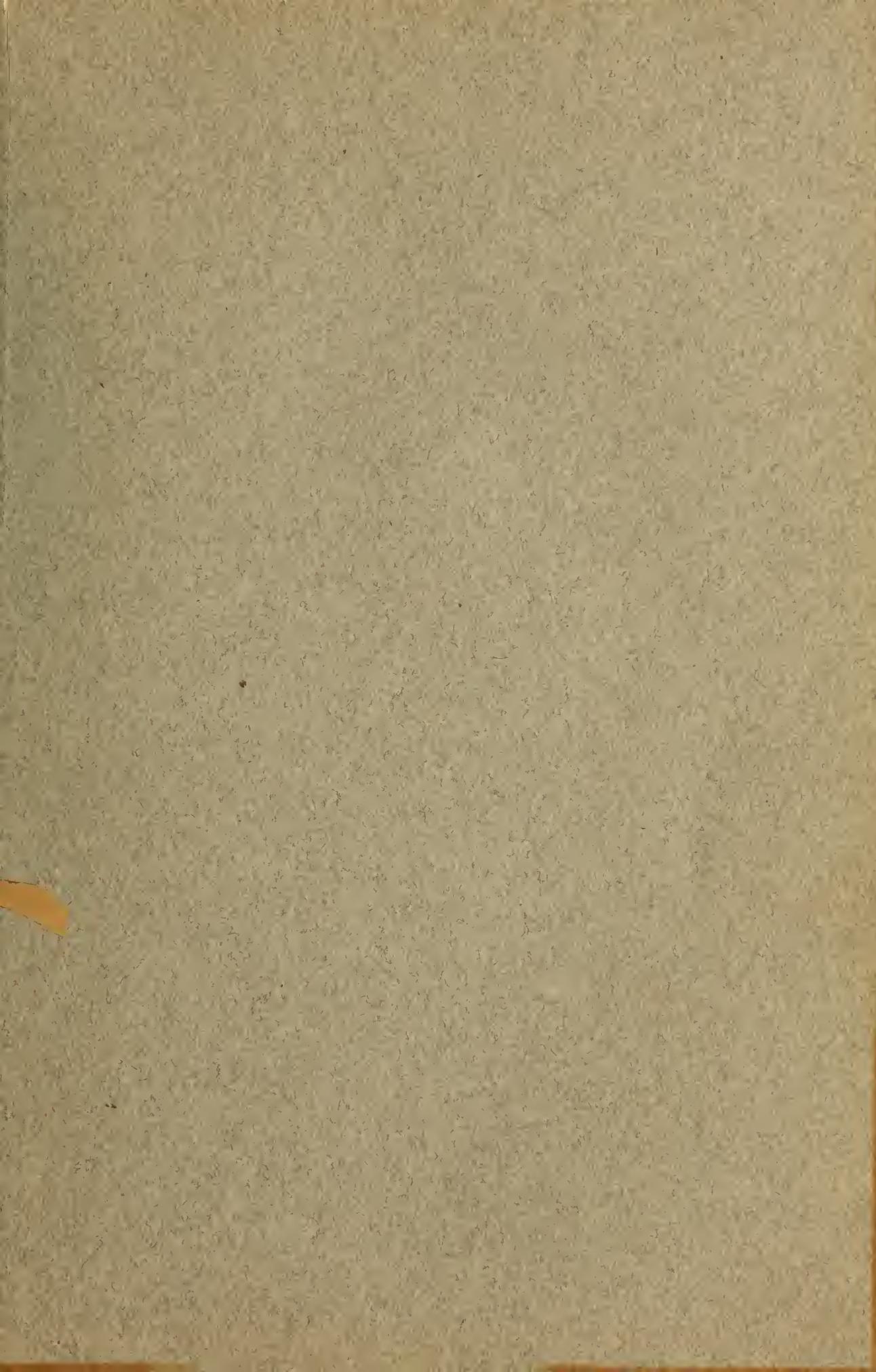


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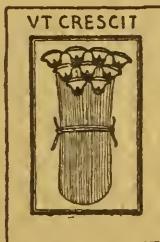
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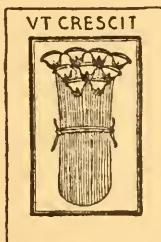
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## PREFACE.

The pages that follow are the record of an attempt to present a small contribution to the general study of English Medieval Saints Legends, in as complete form as time and conditions have permitted. The legend here edited is in no sense peculiarly representative of medieval legends, yet it may serve to indicate the general tone of the species of literature to which it belongs.

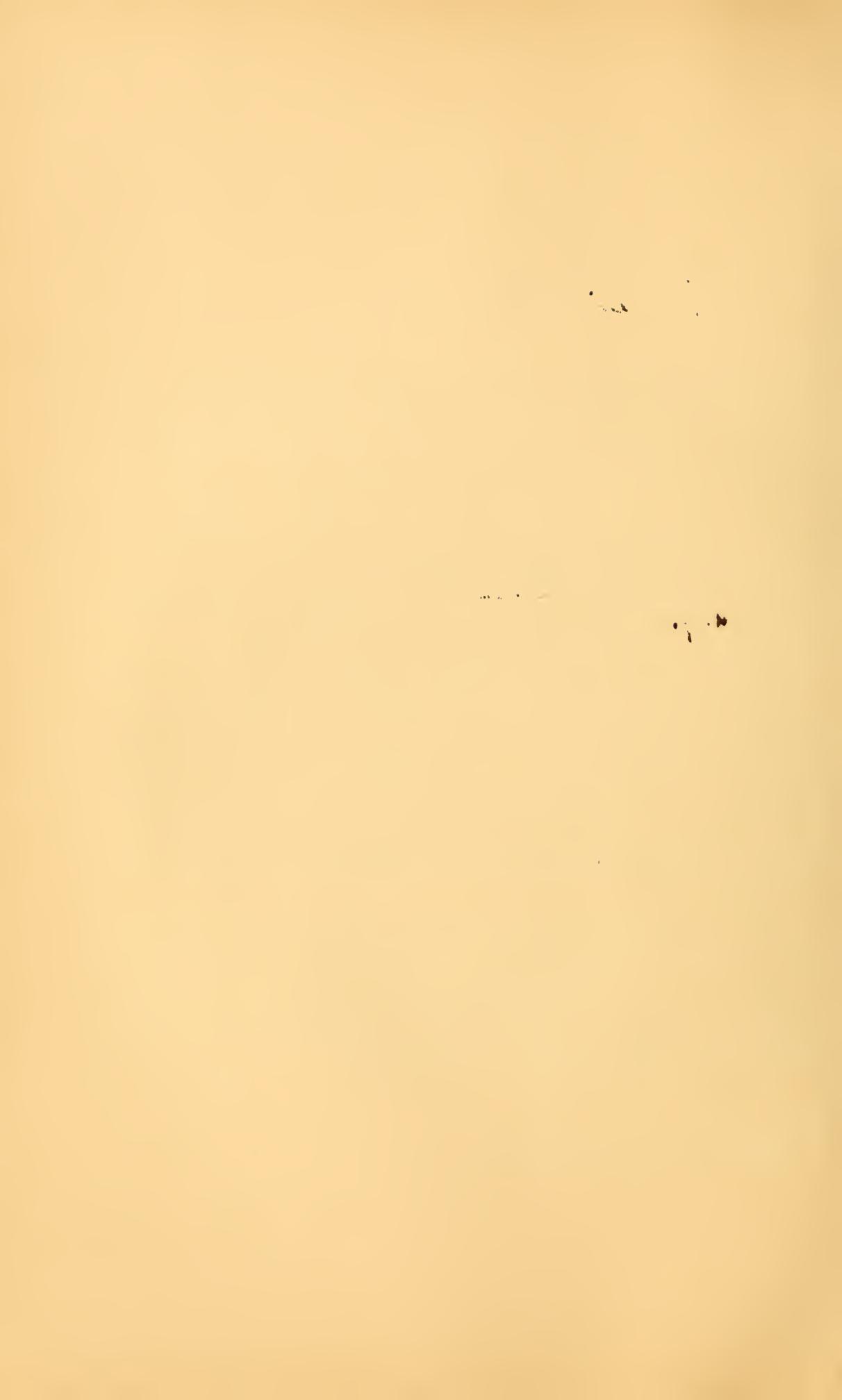
Until, as Dr. Horstmann has observed, the combined intelligence of generations yet to come has been applied to the problem, many of the most vital questions relating to English Legendary must remain unsolved. Perhaps the best service which can now be rendered, is to continue to present, as Dr. Horstmann has so long been doing, accurate reprints of existing versions, together with textual studies of the kinds familiar to scholarship.

The texts, here printed for the first time, have been carefully transcribed from their originals and collated by scribes at the several libraries where the manuscripts are kept. I regret exceedingly that, owing to delay on the part of one scribe, this edition must go to press lacking the table of variants from MSS. Stowe 946 and Lambeth 223, which are the only existing versions of this legend not included. Moreover, many definitive results, which students of even a single legend have reason to expect, have been omitted but not overlooked. I shall hope to supplement these deficiencies as time and ability may permit.

In presenting this result of a few months' work, I wish to acknowledge, first of all, my great indebtedness to the strong, clear-sighted judgment of Professor Cook, under whose guidance my graduate work has received direction. I wish also to express my thanks to Professor Skeat, who sent me advance proof-sheets of the *Ælfrician* version of the Life of St. Cecilia, and at the same time gave suggestion and encouragement.

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## I.

### THE LIFE AND ACTS OF ST. CECILIA.

From the long list of saints and martyrs whose acts are celebrated by the Western Church, there is separable a group of Roman virgin martyrs. To this group, with St. Agnes, St. Agatha, and St. Lucy (the two latter being undoubtedly of Sicilian origin), St. Cecilia belongs. St. Cecilia is also frequently associated in the modern mind with the Greek St. Katherine, probably through the intensifying and relating of the emblematic idea, which gave to St. Katherine the province of literature and philosophy, as it made St. Cecilia the patroness of sacred music.

The attempt to reach conclusions concerning the historic St. Cecilia is one full of difficulties, although the veneration paid to the saint may be traced with considerable ease to a very early period. The Roman church regularly interweaves the significant features of the legend into the celebration of the canonical hours on November 22 and April 14, and the legend is also quite generally included in the collections of Saints' Lives produced in the monasteries of the 13th, 14th and 15th centuries.

From the medieval legends comes the following account of St. Cecilia:

St. Cecilia was a maiden of noble blood—*ingenua, nobilis, clarissima*, who lived in Rome under the prefecture of Almachius, and the spiritual rule of Pope Urban I. Although she had been baptized and had lived a Christian from her infancy, she is given in marriage to a rich young pagan named Valerian. St. Cecilia, consecrated to God and to virginity by a secret vow, withdraws from her friends on the night of the marriage feast, and, in communion and prayer to God, hears heavenly music to which she responds, singing in her heart, *in corde decantabat*, that she may be preserved in her purity.

Valerian though skeptical as to the heavenly visitants which Cecilia alleges to have seen, and toward the Christian faith in general, is at last persuaded by her to rise from his bed and go by night for instruction and advice to Pope Urban, who lives in hiding among the Roman catacombs. Valerian's faith is confirmed during his interview with the Pope by a vision of an old man who bears the roll of the Gospel in his hand and explains

its meaning. Valerian is baptized and returns to Cecilia, by whose side he finds a second spiritual visitant. This angel foretells their martyrdom, promises as a reward of Valerian's faith the salvation of his brother, Tiburtius, and places in their hands two wreaths of immortal flowers, which breathe a wonderful fragrance. The heathen, Tiburtius, hearing the rumor of his brother's conversion, appears shortly in a casual fashion at Valerian's house. His attention is, however, immediately arrested by the fragrance of the flowers, and the conversation is turned upon sacred things. Cecilia, according to some mediæval versions, explains at length the doctrine of salvation, and finally Tiburtius consents to go with Valerian to Pope Urban. There he is baptized and the two brothers enter at once upon the active Christian career which is to lead to their martyrdom. They convert many pagans and at night seek for the cast-away bodies of martyrs to bury them. In this act of devotion they are at last detected and brought before Almachius, prefect of the city. Their own assurance in this ordeal is strengthened by Cecilia, who speaks to them from without the prison door and exhorts them to be stalwart knights in the service of God. Their conversation with the prefect at the time of their trial is variously elaborated in different versions, but is usually characterized by their introduction of the parable of the slothful and industrious husbandmen. At last, refusing to offer sacrifice, Valerian and Tiburtius are condemned to death, on which occasion many hundred people are converted, together with Maximus, the jailer, who sees the souls of the two martyred men borne aloft on the wings of angel messengers. Maximus speedily suffers death for his belief and the bodies of the three martyrs are cast without the city walls. Here Cecilia finds them and brings them to the catacombs for burial.

The wealth of the widowed Cecilia then appeals to the greed of the tyrant Almachius, and he sends messengers to possess themselves of all the property that can be found. Cecilia, however, convicts the messengers of sin, converts them to Christianity, and they go away empty handed, whereupon Cecilia proceeds to distribute her goods to the poor and Almachius finds his attempt baffled. He sends for Cecilia, who appears before him in all her Christian boldness and defies his power, which she asserts is as a "bladder blown full of wind." She claims her own high birth and announces her allegiance to God, who is the Lord of life, whereas Almachius is, at best, only '*dethes lord*'.

From the midst of a sorrowing group of men and women, Ce-

cilia is led to her own house, where she is shut up in the *caldarium* and placed in a boiling bath, yet she emerges, after a day and a night, in all content and without injury. Then the executioner is sent, who, according to the law of the country, is allowed three blows by which to strike off a head. By the intervention of some supernatural power the blows are only partly effectual, and Cecilia, though mortally wounded, lives three days, in which time she makes complete disposition of her property, consecrating her palace as a church and home for the maidens who have been under her guidance, and converting many hundred souls through her preaching. And this was, the legend tells us, two hundred and twenty-three years after that our Lord came to earth.

This legend is greeted to-day on the one hand by the popular conception of a mystical St. Cecilia vested with the emblems of music as her sole attribute, an estimate which modern art has done much to confirm; on the other hand, by the almost universal voice of skepticism on the part of the historical critic<sup>1</sup> as to the authenticity of her Acts.

The proof as to whether such a person as Cecilia ever existed at Rome, surrounded by the personages Valerian, Tiburtius, Maximus, Urban and Almachius, who provide the setting for the incidents of her life as set forth by monastic scribes after an interval of ten centuries, rests, so far as it can be at all determined, upon the testimony of four authorities:—First, the records of the saint as found in ancient calendars, martyrologies, and breviaries; second, the historic accounts of the early Church; third, the compilations of hagiographers, and fourth, the accumulating information of archeologists.

The Martyrologies were compiled from letters and brief records which were written, it may be supposed, under the same

<sup>1</sup> Saint Cécile est honorée comme martyre dans l'Eglise Latine depuis le 5<sup>e</sup> siècle, mais on ignore ce que concerne sa vie, ses actions, et sa mort. L'Advocat, *Dict. Hist-Portatif*.

Ses actes sont plus anciens, mais . . . non pas pour y donner une entière créance. Fleury, *Hist. Eccles. lib. XLVI. § 41.*

Ses actes qui ont peu d'autorité. Feller, *Dict. de Biog. et d'Hist.*

Of her life and history, however, hardly any authentic account has come down to us. C. H., *Dict. of Christ. Biog.*

The legendary accounts of her are not worthy of credence. McClintock and Strong, *Cyclop. of Eccles. Lit.*

The acts of St. Cecily are generally considered of very small authority. Alban Butler, *Lives of Saints.*

It is also unfortunate for Cecilia's claim to a footing on the solid soil of history that the earliest writer who makes mention of her, Fortunatus, bishop of Poitiers, represents her to have died in Sicily between the years 176 and 180. . . . It is absurdly stated in the *Biographie Universelle* that Cecilia's name is found in the most ancient martyrologies, whereas, as may be seen from Baronius, the earliest of these documents was compiled by Pope Clement I. who died A. D. 100. *Encycl. Brit.*

impetus as that which, in the early Christian church, collected and preserved the Apostolic records. Many early documents assure us of this activity.

Clement I. in 93 A. D. divided Rome into seven ecclesiastical districts which he apportioned to faithful churchmen that they might search out with care the acts of the martyrs.<sup>1</sup> Another record by Anastasius reports the continuation of this work under the papacy of St. Fabian 236–249, shortly after the supposed time of our saint.<sup>2</sup> Of Pope Anteros, 235–236, we are told<sup>3</sup> that “he diligently sought out the acts of the martyrs from the notaries, and laid them up in the church, for which thing he was made a martyr by the prefect Maximus.” Cyprian<sup>4</sup> directs his church officials to record the days of the martyrs, and says that this custom has been practised by Tertullus. We know from Sozomen<sup>5</sup> that municipalities under the same civil rule frequently had their own feast days on which they celebrated their local martyrs.

These and similar records perished undoubtedly during the Christian persecutions which accompanied and succeeded these centuries, yet there is ground for belief that they provided the first authentic step in the series which finally led to the Acts of a St. Cecilia.

Eusebius in the early part of the fourth century affirms<sup>6</sup> that with the judicial acts and records of the time, he has considered also the letters of the faithful in the compilation of his Martyrology. Of this only the fragment containing the lives of the Martyrs of Palestine<sup>7</sup> remains. A Latin compilation supposed to be based upon Eusebius<sup>8</sup> is preserved by the *Martyrologium Vetustissimum*<sup>9</sup> attributed to Jerome (330–420). It contains references to the saints of the Cecilia legend, which show some discrepancies and repetitions. These occur, as the more familiar

<sup>1</sup> Hic fecit septem regiones dividi notariis fidelibus Ecclesiæ, qui gesta martyrum sollicite et curiose unusquisque per regionem suam diligenter perquirerent. Anastasius, *Lib. Pontif.* iv, PATR. LAT. 127. Baronius, *Ann. A. D.* 95. Vol. I. 728, 729.

<sup>2</sup> Hic regiones divisit diaconibus, et fecit septem sub diaconos, qui septem notariis imminerent, ut gesta martyrum in integro colligerent. Anast. *Lib. Pontif.* xxi, PATR. LAT. 127.

<sup>3</sup> De Rossi, *Rom. Sott.* II. 181.

<sup>4</sup> Cypr., *Eph.* 12.

<sup>5</sup> *Hist. Eccl.* V. 3. Paris. 1698.

<sup>6</sup> πᾶσάν τε τὴν πρὸς πὴν σύγχλητον ἀπολογίαν δτῷ διαγνῶναι φίλον, ἐχ τῆς τῶν Ἀρχαῖων μαρτυρίων συναχθεῖσης ἡμῖν ἀναγραφῆς εἴσεται. *Hist. Eccl.* v. 21.

<sup>7</sup> PATR. GR. 20, 1519.

<sup>8</sup> For early allusion concerning the compilation of this work see Strabo, *de Rebus Eccl.* c. 28. PATR. LAT. 114. 962; Bede, *Retract in Act. Ap.* i. PATR. LAT. 92. 997; Cassiodorus, *de Inst. Div. Lect.* c. 32. PATR. LAT. 70. 1147.

<sup>9</sup> Florentinius, PATR. LAT. 30. 455.

later records give us reason to expect, on 22 November, the day of St. Cecilia, 14 April, the day of Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, and 25 May, the day of the martyr Urban.<sup>1</sup> Additional records are then given for 16 September and 21 April.

The reference to St. Cecilia on XVI Kal. October (September 16) is found again in the martyrology and breviary of Corbeiensus Dacherius. Also in the *Epternacensis* Martyrology the words “*Romæ Cæciliæ*” occur on this day, and the *Richenovien-sian*, the *Augustan* and the *Labbeanian* calendars give here the name “*Cæciliæ*” without title or place. The frequent repetition of the date 16 September in these earliest calendars, gives rise to doubt concerning the authenticity of the now commonly accepted date, 22 November, for the commemoration of Cecilia’s birth. The later date, some critics<sup>2</sup> believe, celebrates the consecration of the church of St. Cecilia in Trastevere in Rome. No evidence, however, is able to place this earlier than 434-440 (see p. 20). In the meanwhile the calendar of Fronto<sup>3</sup> (pope, 372-5), and most of the Latin collections<sup>4</sup> succeeding, mark Cecilia’s festival on 22 November, and those of Valerian and Tiburtius, overlooking Jerome’s second allusion on XI Kal. May (April 21), on 14 April.

The early Roman Sacramentaries, consist usually of a series of prayers for intercession and praise to the appropriate saint for the day, with vague allusion to the martyrdom and triumph of the one thus commemorated. Through these, the early veneration of St. Cecilia may be traced, and some intimation gained as to the character of her acts. The *Sacramentarium Leonianum*, which is the oldest of the accessible church uses, is attributed by Blanchini (1735) to Pope Leo the Great (440-461). It contains a long celebration of the martyrdom of St. Cecilia on 22 Novem-

<sup>1</sup> X Kal. Decem. Romæ. Cæciliæ virginis, Valeriani, Tiburtii, Maximi.

XVIII Kal. Maii. Romæ, via Appia in cœmeterio Prætextati, natalis sanctorum Tiburtii, Valeriani, Maximi.

VIII Kal. Jun. Via Nomentana, milliaro nono, natalis Urbani episcopi.

These references are supplemented by the following repetitions: XI Kal. Maii. Romæ, in cœmeterio Calesti, via Appia, natalis sanctorum Valeriani, Maximi, Tiburtii.

XVI Kal. Oct. Passio Sanctæ Cæciliæ virginis. PATR. LAT. 30.

<sup>2</sup> Das (Nov. 22) war ursprünglich nicht ihr Todestag, sondern der Kirchweihtag der Basilika in Transtevere. Das dieses Datum des 22 Nov. sich nach De Rossi auf die Translation unter Paschal I. beziehe, berichtet Lipsius, *Chron. der Röm. Bish.* s. 182. Erbes, *Die Heilige Cäcilia*, Zeitschr. f. Kirchengesch. ix. 15.

<sup>3</sup> Fronto, *Calendarium Romanum*, Paris, 1652, p. 149.

<sup>4</sup> Kalendarium Floriacense, Antiquissimum (IX C), Stabulense, Verdinense, Martyrologium Insignis Eccl. Antissiodorensis, Mantuanum, Brixianum, Vallumbrosanum (two), Lucensis Kalendarii (fragmentum), Calendarium Anglicanum, and Veteres Litaniæ Anglicanæ. PATR. LAT. 138. 1186.

ber.<sup>1</sup> To Gelasius I. (pope 462-496), is attributed the authorship of the *Liber Sacramentorum* in which *In Natalis Sanctæ Cæciliæ* is celebrated with similar forms on 22 November and the preceding day.<sup>2</sup> It is a series of prayers on both days. Her martyrdom is also celebrated in the important sacramentary of St. Gregory I. (540-604), which is given in full.<sup>3</sup>

Parallel with the liturgical growth in the Roman church appear the independent liturgies of foreign churches. Such a liturgy belonged to the church of Milan and has been ascribed to Ambrose (334-397). This liturgy, which at all events was of very early origin, commemorates Cecilia.<sup>4</sup> The office taken from a service of about the year 1130, makes the instruction concerning the offerings suitable to the occasion its most prominent feature.<sup>5</sup>

The *Gallican Liturgies*, which also preserved a distinct type until, by the command of Charlemagne, the Roman order of service was instigated, have an independent celebration of St. Cecilia. This service is believed by Thomasius<sup>6</sup> to have been in use in Gaul in the sixth century. It contains little of the history of St. Cecilia and is chiefly an ascription of honor to the saint and supplication for her intercession.<sup>7</sup>

The *Mozarabic Liturgy*, supposed to be the ritual of Southern France and Spain at the beginning of the eighth century, and attributed to Isidore of Seville, who lived until the latter part of the seventh century, contains an elaborate office of St. Cecilia

<sup>1</sup> A part of this service is as follows: X Kal. Dec. In die festivitatis hodiernæ, qua sancta Cæcilia in tui nominis confessione martyr effecta est. Quæ dum humanis devota nuptiis, thalamos temporales contemneret, sponsum sibi, qui perpetuus esset, præsumto præmio castitatis adhibuit, & æternitatem vitæ maluit, quam ut mundo procrearet originem. In cuius gloriam etiam illud accessit, ut Valerianum, cui suerat matrimonii jure copulanda, in perpetuum sibi socians martyr casta confortium, secum duceret ad coronam. Muratori, *Lit. Rom. Vet.* I. 456.

<sup>2</sup> It begins, Sanctæ martyra tuæ Cæciliæ supplicationibus tribue nos foveri: ut cujus venerabilem solemnitatem prævenimus obsequio; ejus intercessionibus commendemur. Per Dominum. Muratori, *Lit. Rom. Vet.* I. 672.

<sup>3</sup> Deus, qui nos annua beatæ Cæciliæ martyris tuæ solemnitate lœtificas: da, ut quam veneramur officio, etiam piæ conversationis sequamur exemplo. Per &c.

*Super oblata.* Hæc hostia, Domine, placationis & laudis quæsumus, ut interveniente beata Cæcilia martyre tua, nos propitiatione dignos semper efficiat. Per &c.

*Ad complendum.* Satiasti, Domine, familiam tuam muneribus sacris. Ejus semper intercessione nos refove, cujus solemnis celebamus. Per &c. Muratori, *Vet. Lit. Rom.* II. 129; PATR. LAT. 78.

<sup>4</sup> Erbes, *Die Heilige Cäcilia*, remarks, p. 11: "Ambrosius, Hieronymus und Prudentius, die so viele anderen feiern, thun der Cäcilia keine Erwähnung."

<sup>5</sup> In *Sanctæ Cæciliæ*, Ebdomadariis Solidi IV. & Denarii IV. Pro Calice cannata Vini. Custodibus & Veglonibus, ut in Nativitate Sanctæ Mariæ. Muratori, *Antiquitates Italicae*, (1741), IV. 930.

<sup>6</sup> Josephus Thomasius, *Codices Sacramentorum*. Rom. 1680.

<sup>7</sup> Venerabilem ac sublimem beatæ martyris Cæciliæ passionem, et sanctam solemnitatem pia devotione celebrantes, conservatorem omnium Deum, fratres carissimi, deprecemur, etc. *Gallican Missal*, Lib. III. XIV, in PATR. LAT. 72. 247.

for 22 November, both in the *Missale Mixtum* and the *Breviarum Gothicum*.<sup>1</sup> The former especially is more specific regarding the life and martyrdom of St. Cecilia than any church office yet considered. It mentions the penance of the hair-cloth garment, the attendance of the angels, the immortal flowers, the conversions of Valerian and Tiburtius, their martyrdom and ascent to glory. Urban's name is mentioned once, and St. Cecilia is recorded to have suffered martyrdom by fire. The place and time of her death are not mentioned.

Venantius Fortunatus (530-600?), one of Cecilia's earliest chroniclers, has placed her martyrdom in Sicily,<sup>2</sup> but has assigned no dates.<sup>3</sup> He also shows by his verses,<sup>4</sup> written at the consecration of the church of St. Andrew, by Vitalis, bishop of Ravenna, that Cecilia was commonly venerated in the sixth century. Brower<sup>5</sup> believes that Fortunatus received the impression that Cecilia had been born in Sicily from the fact that in his time she was held in especial veneration in that country.

Bede (673-735), was familiar with the life of St. Cecilia, and refers to her twice in the Ecclesiastical History.<sup>6</sup> Concerning his martyrology, which is of especial interest in this case, he says at the conclusion of Bk. V:—"A martyrology, concerning the festivals of the holy martyrs, in which all that I could find, not only on what day, but also in what form of strife and under what judge they prevailed over the world, I carefully wrote." The extracts from this martyrology are given in full.<sup>7</sup>

The Metrical Martyrology which was made in addition to this, in order to "imitate the method of the Holy Scripture

<sup>1</sup> PATR. LAT. 85. 926; 86. 1251.

<sup>2</sup> Cæciliam Sicula profert, Seleucia Teclam, *Carm. Lib.* VIII. 3. 171, PATR. LAT. 88.

<sup>3</sup> "Fortunatus places her in Sicily in the time of Commodus or Aurelius." *Dict. of Chr. Biog.*, *Cæcilia*.

<sup>4</sup> Sanctus Alexander felixque Cecilia pollent,

Quos meritis omnes una corona manet. *Carm. Lib.* I, c. ii. 23-4, PATR. LAT. 88.

<sup>5</sup> Forte in Sicilia, ætate Fortunati, sanctæ Ceciliæ memoria præcipuo honore colebatur quam cœteroquin Romanam matronam fuisse proditus est. *Fortun. Op.*

<sup>6</sup> Cæcilia infestos læta ridet gladios, *Hymn to Virginity*, *Hist. Eccl.* IV. 18; also in the lines concerning the consecration of Wilibrord in the church of St. Cecilia at Rome. Ordinatus est autem in ecclesia sanctæ martyris Ceciliæ, die Natalis ejus, *Hist. Eccl.* V. 11.

<sup>7</sup> XVIII. Kal. Maii. Romæ Tiburtii, Valeriani & Maximi, sub Almachio Urbis Præfecto: quorum primi fustibus cæsi & gladio sunt percussi, ultimus tamdiu plumbatis verberatus, donec spiritum redderet.

VIII. Kal. Junii. Romæ natale S. Urbani Papæ & Confessoris, cuius doctrina multi martyrio coronati sunt.

X. Kal. Decem. Natale S. Ceciliæ Virginis quæ & sponsum suum Valerianum & fratrem ejus Tiburium ad credendum Christo ac martyrium perducunt: & ipsa diende martyrizavit, ignem quidem superans, sed ferro occisa sub Almachio Urbis Præfecto.

Johannis Smith, Cambridge, 1722, *Martyrologium Bædae in 8 antiquis MSS. acceptum cum auctario Flori.*

in whose history poetical pieces in meter are often inserted," also refers to Cecilia.<sup>1</sup>

The English bishop Aldhelm (640?-709), mentions Cecilia twice. His prose account<sup>2</sup> relates her musical powers, concerning which he approaches the modern conception of a Cecilia of music and angels and flowers.

The *Liber Pontificalis* of Anastasius who died A.D. 721, the surviving document drawn from more ancient records and interesting for its subsequent relations, mentions the martyrdom of Cecilia<sup>3</sup> as one of the significant events of St. Urban's papacy. The interdependence however of the Urban and Cecilia history is such as to give to neither the value of separate and corroborative testimony.

From the group of ninth century martyrologists,<sup>4</sup> when the passion for investigation of church history was at its height, Cecilia receives due and constant attention. From these sources a connected story of her life in miniature begins to appear.

Rabanus Maurus (786-856), Archbishop of Mayence, who compiled a martyrology based upon the *Liber Pontificalis* and also upon the work of Bede, gives on X Kal. December the first brief record of St. Cecilia.<sup>5</sup>

Odo, Archbishop of Vienna, toward the middle of the ninth century compiled a calendar on the basis of the *Parvum Romanum*, an old martyrology discovered by him and esteemed of superior authenticity.<sup>6</sup> The account of Odo, since it elaborates several points and adds some details, is of particular value

<sup>1</sup>Cecilia merito decimis cum laude migravit. PATR. LAT. 94. 606.

<sup>2</sup> . . . Quomodo Cecilia virgo sacratissima indulta jugalitatis consortia, ac pacta proci sponsalia obtenuit castitatis refutans, velut spurca latrinarum purgamenta laudabili spiritus fervore contempserit, dispixerit, respuerit; quæ licet organica bis quinquagenis et ter quinis sonorum vocibus concreparet harmonia. . . . Quamobrem . . . angelicis perfrui conspectibus fecit, quibus cœlicola ab astris destinatus candidis ac purpureis contexta serta floribus obtulit: Iotas, inquiens, coronas immaculato et mundo corpore custodite, quia de paradiſo dei eas ad vos attuli. *De Laudiis Virginitatis.* PATR. LAT. 89. 141.

<sup>3</sup> Sanctus Urbanus. Anno Christi 226. Alex. imp. 4.

*Urbanus, Natione Romanus, ex patre Pontiano, sedit annos octo, menses undecim, dies duodecim. . . . Hic sua traditione multos convertit ad batismum et credulitatem etiam Valerianum, nobilissimum virum, sponsum sanctæ Cæcilie, quos etiam usque ad martyrii palmam perduxit, et per ejus monita multi martyrio coronati sunt. . . . Qui etiam sepultus est in coemeterio Prætextati, via Appia, VIII. Kal. Junias. . . .* PATR. LAT. 127, 1325.

<sup>4</sup> For a discussion of the relation of these martyrologies to one another, see Preface to works of Usuard. PATR. LAT. 123. 459-482.

<sup>5</sup> Sanctæ Ceciliæ, quæ et sponsum suum Valerianum, et fratrem ejus Tiburtium ad credendum Christo ac martyrium perdocuit, et ipsa deinde martyrizavit, ignem quidem superans, sed ferro occisa sub Almachio urbis præfecto. PATR. LAT. 110. 1180.

<sup>6</sup> The compilation was rendered further reliable he tells us, (Preface to Martyrology), from the fact that manuscripts of the Acts of the Martyrs had been collected by him from all quarters.

in the study of the Acts of St. Cecilia. On X Kal. December is given an account which in abstract is as follows:

On the X Kal. December, Cecilia, the blessed virgin was born at Rome. She converted her husband Valerian and her brother Tiburtius to the faith, for which they endured martyrdom. Urban the Pope, moreover, as the result of her preaching, baptized no less than four hundred souls, among whom there was an illustrious man named Gordian.

Thereupon Almachius commanded that the blessed Cecilia be brought to him, and when she held true to the faith, he commanded further that she be conducted to her own home and burned to death in its bath.

Cecilia remained therein an entire day and night without injury, as if it had been a cold place. Hearing which, Almachius sent messengers who should behead her. These struck three blows but were not able to strike off her head. She lived after that for three days. Then St. Urban, bearing away her body by night buried it with the bodies of the popes. This blessed virgin lived during the times of the emperors Marcus Aurelius and Commodus.

On the XVIII. Kal. Maii in Rome, via Appia, in the cemetery of Prætextatus, the holy martyrs Tiburtius, Valerian, and Maximus under the prefect Almachius slain by the sword, (the last, beaten with leaden plumbets until he gave up the ghost).

On the VIII. Kal. Junii. In Rome, via Numentana, in the cemetery of Prætextatus, St. Urban, bishop and martyr, by whose teaching, in the time of the persecution of Alexander, many martyrs were crowned.

Usuard who compiled the martyrology which bears his name died in 876 or 877. The martyrology was adopted in most of the churches of France, Italy and Germany and is important since it became the basis of the Roman martyrology. He follows Maurus closely.<sup>1</sup>

During this period the Greek menologies continued to borrow the Latin legend. The great Menology of the Greeks<sup>2</sup> and the Menology of Sirleti<sup>3</sup> follow Jerome's reference for 14 April and 22 November, and add that the martyr suffered under Diocletian (283-290).<sup>4</sup> The *Ephemerides*, the *Græcorum Metricus*,<sup>5</sup> and the *Martyrologium Græcum* of Seberus also commemorate November 22.

The Greek Simeon Metaphrastes,<sup>6</sup> scribe to the emperor Leo VI. (886-911), in the tenth century compiled from many sources an important but unauthenticated<sup>7</sup> work which includes an elaborate account of St. Cecilia and her associates.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Romæ, natalis sanctæ Ceciliæ virginis, quæ sponsum Valerianum et fratrem ejus Tiburtium ad credendum Christo ac martyrium perdocuit, et ipsa deinde martyrizata est, ignem quidem superans, sed ferro occisa. Passa est autem Marci Aurelii et Commodi imperatorum temporibus. PATR. LAT. 124.

<sup>2</sup> *Mænæa Magna Græcorum, die in textu notata*, Venetiæ, 1528.

<sup>3</sup> *Menologium Sirleti*, ed. Canisius Jac. Basnagius, *Thesaur. Monument.* III. p. 22, Nov. p. 490.

<sup>4</sup> Lipsius, *Chron. der Röm. Bish.* p. 81, observes that St. Cecilia was not first associated with the reign of Diocletian by the Greeks of the eleventh century, but that in the Latin Papal Records (MS. Berner 225) of the eighth or ninth century, Urban is mentioned in this connection.

<sup>5</sup> X Kal. Dec. Δευτερὶ ἑιχάδι KIKLAIAN τάμον ἀμφὶ λαβέρον;—Ciciliam necat in balneo vicena secunda. Bollandus, *Acta Sanct.* I Maii. Vol. 14, p. LIII. Henschen and Papebroke.

<sup>6</sup> PATR. GR. 116. 3; Latin of Surius, ed. Lipomanus (see *Bibliography*).

<sup>7</sup> Surius avoit de l'érudition, mais il donnoit tête baissée dan les fables, et manquoit de critique. L'Advocat, *Dict. Portatif*.

<sup>8</sup> For a defense of the credibility of this compilation and its assignment to an earlier date, see Ceillier, *Hist. des Auteurs Sacrés*, Vol. II.

By Metaphrastus and Surius his translator, it is claimed that Urban I. was Bishop and Pope of the Christians at the time of Cecilia's death and consequently under the temporal rule of Alexander Severus (222-230). This in general is the accepted statement of the medieval legends.

Proceeding from the monasteries of England, in the time of Bede to the eleventh century there was a host of calendars and missals, in Latin, intended for the celebration of great festivals and fasts, Sundays and Saint's days. Of them all, only a few escaped the adversities of the time of King Edward VI (1547).<sup>1</sup>

The Sarum, York,<sup>2</sup> Bangor, and Hereford missals, drawn directly from the Sacramentaries of Leo, Gelasius, and Gregory, celebrate the office of St. Cecilia on her usual days.

The earliest English life of St. Cecilia is found in the martyrology attributed by Cockayne<sup>3</sup> and others to Alfred (849-901). The Old English text in full for both days is as follows:<sup>4</sup>

Nov. 22.

On þone XXII dæg þæs monðes byð sā cecilian þrowung þære halgan fæmnan. Seo wæs on hyre geogoðe æðelum were be weddod, *and* se wæs hæðen, *and* heo wæs cristen. Heo wæs ȝe gyred myd hærān æt hyre lychaman, *and* on ufan þære hærān heo wæs ȝe gyred myd golde awefenum hrægelum. *And* on þære nyhte þa heo wæs ingelaðed on þone bryd bur, þa sæde heo þam brydguman þæt heo gesawe engel of heofenum, *and* se wolde hyne slean myd fær deaðe gif he hyre æfre onhryne myd unclænre lufon. Þa gelærde heo þone bryd guman, þæt he onfeng fullwyhte, *and* on god ȝelyfde. Þa he gefullod wæs *and* yn eode on þone bryd bur, þa stod se engel big hyre myd scynendum fyðerum; *and* hæfde twegen beagas on hys anda, þa glysnodon hwylum swa rosan blosman, hwylum swa lilian blostman; *and* þa sealde he oðerne þæra

<sup>1</sup> Piper, *Die Kalendarien und Martyrologien der Angelsachsen*, Berlin, 1862, gives a valuable account of a group of these, including the Martyrologies of Bede.

<sup>2</sup> The York Missal is as follows, (*Publ. Surtees Soc.*, 1872, II):

Sanctæ Cæciliæ, virginis et martyris. X. Kal. Dec.

*Officium.* Loquebar.

*Oratio.* Deus qui nos annua beatæ Cæciliæ martyris tuae sollemnitate lætificas, da, ut quam veneremur officio, etiam pia conversationis sequamur exemplo. Per Dominum.

*Epistola.* De virginibus præceptum.

*Graduale.* Audi filia. Alleluya. V. Cantantibus organis Cæcilia virgo soli. Domino decantabat dicens. Fiat cor meum et corpus meum immaculatum ut non confundar.

*Sequentia.* Exsultemus, *ut in Communi.*

*Evangelium.* Simile est regnum cœlorum decem virginibus.

*Offertorium.* Offerentur, majus.

*Secreta.* Hæc hostia, Domine, placationis et laudis, quæsumus, ut interveniente beata Cæcilia martyre tua, nos tua propitiatione dignos semper efficiat. Per.

*Communio.* Confundantur.

*Post communio.* Satiasti, Domine, familiam tuam muneribus sacris, ejus semper intercessione nos refove, cuius sollemnia celebрамus. Per.

<sup>3</sup> We must conclude that this martyrology is of the age of Alfred; none of its materials are more recent; and it is further directly indebted to that king himself, and doubtless composed under his direction; it draws from Benedictine, Roman, English, and Syriac sources. Oswald Cockayne, *The Schrine*, p. 157.

<sup>4</sup> For a translation see Skeat, *The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer*, Vol. IV. p. 489.

beaga þære fæmnan, *and* oðerne þam brydguman, *and* cwæð: “Healdað ge þas beagas myd clænlicum dædum, forþam ðe ic hig brohte ync of godes neorxna wange.” Þeos fæmne geþrowode martyrdom for cryste. Almatheus hatte rome burge gerefa, he nydde hig þær heo cryste wyð soce þa heo þær ne ge þafode, þa het he hig belucan on byrnendum baðe on þam heo wæs, dæg *and* nyht, swa heo na ne geswætte. Þa eode hyre se cwellere to myd sweorde, *and* he hig sloh þrywa myd þam sweorde. *And* he ne myhte hyre þær heafod of aslean. Ac heo ge bæd hig to þam papan, se wæs haten urbanus, *and* þa, be foran þam papan, heo to dælde eall þær hyre wæs, *and* hym gesealde. *and* cwæð to hym: “þyssa þreora daga fæc ic me abæd æt dryhtne þær ic þe þys sealde, þær ðu ge halgie myn hus to cyrcean.” *And* þa on sende hyre gast to gode.

April 14.

On ȝone feowerteogðan<sup>1</sup> dæg þæs monðes, bið þara haliga gebroðra tid. s̄cē ualerianes *and* s̄cē tiburties, ȝa allmachius rome burge gerefa nedde mid witum ðæt hi criste wiðsocan. ȝa hi þær ne gehafodon þa het he hi beheaf-dian. ȝa se man ðe þær sceolde behealdan þær hi man beheafdale wepende *and* swergende he sæde þær he gesawe heora sawle ȝongan ut of þæm lichoman fægre gefretwade. *And* þær he gesawe godes englas swa scinende swa sunne, *and* þa hi bærion to heofonum mid<sup>2</sup> hiora feðra flihte. *And* se mon ȝa gelefde gode, *and* he wæs [of] s[w]ungen on deað for criste, *and* his noma wæs maximus.

This, it will be seen, does not differ materially from the main line of Latin legends which have as their significant points Rome, Urban, Almatheus or Almachius, the attempted martyrdom of Cecilia by fire, her final execution, and her request that her home be hallowed for a church.

Just before the middle English period, and distinct in its literary qualities from the martyrologies and church uses which surround it, is the long account of Cecilia given by Ælfric (10th century)<sup>3</sup> in his Saints' Lives.<sup>4</sup> Cecilia is represented as a Roman virgin living in the days of the emperors “who cared not for Christ.”<sup>5</sup>

Ælfric's version contains most of the material, including the theological arguments, of the finished legend as it appeared in the Middle Ages, in the Latin of Jacobus a Voragine, the French of De Vignay, the English of Caxton, Bokenam, and Chaucer, and the closely related family of monastic legends which overlaps both boundaries of the Middle English period.

<sup>1</sup> ȝ erased, MS.

<sup>2</sup> Here begins an older copy in MS. Add. 23211 of two pages.

<sup>3</sup> The date of Ælfric's birth is estimated as probably the year 955. c. II. p. 35, *Ælfric, A New Study of his Life and Works*, a doctoral thesis presented to the Philosophical Faculty of Yale University by C. L. White, Boston, 1898.

<sup>4</sup> The life of St. Cecilia is to appear shortly (1898), in the fourth part (Vol. II) of *Ælfric's Saints' Lives*, edited for the E. E. T. S. by W. W. Skeat.

<sup>5</sup> Iu on ealdum dagum wæs sum æðele mæden  
Cecilia gehaten fram cild-hade cristen  
On romana rica þa þa seo reðe ehtnys stod  
On þæra casera dagum þe cristes ne gymdon.

—Ælfric's *Saints' Lives*, XXXIV, 1-4.

Among the ancient churches of Rome one of the first to be designated by a special title was the church of St. Cecilia across the Tiber, of which mention is made in the first Roman Synod held under Pope Symmachus in the year 499.<sup>1</sup> The church is mentioned again by Gregory the Great,<sup>2</sup> 590, in defining the movements of a great procession. It was dedicated under Pope Sixtus III (432-440),<sup>3</sup> and is supposed to occupy the site of St. Cecilia's house,<sup>4</sup> in compliance with her request.<sup>5</sup>

In 817 it became the duty of Pope Paschal to rebuild this church, which after three centuries was falling in ruins. In accordance with a not unusual custom, Pope Paschal celebrated the reconsecrating of the edifice by the translation of many bodies of martyrs from their first resting places in the now neglected catacombs, to places of more security and veneration. In this particular translation, the securement of the body of St. Cecilia for the church which bore her name became of peculiar moment.<sup>6</sup> Following the guidance of the old records, he searched for the body of the saint in the catacombs of Prætextatus on the Appian Way, but without success. He therefore abandoned the search upon the conclusion that her tomb had been rifled during the invasion of Astulfus, king of the Lombards, in 755, but is said to have had a vision<sup>7</sup> of Cecilia which revealed to him the true locality of her resting place. "It is true," she said, "that the Lombards sought me, but the favor of my all-powerful friend, the mother of God, forever a virgin, protected me. She did not permit them to take me away, and I am now buried in the same place where I have always reposed." Again he sought, and this time *inter suos collegas*, in and about the papal crypt in the cemetery of Calixtus, and the explorations of De Rossi determine that the "Cecilian crypt," which abutts at its corner upon the papal crypt, was the place where Cecilia was found by Paschal in the year 821.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Boll. *Act. Sanct.* 14 Apr. p. 203.

<sup>2</sup> S. Greg. *Ep. Lib.* II. 2.

<sup>3</sup> This is the conclusion reached by Erbes, *Die Heilige Cäcilia*, based upon De Rossi, *Rom. Sott.* II. 36.

<sup>4</sup> La maison qu' habitaient les Valerii, et qui devait être celle des deux époux, était située en la XIV<sup>e</sup> région de Rome, dans le Transtévere. Guéranger, *Sainte Cécile*, p. 347.

5 . . . þat he scholde hire hōus þat ge hadde woned Inne

Halewen in oure louerdes name & þa churche þer bigynne. ll. 249-50, MS. Laud 108.

<sup>6</sup> The account of Paschal's work is preserved in the *Lib. Pontif.* of Anastasius. PATR. LAT. 128<sup>2</sup>. 1265.

<sup>7</sup> Anast. *Lib. Pontif.*, *Paschal*, § 437.

<sup>8</sup> This is not the usual statement of hagiographers.

. . . reperit in cœmitorio Prætextati situm foris portam appiam. Baronius, *Ann.* 821, § IV; Anast. *Lib. Pontif.* § 438.

On rapporte qu'il y fut trouvé . . . dans le cimetière de Prætextat. Tillemont, III. 260.

Il le trouva en effet dans le cimetière de Prætextat en la voie Appienne. Fleury, Liv. XLVI. 41.

Urban . . . buried her in the cemetery of *Calixtus*; . . . her body was found in the cemetery of *Prætextatus* adjoining that of *Calixtus* on the *Via Appia*. *Dict. of Chr. Biog.*, *Cæcilia*.

She was buried in the same cemetery as her husband. Mrs. Jameson, *Sac. and Legend. Art.*, II. 583.

The earlier archeologist Bosio (1629), endorses De Rossi.<sup>1</sup>

Anastasius' account<sup>2</sup> tells that the body was found uninjured by time, lying on the right side, the hands together, thrown forward and down, the knees slightly bent. She was clad in rich garments, her head enveloped in a covering which left only the chin and neck exposed, and linen cloths stained with blood were lying at her feet. Contrary to the custom of burial of that day, the body had been enclosed, Paschal asserts, in a cypress coffin. This he overspread with a covering of silk and deposited it incorrupt and beautiful in a marble sarcophagus under the new altar of the church of St. Cecilia in Trastevere, together with the bodies of Valerian, Tiburtius and Maximus, which he secured with little difficulty from the lately restored cemetery of Prætextatus<sup>3</sup> across the Appian Way, and the body of Pope Urban I, from the papal crypt of the cemetery of Calixtus.

In honor of these saints Paschal founded a monastery<sup>4</sup> near the church of St. Cecilia, where the sacred offices were celebrated day and night.

Gregory VII, in the eleventh century, revived the memory of the sacred relic by renewing the altar of the church and erecting a silver statue of the virgin (1075).

It was under this altar five centuries after the time of Paschal, that the body of St. Cecilia was found by Cardinal Sfondrati of the title of St. Cecilia, October 20, 1599.

The account of this discovery is given in a long description by Baronius who was commissioned by Clement VIII, pope at the time, to examine and report the remarkable occurrence. He alleges<sup>5</sup> that her body was taken from its place still incorrupt and answering perfectly to the description given by Pope Paschal five hundred years before. The body in its cypress case was carefully enclosed in a second case of silver and re-deposited with such supreme veneration that they forbore to touch even the tissue covering which Paschal had thrown over the figure. Above the altar was placed this inscription which may still be read :

<sup>1</sup> Quella parte del cimiterio di Calisto, dove fù sepellito il corpo della gloriosa, e inuitta martiri Santa Cecilia. *Rom. Sott. Lib. III. c. XV.*

<sup>2</sup> *Lib. Pontif. §§ 438, 439, 440. PATR. LAT. 1282.*

<sup>3</sup> . . . ecclesiam (cryptam) beati Tiburtii et Valeriani atque Maximi. . . . Martyrum foris portam Appiam uno cohærentes loco restauravit. *Lib. Pontif. Adrian I. 772-795.*

<sup>4</sup> Fleury, *Hist. Eccl.*, Liv. xlv. §41, and Bosio, *Rom. Sott.* p. 44: Monasterium b. Gregorii atque ss. virginum seu martyrum Agathæ et Cæciliæ juxta ipsius ecclesiam construximus.

<sup>5</sup> Baron. *Ann. 821. §§ xvi-xxv.*

CORPV S. CÆCILIÆ VIRGINIS ET MARTYRIS  
A CLEMENTE VIII. PONT. MAX INCLVSVM  
ANNO M. D. IC. PONT. VIII.

followed by an account from which these lines are taken:

'Hic requiescit corpus S. Cæciliæ virginis et martyris, quod a Paschali primo Pont. Max. ipsa revelante, repertum, et in hanc ecclesiam translatum, et sub hoc altari una cum corporibus SS. Martyrum Lucii et Urbani Pontificum, necnon Valeriani, Tiburtii et Maximi reconditum, iterum post annos fere octingentos, Clement. VIII, Pont. Max. cum iisdem SS. Martyribus lucem aspexit, die xx. Octobris, anno Dominicæ Incarnationis MD. IC.'

Over the saint's tomb was placed the celebrated recumbent statue of "St. Cecilia lying dead" executed by Stefano Maderno, a sculptor in the employ of the cardinal, who, according to the inscription,<sup>1</sup> had himself seen the body when it was exhumed.

Such is the ancestry of the Cecilia legend and the history of her reliques, now traced to medieval times; a considerable body of testimony to, at least, the faithful acceptance of the story through these centuries and the long and continuous endeavor to secure its perpetuation. There can be little doubt from such witnesses, that the Acts of St. Cecilia rest upon a basis of fact. It is also doubtless the case that pious exaggeration and misapprehension, together with errors fixed by centuries of historical inaccuracy and insufficiency, have together conspired to produce a medieval account which, as it stands, is antagonistic to its own veracity. To disentangle the false from the true involves a piece of argumentation which might be a fruitless task, were it not that the facts of St. Cecilia's life involve closely matters and personages otherwise of historic interest.

St. Cecilia is reported by Fortunatus to have died in Sicily; by the Greeks, to have suffered in Rome under Diocletian (284-305); by Metaphrastes, in Rome under Alexander Severus (222-230); by Odo, Usuard, and Bede in Rome under the Emperors Marcus Aurelius and Commodus (176-180). The medieval legends, as may be seen, follow in these respects the general account of Metaphrastes and the majority of the Latin versions.

The first difficulty then is a chronological one.

As far as can be known, the assignment of a date is all inferential on the part of the several writers. The time of St. Cecilia's martyrdom is determined by the uniform reference to her close association with Urban, and this Urban whom the Acts designate

<sup>1</sup> En tibi sanctissimæ virginis Cæciliæ imaginem quam ipse integrum in sepulchro jacentem vidi, eandem tibi prorsus eodem corporis situ hoc marmore expressi.

as Pope, was Bishop of Rome under the Emperor Alexander Severus, who ruled from 222 to 235. Urban was elevated to his position about the time of Alexander's accession.<sup>1</sup>

The Acts maintain that at the time of St. Cecilia the Christians were undergoing severe persecution, so much so that the pope himself was obliged to live in hiding, the bodies of martyred Christians were refused burial, and an acknowledgment of the Christian faith was punishable with death. Now of such a persecution on the part of Alexander Severus, no record exists, though it must here be granted that the early accounts of his reign are inadequate. An auspicious calm is supposed to have been enjoyed by the Christians throughout Alexander's reign.<sup>2</sup> They were allowed to build churches<sup>3</sup>; many of the rules for the government of the church were esteemed worthy of incorporation into the law of the Empire<sup>4</sup>, and even the household of Alexander was said to have included many who professed the Christian faith.<sup>5</sup> One of these was apparently<sup>6</sup> Mammæa herself, mother of the Emperor, and Alexander, from his desire to erect a temple to Christ,<sup>7</sup> seemed disposed to give the Christian God recognition among the pagan deities.

There must be admitted also to this examination, the probable character and influence of Alexander's counsel. Foremost among the advisors of the youthful Emperor and his mother was Ulpian, a man of integrity and power in the time of Septimus Severus (202-211). This man, it is held,<sup>8</sup> cherished a conservative spirit of unfriendliness toward the Christians, and it has been possible therefore to attribute to his influence the persecution and martyrdom, not of Cecilia and her associates alone, but of five thousand Roman Christians!<sup>9</sup> Here our faith is something baffled, for while it is possible to believe that the spirit of the times during the life of Alexander would have given little heed to a local or temporary relapse to the old

<sup>1</sup>Tillemont, basing his conclusion upon Baronius, *Ann.* 226, §§ 1; 12; places Urban's accession in the year 223 or 224. See *Hist. Eccl.* iii. pp. 258, 682. Lipsius, *Chron. du Röm. Bish.* considers 222 the probable date. The Bollandists give the following: Tempus martyrii ex sede S. Urbani Papæ sciri potest, quem sedisse ab anno CCXXII, quo Callistus decessor passus est, usque ad annum CCXXX quo S. Pontianus ei successit, alibi deducimus. *Acta Sanct.* May 25.

<sup>2</sup>Gibbon, *Decl. and Fall*, Vol. I. c. vi.

<sup>3</sup>Origin, *In Matth. hom.* xxviii, and Lamprid., *Alex. Aug. Hist.* 49. The subject is discussed by Fr. Görres, *Zeitschr. f. wissenschaftl. Theol.* xx. 68, and Erbes, *Zeitschr. f. Kirchengesch.* ix. 50.

<sup>4</sup>Lamprid. *Alex. Aug. Hist.* v. 230.

<sup>5</sup>Eusebius, *Hist. Eccl. Lib.* vi. 28, 228.

<sup>6</sup>Paulus Orosius, *Hist. Lib.* vii. 18.

<sup>7</sup>Lamprid. *Alex.* v. 129.

<sup>8</sup>Lactant. *Divinar. Instit.*, Lib. v. ii.

<sup>9</sup>Henschen, *Acta Sanct.* 14 April, 471, 474.

severity, the presumable gentleness and purity of the reign will not permit on any known ground, belief in the existence of a Christian persecution of such proportions.

That the matter could have remained unnoticed is the more improbable on account of the high rank of the *gens Cæcilia*<sup>1</sup> and the *gens Valeria*.<sup>2</sup>

There can be but little doubt that St. Cecilia "ibore," as the legend tells, "of noble kynde," and Valerian "of gret nobleye and of richesse," belonged to these families,<sup>3</sup> though a non-conclusive fact to the contrary, is the omission of her name from the list of 139 (15 women) names of this *gens* cited in a recent publication.<sup>4</sup>

These things being so, can the incidents of the Cecilia story, making allowance for some natural growth in the way of exaggeration, be considered an unofficial (as regards Alexander,) act of Alexander's reign?

The direct persecutor of the Christians according to the written acts, was not Alexander, (a circumstance which endorses the assumption that Alexander was recognized as disassociated from direct connection with the persecution), nor any of Alexander's known counsellors, but Almachius, according to the Bollandists, *Turcius Almachius*, prefect of the city of Rome during the Emperor's absence at one of the engagements of the Persian War<sup>5</sup> which was being waged intermittently throughout this period. The office of prefect during the reign of Alexander was one of authority. Forty chosen magistrates formed his counsel.<sup>6</sup> The names of many notable men of the time (among others, Gordian, who figures in some of the legends as a friend and convert of Cecilia's,) have been preserved by the compilations of Tillemont,<sup>7</sup> but error has perhaps connived with chance in leaving the name of this man, if he ever did

<sup>1</sup>Cæcilius(ursprüngliche Form *Caicilios*, griechisch *Kaiχιλιος* und *Kεχιλιος*), plebeisches Geschlecht, dessen bedeutendster Zweig die Metelli waren. Die Sagen, die es auf Cæculus, den mythischen Gründer von Præneste, oder auf Cæcas, einen Gefährten des Æneas zurückführen (Fest. ep., 44), sind in später Zeit aufgebracht worden. Pauly, *Realencycl. d. Class Alterthw.* 5te h.f. b. 1897. p. 1174.

<sup>2</sup> . . . la gens Valeria, issue de Valérius Publicola, cette famille était une des anciennes gloires de Rome, et, plus d'une fois dans le passé, ses membres s'étaient unis aux Metelli. Dom Guéranger, *Saint Cécile*, p. 347, Paris, 1875.

<sup>3</sup> She (Cecilia) was descended from a very ancient family which dated back to the time of Tarquin the Proud; she belonged to the same house as Metella, many of whose children were raised to the honors of triumph and the consulate in the heyday of the Roman Republic. Paul Lacroix, *Mil. and Rel. Life in the Mid. Ages*, p. 426.

<sup>4</sup> Pauly, *Real Enycl. der Class. Alterthw.* herausg. v. Georg Wissowa, Stuttgart, 1897.

<sup>5</sup> Not necessarily as late as 230, the date given in *Dict. of Chr. Biog.*, *Cecilia*.

<sup>6</sup> Tillemont, *Hist. des Emp.* III. 178.

<sup>7</sup> *Hist. des Emp.* III. 162.

exist, unknown.<sup>1</sup> The list of Roman prefects is broken at the point where this inquiry makes it available.

The prefect of Cecilia's time, whoever he was, did not recognize Cecilia for her high birth, nor, this being affirmed, did he hesitate to extend to her the penalty of the law. This in itself is not an unusual occurrence, for these virgin martyrs, whether reputed so to increase the dramatic features of the episode, or in accordance with fact, were often people of rank and distinction. Such martyrdoms are, of course, frequent in history. It is, however, a consideration worthy of attention, that this, an execution of some importance, failed to reach the cognizance of Alexander Severus, and of his biographers.

The martyrdom of Cecilia clashes certainly with no historic conditions of Christian favoritism if placed either earlier in the reign of Aurelius and Commodus, according to the testimony of Odo and Usuard, or later in the reign of Diocletian, according to the Greeks. The Greek account, probably more remote from the true sources and more subject to change through transmissions, is not sustained by later critics.

On the other hand critics of importance<sup>2</sup> are more and more overlooking the assertions of the medieval legend,<sup>3</sup> Latin and English, and on the authority of the ninth century martyrologists, transferring the authentic parts of the story to the time of the philosopher Aurelius and his son Commodus, when the persecutions of the Christians were, strangely, so prominent.

Tillemont combines the authority of Odo and Usuard with the old reference of Fortunatus, '*Cæciliam Sicula profert*', and believes the saint to have suffered martyrdom in Sicily about the year 178, and that her body was later transferred to Rome.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> "Au P. Sirmond, (*Mercatorius, Opera*, I, 260), un nom suspect de faux, parcequ'il n'est ni grec, ni latin." Tillemont, *Hist. Eccl.* III, 688. Lipsius, *Chron. der Röm. Bish.*, says that the name of the Turcian family was not associated with the persecution of Christian martyrs until about the end of the fourth century, and that at no time in their record does the name Turcius Almachius appear among them. Corsini, *De Praefectis*, p. 364, mentions a prefect about the year 492 who bore the name Turcius Rufius Apronianus Asterius, whom Erbes, *Die Heilige Cäcilie*, cites as a possible original of the prefect of the legend.

<sup>2</sup> De Rossi, *Roma Sott.* XXXII-XLIII, 113-161; Erbes, *Zeitschr. f. Kirchengesch.* IX, *Die Heilige Cäcilie*; Fr. Görres, *Zeitschr. f. Wissenschaftl. Theol.* XX, *Alex. Severus und das Christenthum*; Northcote and Brownlow, *Roma Sott.*, London, 1879; Bosio, *Historia passionis S. Cæciliae*, Rom., 1860; Laderchio, *Acta S. Cæciliae*, Rome, 1722. Dom Guéranger, *Saint Cécile et la Société Romaine*, Paris, 1875. B. Aubé, *Les Chrétiens dans l'empire Romain de l'an 180-249*, Paris, 1881, p. 252-317.

<sup>3</sup> See NOTES, l. 257.

<sup>4</sup> Nous ne croyons pas mesme qu'ils nous puissent assurer que Ste Cecile ait jamais vu S. Urbain, y ayant assez d'apparence, qu'elle a été martyrisée en Sicile des le temps de M. Aurele et de Commodo, vers l'an 178. *Hist. Eccl.* III. 260.

Il y a donc assez d'apparence qu'elle a souffert effectivement en Sicile, et que son corps ayant été transporté à Rome des les premiers siecles, *Hist. Eccl.* III. 690.

To accept either of the theories, however, involves a new difficulty. Pope Urban I certainly lived at a later period and under the rule of Alexander Severus. To satisfy this point, these critics point out the fact that history shows two Urbans,<sup>1</sup> one a pope, the other a bishop of an outlying Roman district. The latter was undoubtedly martyred for the cause about the year 180,<sup>2</sup> and buried on the Nomentan Road opposite the Appian Way.<sup>3</sup> The proximity of the crypt of St. Cecilia to the papal crypt, where Pope Urban was interred, they consider a plausible reason for the later confounding of the two Urbans and the association of the name of Cecilia with that of the pope. The accounts of Pope Urban's martyrdom they consider a feature transferred to this from the Cecilia legends, and original with the Cecilia legends rather than with the history of Urban. The medieval legend of Cecilia, it is well to remark, does not in any extant form contain an allusion to Pope Urban's untimely death, though it does intimate that he was subject to such persecution,<sup>4</sup> and this confusion of names and circumstances, if confusion it is, has existed, as has been shown, in the martyrologies from a very early period.<sup>5</sup>

For the confirmation or rejection of their hypotheses, later critics are able to draw upon the accumulating information of antiquarians and Roman archeologists. Two recently discovered itineraries may first be made of service. These itineraries record the topography of the streets and catacombs of Rome at about the seventh century, before the practice of transferring bodies from their original resting places began. These two notable records, the older probably the Itinerary found at Salzburg,<sup>6</sup> and the other incorporated by William of Malmesbury (1143) into the *Gesta Regum Anglorum*,<sup>7</sup> mention the tomb of Cecilia, and locate it close to the tomb of the popes.

<sup>1</sup> Mais comme il y a eu tres peu de martyrs sous Alexandre: cette raison et d'autres encore, donnent lieu de croire qu'on l'a confondu avec un martyr de mesme nom. Tillemont, *Hist. Eccl.* III. 259.

<sup>2</sup> Lipsius, *Chron. der Röm. Bish.* objects to the theory of their having been an earlier bishop Urban, resident at Rome, as unsupportable and improbable.

<sup>3</sup> Tillemont, *Hist. Eccl.* III. 686.

<sup>4</sup> "Is þat Vrban," quaþ tiburs, "þat so ȝerne haþ be souȝt  
þat þare haþ be fleme and hud? and ȝif he were forþ brought,  
ffor-berne he scholde, and we also, ȝif we wiþ him were." MS. Laud 108, II. 119-122.

<sup>5</sup> See citations in this article from martyrologies of Jerome, Odo, Bede.

<sup>6</sup> The Salzburg list is as follows: Primus Sixtus et papa martyr, Dionysius p. et m., Julianus, p. et m., Flavianus, m., S. Caecilia virgo et martyr, LXXX martyres ibi requiescent.

In eadem via (Appia) ad Aquilonem ad SS. martyres Tiburtium et Valerianum et Maximum. Ibi invenies S. Urbanum, episcopum et confessorem . . . Eadem via ad S. Cæciliam ubi innumerabilis multitudo martyrum. *Notitia Portarum, Viarum, Ecclesiarum, circa Urbem Roman.*, Rom. Sott., De Rossi, I. 155.

<sup>7</sup> Via Appia ecclesia S. Cæciliæ martyris et ibi reconditi sunt (by name, 11) papa, (by name, 6) martyres. *Gesta Regum Anglorum*, ed. Hardy, Vol. II. p. 539; ed. Stevenson (1854), Bk. IV. § 352. p. 301.

These adjacent tombs have received most careful and scholarly investigation through the explorations of De Rossi, who demonstrates<sup>1</sup> that the Cecilian crypt, not later than the year 500, was the resting place of one whom we have every right to believe was St. Cecilia. He conjectures from inscriptions that the tract of land occupied by the Calixtan cemetery had been in use by the Cæcilian gens since the first half of the third century. A vacant recess, in the wall opposite the papal side, he believes to have been the spot where the saint was interred. By the side of the recess is a painting which De Rossi attributes to the seventh century. It represents a woman richly attired, a halo about her head, her hands extended and in the background a profuse decoration of roses. Near this is a fresco of the Lord and a figure of a bishop with the name S. VRBANVS, inscribed below. Certain *graffiti* on the walls of the tomb near the recess, which record the names of priests of the ninth century, are to be taken, De Rossi believes, as the official seal set at time of the transference of the body by Paschal I.

The Acts are generally agreed in saying that the bodies of Valerian, Tiburtius, and Maximus, were taken to the cemetery of Prætextatus for burial. De Rossi has discovered in the crypt of St. Cecilia a tablet to the memory of a Septimius Prætextatus Cæcilianus, a Christian. The occurrence of this name, he believes, suggests a relation between the families, and accounts for the fact, that, while St. Cecilia of the blood of the *Cæcili*i found burial in the tomb of her *gens*, her husband and his brother were layed not far away, but in a tomb of less importance, where Cecilia's relationship gave her access.

The picture of Cecilia, however, was not the first with which the tomb was decorated. Traces of older mosaic may be detected on the edges and underneath the present paintings. This fact, together with the lateness of the date of the paintings, that of St. Urban being perhaps of the 12th century, points to two conclusions, (1), that the tomb continued to be held in veneration even after, as is generally admitted, the bodies were removed by Pope Paschal; (2), that the tomb was not the saint's first resting place, and that the seventh century painting commemorates either directly or remotely some translation to this place from Prætextatus or Sicily or wherever it might have been that the saint was first buried.

On the basis of Odo's Martyrology then, and by the aid of later

<sup>1</sup> Rom. Sott. III. 628, *et seq.*

explorations on the site of the legend, the following statement may be secured. Cecilia died in 176-180 under the Christian persecutions of Aurelius and Commodus. There is some historic foundation for an earlier Urban, who satisfies the requirements as to proximity and position sufficiently to have been the friend and advisor of Cecilia. That on account of the fierce persecutions of the time, a record of such individual martyrdoms as those of Cecilia, Valerian, Tiburtius, Maximus, and Urban, were probably never made. That Almachius still remains a historic enigma, and that many features of the legend in the light of subsequent investigation, *viz.*, a late emblematic design on the tomb of Maximus, parallelism between the theological arguments of the Acts and the writings of Augustine and Victor Vitensis<sup>1</sup> (5th century), and the probably late autocracy of the Turcian family, point to an origin later than the second century, for certain features of the story.

To assume the composite nature of this, in common with many similar legends, is probably the most legitimate solution of the difficulties. The outline of the story, which may be regarded as reasonably authentic, has been modified and enlarged by other items, perhaps historic in themselves, incorporated in the whole through the natural inaccuracy of a scribe, who writes at a distance from his subject and attempts to reduce legendary material to historic form. Logic can probably never smooth the present discrepancies of the legend. History may some day contribute an element which will modify or enlighten.

To the modern mind St. Cecilia is well known in literature, art and music. Perhaps along these lines the subject merits a few words.

St. Cecilia is universally regarded as the patroness of musicians.<sup>2</sup> Her musical attributes as commonly accepted, are given in their length and breadth by Mrs. Jameson.<sup>3</sup>

"As she excelled in music, she turned her gifts to the glory of God, and composed hymns, which she sang herself with such ravishing sweetness, that even the angels descended from heaven to listen to her."

"She played on all instruments, but none sufficed to breathe forth that flood of harmony with which her whole soul was filled; therefore she invented the organ, consecrating it to the service of God."

There is record of a musical society established in Louvain in 1502 which bore the name of the Saint, and in Rome, an

<sup>1</sup> See Erbes, *Die Heilige Cäcilie*.

<sup>2</sup> A discussion on this subject was carried on in *Notes and Queries*, 3rd Series, II and III.

<sup>3</sup> *Sacred and Legend. Art.*, II. 202.

Academy of Music was dedicated to her patronage in 1584. Since 1571, the first authenticated occasion upon which St. Cecilia's day was celebrated by musical performances, many learned organizations have been formed for the same purpose. The practise was first adopted in England in 1683, when a musical society was incorporated which held a series of musical festivals on November 22. Similar musical celebrations became frequent throughout England, Italy, Germany, France, Scotland, and Ireland, until innumerable musical societies and celebrations have been and are being named in her honor.

For these occasions music has been adapted to Dryden's *Ode to St. Cecilia's Day*, and *Alexander's Feast*, to Pope's *Ode to St. Cecilia*, and to other less known poems, by such composers as Handel, Henry Purcell, and John Blow. Several full masses have also been composed for the Society of Artist Musicians at Paris by Adam, Niedermeyer, Dietsch, Gounod, and Ambroise Thomas.<sup>1</sup>

It is evident from the Acts that this idea has grown from a very casual reference. It is there related that when all were making merry "with mouth and menstralsy" at the wedding festivities, Cecilia went apart from the rest and sang in her heart the song of David, *Fiat cor meum immaculatum in tuis justificationibus ut non confundar* (Ps. 119, 80).

The versions, it is true, do not all assert that song was only in her heart and unexpressed, but at most, song with Cecilia was a passing and not essential characteristic of temperament,<sup>2</sup> suggestive, certainly, of no inventive activity on her part which would lead to the construction of the reed instrument known as the organ. It would indeed be a loss to much of the higher significance of the legend if the exalted, spiritual penetration of Cecilia were allowed to be devoted to so material ends.

Moreover the reference to music is quite as marked in connection with other saints of the calendar. It was the words '*cantantibus organis*,' undoubtedly, which originally gave the wrong impression and suggested the association of Cecilia with the organ as an instrument of praise.

Her miraculous power of drawing an angel from Heaven appears in the Acts as a power she held indeed, but not by

<sup>1</sup> Grove, *Dict. of Music and Musicians*, I. 329. Mendel-Cossoni, *Musikal. Convers. Lex.* II. 270.

<sup>2</sup> See NOTES, I. 11.

<sup>3</sup> cf. *Berliner Musikzg. Echo*, 10. 1870.

<sup>4</sup> The organ is mentioned in *Job* XXI, 12, and *Ps. CL. 4*. The Pandean Pipes, so called, record in their name a current Greek and Roman belief as to this primitive form of organ. An ancient organ consisting of a series of pipes and a wind chest is carved on a monument in the Museum at Arles with the date xx.M.viii. See Chappell, *Hist. of Music*.

reason of her gift of song, rather, on account of her purity of life, which gave her command over things celestial.

To further establish the popular belief it may also have been that the praises to Cecilia, inaugurated by Paschal at the completion of his act of veneration, were of a conspicuously musical character.<sup>1</sup> This might even have created the impression that the services were chosen for their special significance to the life of Cecilia. The most signal recognition of such association is chronicled in art by Raphael about the close of the 15th century. In this familiar painting, Cecilia is represented with a small reed instrument in her hands, while at her feet lie the broken and rejected instruments of secular music.

Previous to the fifteenth century the early mural paintings in the Catacomb of San Lorenzo (6th or 7th cent.), the niche of St. Cecilia in the Catacomb of Calixtus, the colossal mosaic of the Byzantine painters of about the time of Paschal I, the triptych of Cimabue in the chapel of St. Cecilia at Florence, and the decorations of Fra Angelico, had portrayed the more dramatic scenes from the life of the virgin martyr, and in portraiture had given her the palm branch and book as distinctive emblems.

During, and after the fifteenth century, the pictures of St. Cecilia with the organ or singing are frequent. One of the earliest of these representations is by Van Eyck (1370), followed by Garofalo, Van Leyden, Luini, Paulo Veronese, Salimbeni, Giulio Campi, Guido Reni, Domenichino, Moretto, and Carlo Dolci. Romanelli in the middle of the 17th century represented her with a violin. Coincident with this, there continued to be representations of historic scenes from her life. In these, the wreaths of roses and lilies, the attendant angel, and the palm branch betokening her victory are occasionally introduced. Such are the paintings of Raphael, who treats the subject a second time, the fresco of Francia, and the paintings of Procaccini, Pinturicchio, Spada, Poussin, Dominique, and Giulio Romano.<sup>1</sup>

In literature Cecilia first appears in the ascriptions of praise to virginity and the like, of the Latin hymn writers. The earliest of these poems is one attributed to Paulinus of Nola (353-431), a writer of ascetic verse. Aldhelm, in the seventh century, celebrates the holy Cecilia in verse in the *De Laudibus*

<sup>1</sup> This is claimed by Baillet, *Vies des Saintes*, Nov. 22.

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. Jameson, *Sac. and Legend. Art*, II, 202-210. Dom Guéranger, *Sainte Cécile*.

*Virginitatis*<sup>1</sup> and makes one of the earliest allusions to her musical powers.

From the ninth century a number of hymns have survived. One of these is in the *Breviarum Gothicum*.<sup>2</sup> In the same century, a Latin hymn by Prudentius of Troy (861) is recorded, and one by Wandelbert (813-870), poet and priest of Treves. The reference to Cecilia forms part of the so-called metrical martyrology<sup>3</sup> of the latter. In the tenth century there is a hymn of about two hundred lines written by Flodoardus.<sup>4</sup>

With an Italian poem entitled *La Trionfatrice Cecilia, Vergine e Matiri Romana*, by Castelletti, 1594, begins a more modern series of odes and lyrics. Santeuil (1630-1697), the most celebrated of modern Latin poets, has written three hymns to her honor. All of these have little to do with historic matters, but they preserve another slender line of perpetuity for the legend, until the time when the celebrated odes of Addison, Dryden, and Pope, with those of a host of minor poets, Shadwell, Congreve, D'Urfey, Hughes, Yalden, and Barry Cornwell, do much to immortalize but little to elucidate the name and fame of Cecilia. The Welsh poet, Lewis Morris, in a recent poem of some ascetic fervor,<sup>5</sup> follows the tradition quite closely.

Tennyson's picture in the *Palace of Art* must be chiefly an original conception:

There, in a clear walled city on the sea  
Near gilded organ-pipes—her hair  
Bound with white roses—slept St. Cecily;—  
An angel looked at her!

<sup>1</sup> A part of the poem is given:

Porro Cæciliæ vivacem condere laudem  
Quæ valeat digne metrorum pagina versu?  
Quamvis harmoniis præsultent organa multis,  
Musica Pierio resonent et carmina cantu;  
Non tamen illexit fallax præcordia mentis  
Pompa profanorum, quæ nectit retia sanctis,  
Ne forte properet paradisi ad gaudia miles.  
Angelus en, inquit, superis tranavit ab astris:

PATR. LAT. 89. 268.

<sup>2</sup> There are about eighty lines. It begins,

Incliti festum pudoris  
Virginis Cæciliæ  
Gloriosa præcinamus  
Voce prompti pectoris,

PATR. LAT. 86. 1252.

<sup>3</sup> It is in hexameters and runs as follows:

Cæcilia illustrat denam mox sancta nitore,  
Perpetuo claris semper vulganda tropœis,  
Virgo hinc cognato, sancto hinc fulta marita.

PATR. LAT. 121. 619.

<sup>4</sup> Given in PATR. LAT. 135. 661.

<sup>5</sup> *A Vision of Saints*, London, 1890.

## II.

## HISTORY AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE VERSIONS.

The Cecilia Legend is preserved in the following Middle-English manuscripts:

MS. Ash(mole) 43	1300
MS. Stowe 946	1340
MS. Cott(on) Cleop(atra) D IX	14th C.
MS. Laud 108 (appendix)	15th C.
MS. Lamb(eth) 223	1400
MS. Trin(ity) Coll(ege) C(am)br(idge) R 3. 25	1400
{ MS. Cott(on) Tib(erius) E VII	1400
{ MS. Harl(ey) 4196	1400
MS. Bodl(ey) 779	15th C.
MS. (Barbour, Cambridge Univ. Lib.) Gg. II. 6	15th C.

It is also found in the Early English of Alfred's *Book of Martyrs*, in Ælfric, *Saints' Lives* MS. Cott(on) Jul(ius) E VII, in the *Second Nonnes Tale* of Chaucer, 1373, in Osbern Bokenam's *Lives of Saints*, MS. Arundel 327, 1443-6, and in Caxton's *Golden Legend*, 1483. There is, besides these English Lives, the Greek of Simeon Metaphrastes in the translation into Latin by F. L. Surius, the Latin of Jacobus a Voragine (1290), the Medieval French of Jehan de Vignay (1300), and a Middle High German version in the editions of (1) Köpke, (2) Schönbach, and (3) Pfeiffer (prose), all of the 14th century.

This edition seeks to incorporate in some accessible form all of the Middle English versions. Of these MS. Ash. and MS. Cott. Tib. E VII are made the central texts, MS. Ash. for the reason that it is probably the oldest of existing versions, and MS. Cott. Tib. E VII because it represents the distinct type of the later Northern group. About these central texts the related versions or redactions are grouped. In cases where it has been practicable the hitherto unprinted versions are given in this edition as variants of the central text. The Latin of Voragine is given in full for comparison, since it may be considered a contemporaneous and independent version.

Of almost equal age with MS. Ash. is the mass of the collection in MS. Laud which as a whole is probably the older of the two. Horstmann assigns the date 1285-95 to the latter. Some estimates place it earlier. The life of Cecilia however which is given in the appendix to this manuscript is one of three *Vitæ* which are written in a later hand, assigned by Horstmann to the fifteenth century, making it therefore contemporary with MSS. Lamb., Trin. Coll., and Cott. Tib.

The authorship of MS. Ash. is sometimes attributed to Robert of Gloucester, and placed as early as the last quarter of the thirteenth century,<sup>1</sup> and is, therefore, the oldest and leading manuscript of this legend. It contains 94 legends including several readings from the *Temporale*.<sup>2</sup>

MS. Stowe 946,<sup>3</sup> formerly 669, is in the King's Library of the British Museum. It contains only the latter half of MS. Ash., 35 legends, beginning with *St. Michael*.

In point of date, MS. Vernon Bod. Lib. Oxf. (1380), which originally contained the Cecilia legend, should be next mentioned. An index of the MS. shows 'seynt Cecile virgyne' for fol. 62. This unfortunately lies within one of *lacunæ* of the MS. (fol. 57-64) where leaves have been lost.

Only a fragment of MS. Cott. Cleop. D IX<sup>4</sup> containing the

<sup>1</sup> Kölbing, *Eng. Stud.* I. p. 216.

<sup>2</sup> Horstmann, *Eintl. Alteng. Leg.* 1875, p. vii, gives the following description of the manuscript: MS. Ash. 43, in der Bodley'schen Bibliothek zu Oxford, früher dem Silas Taylor gehörig, Pergament, Quart., eine der werthvollsten Legenden-handschriften, ist gleichfalls im Anfang defekt, da die drei ersten Blätter, mit der *Circumcisio* und *Epiphania domini*, *Hillarius* und dem Anfang von *Wolstan*, ausgefallen sind; es beginnt mit fol. 4 und zählt 269 fol., von denen jedoch fol. 151 doppelt numerirt ist. Die letzten Blätter, mit dem Schlusse von *Thomas Beket* und *S. Edward*, haben sehr durch Brand gelitten, fol. 265-269 sind fast ganz zerstört (nur kleine Läppchen sind noch übrig). Ueberschriften finden sich am oberen Rande nur bis *S. Peter*, von späterer Hand; Bezeichnungen am Anfang der Legenden fehlen. Bei einzelnen finden sich Notizen am Rande von späterer Hand. Ein Inhaltsverzeichniss fehlt; doch findet sich ein solches zu MS. Ash. 43 auf einem Blatte im MS. Ash. 50 (welches jedoch keine Legenden enthält) von späterer Hand, und zwar von *S. Wolstan* an; es kann also erst nach dem Ausfalle der ersten Legenden auffertigt sein.

<sup>3</sup> The legends contained therein have been discussed with extracts taken from the beginning and end of each, by E. Stiehler, *Anglia*, VII. 405. He believes the MS. belongs to an earlier period than the end of the 14th century, according to the Stowe catalogue notice. He discovers that the MS. is also undoubtedly the work of three different hands. The meter and general form show it to be closely related to MS. Ash. The MS. is not paged and contains, not 294 leaves (according to Stowe Catalogue) but 304. The titles of the legends, some in Latin, some in Old English are given on the top margin of each sheet. There are many glosses in Latin and modern English by the hand of Thomas Astle, Keeper of the Records in the Tower. Different parts of the MS. are not equally well preserved, many of the pages being torn and injured. There are only a few colored initial pages. Stiehler points out that the history of the separate legends of the collection varies considerably.

<sup>4</sup> Vellum, XIV Century. Folio ff. 7, 40 l. to a page, Brit. Museum. The volume contains various chronicles and other historic documents including a fragmentary copy of the S. Eng. Legendary. Ward, *Cat. of MSS.* Vol. II. MS. Cotton Jul. D. IX in Britischen Museum zu London, Pergament, in klein 8°, aus dem 15 Jhd. Nichts weiter als eine (orthographisch freie Abschrift des MS. Ash. 43, mit derselben Ordnung der Legenden und mit ganz demselben Text, nur dass am Ende einige Legenden (zum Theil aus MS. Egert.) hinzugefügt sind. Das MS. is von Werth, einmal indem es, vollständig und ohne Lücken erhalten, auch die in MS. Ash. zu Anfang fehlenden Legenden (also mit dem Text des MS. Ash.) enthält, sodann weil es öfter den Text des MS. Ash., wo derselbe fehlerhaft erschien, nach der gewöhnlichen Lesart verbessert. Es zählt (die Zahlen stehen in römischen Ziffern neben dem Anfange der Leg.) 107 Legenden (auf 305 Blättern, die Seite mit 32, später mit 40 Zeilen); . . . nur selten finden, sich Titel am Anfang der Legenden, niemals am oberen Rande. Auf dem 1ste Blatte steht als Titel der Sammlung von späterer Hand: *Tractatus festivalis in rythmo anglicano*. Ein Inhalts Verzeichniss fehlt. . . . im allgemeinen liegt ihr Text in der Mitte zwischen MS. Harl. 2277 und MS. Ash. 43 (häufig mehr nach MS. Ash. hin), indem sie bald die Lesarten des einen, bald die des andern der beiden bieten, während die andern Versionen nur selten benutzt sind; in der Zahl und Ordnung der Legenden stimmen sie fast ganz mit MS. Harl., nicht mit MS. Ash. überein. Ausserdem verfahren sie mit dem Texte vielfach sehr willkürlich und nehmen keinen Anstand, denselben im Einzelnen zu verändern. Auch unter sich stimmen sie nicht völlig überein, doch stehen sie einander näher, als die verschiedenen Versionen. Horstmann, *Eintl. Alteng. Leg.* 1875, p. xxvi.

last eight verses of *St. John the Evangelist*, together with *Thomas Beket*, *Theophile*, and *Cecile*, remains. The legend of Cecilia is drawn from MS. Ash., though in the other legends the manuscript follows Harleian 2277, Egerton, and Laud. This edition gives the text in full.

MS. Lamb. 223<sup>1</sup>, a Midland version, about 1400, contains texts peculiar to the Laud and Vernon MSS.

MS. Trin. Coll. Cbr. R 3. 25,<sup>2</sup> about 1400, is closely related to MS. Ash. It has 116 legends including selections from the *Temporale*. The order in the latter part has been changed. This edition gives it as a variant of MS. Ash.

MS. Bodley 779<sup>3</sup>, Oxford, 16th Century, contains the latest version of the Cecilia legend. It has a long list of 135 legends increased from the original by the including of many new Pope's lives. The version is given in full in this edition.

The two Northern versions of this legend are next to be considered. Both of these are given in the succeeding pages. MS.

<sup>1</sup> MS. Lambeth 223, perg., 4, ein dicker Band, aus dem Anfang des 15 Jhdts.; die *foll.* sind nicht numerirt; ein Index fehlt; Überschriften finden sich über den Seiten, nicht über den Legenden; die Schrift ist ziemlich gut und leserlich; die Seiten haben je 36 Verse. Das MS. ist ganz vollständig und ohne Lücken erhalten. Am Schlusse der Sammlung hat der Schreiber die seltsame Notiz hinzugefügt: *her ende þ LEGENDA AUREA written by R. W. of þis toun To a gode man of þe same is cleped Thomas of Wottoun*; daher wird die HS. in Katalog fälschlich als *The Golden Legend in English verse by Robert de Wottoun, called also Thomas in the book*, aufgeführt; sie enthält mit nichten die Legenda aurea, sondern die sudenglische Sammlung. Unter jener Notiz steht von anderer Hand: *When lyffe ys most loffyt & dethe ys most hattyt, Dethe dravse hys draght & makys men full nakyt, quod Petrus Raynstroft*. Der Dialect der Hs. zeigt mittelländische Elemente (so die pron. *she ac. hir, þai ac. hem*, die Endung 3 sgl. präs. ist *es*, die des plur. präs. *en*). Das *Temporale* ist vorn zusammengestellt. Horstmann, *Einl., Alteng. Leg.* 1881, p. xlvi.

<sup>2</sup> MS. Trin. Coll. Cbr. R 3.25, klein *fol.*, perg., aus dem Anfang des 15th Jhdts., ganz von derselben Hand geschrieben, hat 276 Blätter, die Seite zu je 52 Versen, und ist vollständig und ohne Lücken erhalten. Am Ende folgt, von der Hand des Schreibers, ein Index, wovon unten ein Stück abgeschnitten ist. Diese Sammlung enthält nicht allein die gesammten Legenden des MS. Harl. ausser *Anastasia*, sondern auch die zusätzlichen Legenden des MS. Ash. Sonst tritt der Einfluss der Laud-Version nicht hervor. . . . Die Ordnung der Legenden ist oft gestört in der Reihe ausgelassene Legenden sind später nachgetragen. Horstmann, *Einl., Alteng. Leg.* 1881, p. xlix.

<sup>3</sup> Die letzte der grossen Legenden-Sammlungen ist MS. Bodl. 779 zu angehörig, ein dicker Folio-band, aus Papier, im Ganzen 310 Blätter enthaltend, obwohl nur 306 gezählt sind (2 Blätter sind doppelt gezählt). Titel am oberen Rande der Blätter finden sich bis *fol. 209*; außerdem stehen Ueberschriften in roth, oft aufgeklebt, über den meisten Legenden. *Fol. 175 b* und *176* sind unbeschrieben. Die Seite enthält durchschnittlich 56 Zeilen, später wird die Schrift kleiner und enger. Diese Handschrift ist vollständig erhalten. Diese Sammlung ist aus allen MSS. zusammengelesen, und dazu noch mit vielen neuen, nirgends sonst vor handenen Legenden bereichert. Die Reihenfolge der Legenden ist ganz willkürlich und planlos; sie gehören meist nur nach einzelnen kleineren Gruppen zusammen.

. . . Auch sonst zeigt dieses MS. die grösste Willkür. In den mit der ersten Version gemeinsamen Legenden steht der Text zwar auf Seiten dieser, insbesondere des MS. Ash. 43, doch zeigen sich auch Spuren der Einwirkung anderer MSS., besonders des MS. Laud L. 70, in welchem sich viele Lesarten wiederfinden. Dazu ist der Text noch häufig willkürlich verändert, und vielfach fehlerhaft und verderbt, und voll von Schreibfehlern. Auf dem ersten Blatt findet sich ein Inhaltsverzeichniß, von derselben Hand, auf der ersten Seite in rother, auf der zweiten in schwarzer Schrift. Horstmann *Einl., Alteng. Leg.* p. xxxiv.

Cott. Tib. E VII<sup>1</sup>, 14th Century, believed to be older than its supplemental form in MS. Harl. 4196, is the central version of the short line group. The same text occurs in MS. Harleian 4196, fol. 191a-193b and is printed by Eugen Kölbing, *Eng. Stud.* I. 235.

With this is placed a version in the Lowland Scotch dialect, MS. Camb. Univ. Lib. Gg. II. 6, of about the year 1400. This is supposed to be the work of John Barbour, the author of the *Bruce*. There are about 50 legends in the collections containing in all 33,533 (Horstmann) verses. These legends have been recently edited for the Scottish Text Society and the editor's account of the MS. is given.<sup>2</sup>

MSS. Cott. Cleop. D IX, and Bodl. 799 are herewith printed for the first time, and the table of variants of the closely-related MSS. Laud 108, Camb. Univ. R 3.25, Stowe 946, and Lambeth 223 reveals all essential differences between them and the foundational but not original Ashmolian manuscript.

There has been no attempt made in the present edition to determine the absolute inter-relation or chronology of these manuscripts, except so far as they reveal themselves in the mere presentation.

<sup>1</sup> MS. Cott. Tib. E vii, perg., fol., von fast demselben Format wie Harl., in ähnlicher Schrift von einer einzigen Hand geschrieben, hat 281 Blätter, die Seite ebenfalls 2 columnen, zu je 46 Versen. Es enthält zuerst ein nördliches Gedicht über die Todsünden und deren Zweige, darauf die Homiliensammlung fol. 101 b-244 auf der Rückseite von fol. 244 schliessen sich ohne besonderen Titel für die Sammlung und ohne die Einleitung des MS. Harl. die Legenden an, mit *Philip* und *Jacob* (1 Mai) beginnend. Das MS. ist leider durch einen Brand der Cottoniana sehr beschädigt, die Blätter sind verschrumpft und verdünnt, ihre rechte Seite grösstenteils zerstört, so dass nur die 1 Columnne, auf der Vorderseite die linke, auf der Rückseite die rechte, bis auf die obersten 2-3 Verse erhalten ist, von der 2 Columnne nur einzelne Streifen mit den Aufängen oder Schlussworten einzelner Verse. Es fehlt jedoch kein einziges Blatt so das die Lücken des MS. Harl. aus MS. Tib., soweit die versengten Blätter es gestatten, ergänzt werden können. Das MS. ist neuerdings sorgfältig gebunden, die Blätter in dicker Pappe befestigt. Die Überschriften sind genau dieselben wie in Harl. Horstmann, *Einl., Alteng. Leg.* 1881. p. lxxviii. Vellum, about A.D. 1400, Folio, ff. 5, in double columns of about 48 lines, but some lines at the top of almost every column are lost. With headings in red and initials in blue and red. Ward, *Cat. of MSS. Brit. Mus.*

<sup>2</sup> The MS. is eleven inches in length, three and thirteen-sixteenths broad, and two and a half inches thick. The paper was once probably white; it is now of a dirty white or whitey-brown color, the combined effect probably of age and use. It is in a fair state of preservation, and has been tenderly dealt with by the binder. The original stamped brown calf binding of the fifteenth century, from which the clasp is wanting, still remains, but in a somewhat dilapidated condition, and bearing signs of ancient repairs. The sheets are loose and the binding is separate. At the beginning there is an index, with the names of the saints in Latin and the numbers of the Legends. On the last fly leaf of the MS. occur the words, "Katherine Graham with my hand, Finis," in the handwriting of the seventeenth century, which may perhaps justify the inference that a now unknown Catherine Graham was formerly its possessor.

The MS. appears to have had originally 364 leaves each of them written on both sides. . . . The handwriting belongs to the Scottish type of the 15th century, and is small, cursive, careless, and very difficult to read. In one or two places it is illegible. The greater part of the writing is by one hand. There are a number of lacunæ in the text. Metcalfe, *Scot. Text Soc., Lives of Saints*, Vol. 1. p. viii. (These lacunæ are all recorded by Metcalfe, and by Dr. Horstmann, *Einl., Alteng. Leg.* 1881. p. lxii.)

The Northern and the Southern groups are the provincial expression of the same faith, the same learning, and the same traditions. The Southern group, which subdivides itself into Southern and South-Midland types, shows the variation resulting from individuality in the person and in the monastery at work upon the transcribing of one or more primitive texts, to which MS. Ashmole stands probably more directly related than any extant version.

The two manuscripts which are taken as the central texts have been subjected to such emendation as the concurrence of the variants, and an examination of the grammatical forms of each unavoidably suggest. These emendations are all indicated by the italicized letter or letters within brackets, and the marginal notes. No change merely for the sake of uniformity has been permitted; only such as contribute to the intelligent reading of the version. The punctuation of the versions has not been made upon a uniform basis. That of MS. Ash. follows the manuscript pointing as given by Dr. Furnivall in the reprint of the Chaucer Society Publications. MS. Cott. Tib. follows in the main the punctuation of the Horstmann edition. MS. Gg. II. 6. is punctuated and capitalized according to the combined authority of Horstmann and Metcalfe. In the two new reprints, MS. Cott. Cleop. has been allowed to stand with simply the manuscript pointings, while MS. Bodl. which in the original is entirely without points, has been punctuated and capitalized according to modern methods.

### III.

## GRAMMATICAL OUTLINE OF THE CENTRAL VERSIONS.

The vocabulary of the earlier dialect, MS. Ashmole 43, contains less than 18 per cent of words of Romance origin; that of MS. Cott. Tib. E. VII, about 24 per cent. Grammatical inflections are extremely variable in MS. Ashmole, and in MS. Cott. Tib., reduced almost to the minimum of modern English. The context in both manuscripts is often the sole guide for constructions. Each has distinct marks of its respective Southern and Northern origin.

MS. ASH. 43.

### NOUNS.

#### *Declension.*

The genitive case, singular, is formed in -s, or -es. *deþes* 204, *godes* 231, *lordes* 105.

The dative and accusative singular are not distinguishable. The dative, sometimes independent of the nominative form, ends in -e, *ȝere* 89, *þinge* 62, but usually follows the form of the nominative. Examples of variations are the following: ds. *deþ* (2 times), *deþe* (3 times), as. *deþ* (3 times); ds. *rede* 210, *red* 30, as. *rede* 112; ds. *lyue* 202, 206 (Laud *lyf* 202, *lif* 206); ds. *fure* 224, as. *fur* 218.

The plural is usually in -s or -es without distinction of case, np. *wreches* 158; gp. *frendes* 5; dp. *walmes*, 231; ap. *godes* 211; vp. *knyȝtes* 168.

Plurals are found in -n or -en in *breperen* 134, *screwen* 182, *rosen* 71, *heden* 173, *soulen* 174, 176, *erthtilien* 152, *fon* 138, *lilion*, *lylion* 91, 71, *scourgen* 178.

Plural by vowel mutation shows *men*, 38, 254, and its compounds, *wimmen* 222; *fet* (Laud *feet*,) 49. *cloþes* ap. 7, and *good* dp. 245, have sg. and pl. alike. Proper names are uninflected.

### PRONOUNS.

#### *1. Personal.*

The personal pronoun in this version is thus inflected: (A blank indicates that the form is omitted in the version).

## Singular.

N. Ich	þou, þe	he, heo, it, hit
G. my, mi, myn	þi, þine, þin	his, hire
D. me	þe	him, hire
A. me	þe	him, hire it

## Plural.

N. we	ȝe	hi
G. our, oure	ȝoure	hor
D. —	ȝou	hem, þem
A. ous	ȝou	hem

2. *Demonstrative:*

The demonstrative pronouns are *þat* and *þis*. *þat* has the instrumental form, *þe* - - - *þe*, correlatives, 230. *þis* runs through ns. ds. as. np., uninflected. *ap.* has *þes* 60, but *þis* 180.

The definite article *þe* approaches the demonstrative significance in several instances (see Gl. *þat*). There is also the inflected *þen* of the as. 33, 42, 131, 189. *þulke* is used 83, 128, 237, 260.

3. *Relative:*

The relative pronoun *þat* is not inflected, save for the variant ns. *þet* 110. *Ho* has as. *wen* after *to*, 136. *Wat* is uninflected.

4. *Interrogative:*

*Wat*, *wuch* and *ho* are used as interrogative pronouns.

5. *Indefinite:*

The indefinite pronouns employed are *eche*, *eiper*, *me*, *nogt*, *noper*, *noping*, *oper* (see Gl.). The disjointed *selue* 110, is used with reflexive force.

## VERBS.

1. *Weak Verbs.*

The regular conjugation of the verb is as follows: (The blanks signify that no instance of the tense is given in the text). Pres. Ind. Sg.

1. — or -e: *lif* 212, *kepe* 207, *mete* 100, *owe* 183, *sende* 39.
  2. -st, xt, or -est: *axst* 188, *leuest* 214, *louest* 25, *bringest* 163, *luxt* 200.
  3. -e or -ep: *cleþep* 52, *keþep* 150, *bihouep* 104, *comeþep* 198.
- P1.
1. -e or -ep: *bidde* 259, *findeþep* 3, 72.
  2. -ep: *cúþep* 168.
  3. -ep: *drinkeþep* 151, *ligeþep* 152, *swynkeþep* 152, *sitteþep* 151.

## Pt.

1. — or -de : smulde 90.
2. -e or -st (*xt*).
3. -ede -de -te : burede 180, bileuede 235, sende 50, custe 113.

## Pl.

1. —
2. —

3. e or -ede : caste 179, burede 139, bileuede 145.

The infinitives usually end in -e; several in y or ie : burie 136, deie 78, 216, hie 238, crie 38, halwy 250.

The past participle usually has i- as its sign, this being lost in several cases when the participle assumes an adjectival force.

The present participle has only one illustration in the text, wepynge 156. There is also sepende 229, a derivative adjective.

The imperative has witeþ 73, fíȝteþ 169, sei 39, weþe 225.

The optative shows the following forms, 1 sg. ileue 27, ise 31; 2 sg. nost 189, grante 16, segge 212; 3 sg. seoþ 25, underȝete 21; 3 pl. teche 39.

2. The following strong verbs may be classified according to the OE. ablaut series.

Inf.	Pt.	Pp.
I.		
abide 133.....		
bringe 162.....		ibroȝt 13
scryue 17.....		
lese 124.....		
smyte 23.....	smot 235.....	ismyte 243
.....	aros 43.....	
.....		iwrite 3
II.		
.....	bed 4, bad 44.....	
.....	luxt 200.....	
iþe 158.....		
stonde 246.....	stod 88.....	
III.		
fíȝte 24.....		
grede 167.....	gradde 222.....	
vynde 38.....	vond 68.....	
begynne 250.....	gan 58, gon 179.....	ibound 178
.....		
.....	song 10, songe 9.....	

..... (drinkeþ 151) .....	.....	.....
..... (ȝelpest 197) .....	.....	.....
..... ..... suchþ 9 .....	.....	.....
..... ..... worþ 36 .....	.....	.....

## IV.

{ ..... com 46 .....	.....	income 185
{ bicom(e) 116, 130 .....	bicom 65, 85 .....	.....
{ nyme 177 .....	nom 58 .....	.....
{ by-nyme 23 .....	by nome 22 .....	inome 181
speke, 41, 87 .....	.....	.....
stele, 136 .....	.....	.....
..... ..... ber 56, 174 .....	.....	.....

## V.

ȝeue 83, 199 .....	ȝaf 66 ȝef 173 .....	iȝeue 105
ise .....	isei 57, 173 .....	.....
..... .....	lay 253 .....	.....
..... .....	quaþ 15 .....	.....
..... .....	sat 231 .....	.....
..... (swinkeþ 152) .....	.....	.....
..... (vnderȝete 21) .....	.....	.....

## VI.

sle 32 .....	.....	slawe 238
vorsake 130 .....	.....	.....
..... (ligeþ 152) .....	.....	.....

The preterite plural frequently adds *-e* to the preterite singular. *com* 46, *come* 140; *song* 10, 11, *songe* 9; *nom* 58, *nome* 140; *ber* 56, *bere* 174.

## ADJECTIVES.

Weak adjectives show an inclination to take *-e* as their sign, but the usage is not uniform, strong: *good* 25, 115, 247; weak: *gode* 69, 128, 163, 171, 176, but *gode* 139, strong; strong: *old*, 46, 109, weak: *olde* 40, 45, 75, but strong: *olde* 47, and weak: *old* 55; strong: *schort* 201, weak: *scorte* 227, strong: *wit* 77, weak: *wite* 56, 65, 91, 184. Many words like *suet* show no variation, while *stalward* 168, and *stalwarde* 168, are both weak.

The vocative usually uses the sign of the weak adjective, *leue* 95, 99, 107, 113, 127, *stalwarde* 168. The plural cases apparently cling to the use of final *-e* though not invariably.

The comparative of the adjective is found in *brigzore* 70; *bet* 64, *betere* 186; *mo* 182, 232; *soþer* 111; *woder* 112, *verisore* 92.

The cardinal numerals *o* 61, 62, 129, *on* 61<sup>2</sup>, 71, *one* 84<sup>2</sup>, *two* 76, 86, 257, *to* 70, *twei* 139; *þre*, *four*, *twenti*, *hondred*, are used; the ordinal *þridde* 253.

## ADVERBS.

*Terminations.*

*-liche*: *folliche* 185, *stalwardliche* 169, *stilliche* 3, 10, *tristiliche* 18, *uolliche* 236, *sodenliche* 94; *-e*, the most frequent suffix: *bi-hinde* 193; *dere* 236; *ȝare* 120; *ȝerne* 4, 119; *harde* 23, *lasse* 158, 159; *longe* 126; *-e (< en)*: *bi-hinde* 193, *aboute* 88, *amidde* 219, *wiþpinne* 68, *wiþ-poute* 179.

The old genitive derivation remains in *enes*, 190, 246 (Adj. eny.) The negative particle *ne*, frequently employed, appears (-ny) as a verb suffix in *wilny* 81. It is frequently agglutinated with verb forms as *nost*, *nolde*, *not*, *nele*, *nabbeþ*.

*þo* (then, when); *þei* (although), 91, 145, 147, 148, are characteristic of the MS.

The frequent adverbial prefix *a-* is never written *o-* or *on-* as in Cott. Tib. E. VII., but *aboute* 88, *a*down 49, *amidde* 219, *a*rigt 101; *-ward* is employed in *hamward* 238.

The comparative form of the adverb is given in *lengore* 230, *more* 54, *lasse* 158, 159; the superlative in *mest* 11.

## PREPOSITIONS.

The prepositions with their dependant cases are to be found in the glossary.

*To* is frequently employed in this Southern dialect as sign of the genitive case. The prefix *a-* of prepositions, as in the adverb, is invariable in place of Tib. E. VII. *-o*, *on*.

## MS. COTT. TIB. E. VII.

## NOUNS.

*Declension.*

The genitive case is denoted by (1) the preposition *of*, *marterdom* 236, *chastite* 128, 208, *angell* 262; (2) ending *-s*, *-es*, *maysters* 388, *christes* 315, 319, 344; (3) without sign of case, *broper* 218. The dative and accusative singular show no inflexional sign. Plurals are formed without case distinction by (1) termination *-s*, *-es*, *-is*, or *-ys*, *angels* 358, *wordes* 80, *sawles* 356, *bodis* 355, *hertis* 202, *bodys* 202;

- (2) vowel change, *men* 134, 321, *fete* 269, *breper* 291, 308, *wemen* 6;  
 (3) alike in sg. and pl., *folk* 163, 359, *clothes* 32, 113, *sede* 128, 132,  
*paines* 352, 434; (4) irregularly, *knese* 437, *heuides* 199, 354.

## PRONOUNS.

## 1. Personal.

The personal pronouns are thus inflected in the text:

## Singular.

N. I	þow, þe, (t)ou, ou, ȝe	he, scho, it
G. my, mi	þi, ȝoure, þine	his, hir
D. me	þe, ȝow	him, hir, it, yit
A. me	þe, ȝow	him, hir, it

## Plural.

N. we	þe, ȝow	þai
G. oure	ȝoure	þaire
D. us (vs)	ȝow	þam
A. us	ȝow	þam

## 2. Demonstrative.

The demonstrative pronouns are þat or þo and þis with corresponding plurals þa and þir.

## 3. Relative.

The text shows the following forms for the relative pronoun; ns. *what* 118, 157, 170; gs. *whas* 260; ds. *wham* 462, *what* 281; as. *what* 211, 213, 290, etc. Plural throughout, *what*.

## 4. Interrogative.

This form of the pronoun occurs only in composition in *for-whi* 228.

## 5. Indefinite.

The indefinite pronouns used are *any* 67, *ilkane* 321, *no-man* 95, *none* 142, 430, *nowþer* 89, *oþer* 198, *sum* 433. Among these there is no instance of inflexion.

## ARTICLES.

The definite article is þe with occasionally an apparent old neuter þat 198, 377. The indefinite article has the forms *a* 23, 60, 284, 420, 452, preceding a consonant, and *ane* 63, 87, 147, 418, preceding a vowel.

## ADJECTIVES.

The adjective is irregular in its use of final -e to distinguish strong and weak forms, and, saving the occasional occurrence of -e, it is without case endings. Instances of variation occur in the following, ns. *mast*, gs. *moste* 126; dp. *maste* 384; ns. *both*, dp.

*bathe* 200, ap. *bath* 90, *both* 224; ns. *chast*, as. *chaste* 129, dp. *chast* 201. Only one comparative form of the adjective occurs, *verrayer* 266. The cardinal numerals *a* 162, 163, 164, 426, *twa* 81, 195, 308, *thre* 430, 431, 436, 438, 446, are employed.

## VERBS.

## I. Weak Verbs.

The inflexion of the verb is as follows:

Ind. Pres. Sg.

1. Usually without termination: *zern* 116, *luf* 66, *say* 103, *trow* 173, *hauie* 60.
2. } *-es*: *askes* 228, *dwelles* 168, *trowes* 167, *grantes* 181, *likes* 229,
3. } *-lufes* 82, 116, etc.

Irregular, 2 sg. *sais* 80, 82, *will* 213; 3 sg. *multiplise* 133.

P1.

- 1.
2. } without termination, or *-e*: *lif* 450, *haste* 383.
- 3.

The signs of the preterite, sg. and pl., are *-t*: *baptist* 178, 327, *comfort* 331, *gert* 354, pl. 415, *left* 434, *sent* 443; *wirschipt* 397; *-d*: *cumand* 349, 371, 403, *entred* 247, *feld* 253, *had* 149, pl. 33, 310, *herd* 225, 267, 323, 348, 367, 399, 422, *mad*, *made* 45, 97, 215, 222, 459; *said* 46, 58, 78, 93, *willd* 338, *wond* 307, *answerd* 92, 226, *herd* 43, *honord*, 294; *-ed*: *pained* 405, *granted* 318, *kissed* 248, 249, 269, *lifted* 156, *married* 23, *trowed* 18, *turned* 319, *granted* 345, *lifed* 293, 309, 389, *trowed* 360, 396, *turned* 360, 393; *-id*, *-yd*; *heuyd* 125, *sesid*, 16, 441, *lemid* 194, *prechid* 298, 315, *without ending*: *put* 352, *led* 240, 358, *fed* 38, *trow* 333; irregular: *biliue* 327.

The optative gives eight forms in the three persons of the singular. They are without termination except *sauē* 49, 144, and *file* 68.

The imperative ending 2 sg. is *-e*, *-es* and sometimes without termination, *greue* 62, 93, *luke* 62, *kepes* 201, *ask* 212, *mak* 452.

The infinite inclines to the dropping of final *-e*.

The present participle ends in *-and*: *assentand* 207, *brinand* 416, *calland* 42, *kneleand* 191, *lifand* 438, *playand* 15, 421, *precheand* 308.

The past participle has the endings *-d*, *-t*, *-ed*, *-id*, *-de*; and *-n*, *-ne*, *-en*.

The following, not derived from the umlaut series of strong verbs, form their preterites and past participles regularly, but with change of vowel.

Inf.	Pt. sg. and pl.	Pp.
bring 372	broght 195, 326, (pl.) 423	broght 39, 158

— (teche 451)		
tell 96, 288, 301, 303	tald (pl.) 30, talde 122, 444	tald 51, talde 231
— (think 251)	thoght 55	
seke 142	soght 325	soght 143, 401
wirk 318, 351, 451	wrogt 305, wrought 373	wroglit 196

## II. Strong Verbs.

The strong verbs are less numerous than the weak. Disregarding the seven verbs with irregular preterites just preceding there are thirty-eight. For these verbs eighteen infinitives are given in the text, twenty have been constructed on the analogy of other forms and related verbs. The termination for the infinite thus results, -e, eleven, without ending, twenty-eight.

Like the weak verb, 1 sg. of the strong verb takes no termination. 2 sg. shows only one form, -e instead of -es, *bede* 69. 3 sg. has three instances, termination -es, *thinkes* 381, *biddes* 423, *waxes* 133, also *tase* 159, *dose* 66. Uninflected, *gaf* 285, *tell* 323, 367, *wit* 67; impersonal, *think* 251; contracted, *bus* 61.

In the preterite sg., the sign continues to be -de, *talde* 242, and the similarity continues as in weak verbs between the forms of the 3 sg. and 3 pl.

The optative among strong verbs shows the forms 2 sg. *gifes* 124, 1 pl. *gif* 224, 3 pl. *fall* 365.

The imperative 2 sg. has *tak* 106, 131; *teche* 451; *tell* 107, 109.

The one case of pres. pt. is *schineand* 193.

The survivals of the OE. ablaut classes are as follows:

Inf.	Pt. sg. or pl.	Pp.
I.		
.....	rāse 120.....	
.....	.....(schineand) ..	
strike 430.....	.....	
.....	writen 174, wretyn 157, 160	
II.		
bed 428.....	.....	
bow 334.....	.....	
III.		
.....	boun 8, boune 297	
bygyn 190.....	.....	
.....	fand 191.....	
.....	gan 116, 362, 391, 427.....	
win 233.....	.....	won 231

## IV.

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From the old reduplicating verbs we have the following, in *eo*:  
*bifell* 324, 368, *byfell* 304, *fell* 153, 269, *knew* 13, 28.

In *e*: (*hete* 257).

From old preterite presents: *durst* 29, 76; *mot* 127; *may* 5, 9, 83, 94, 95, 110, 130, 376, *might* 170, 222, 265, 286, 289, 357, 448, *moght* 56, 442; *sal(l)* 72, 86, 111, 117, 212, 279, *suld* 31, 311; *will* 79, 213, 241, *willed* 338, *wald* 142, 207, 219, 312, 351.

Anomalous verbs are represented in the text by the following forms: inf. *be*, pt. *was*, pp. *bene*; inf. *ga*, pt. *ȝode*; inf. *do*, pt. *did*.

## ADVERBS.

Adverbs usually end in *-ly*: *trewnly*, *parfitley*, *smertly*, *stoutly*, *halily*; once in *-i*: *wiseli*; frequently in *-e*: *wele*, *tite*, *rathe*; otherwise without ending or irregular.

## PREPOSITIONS.

A list of the prepositions in their proper order may be found with their respective case government in the glossary. Since noun inflections in this text are so little to be relied upon, we must decide in many instances the case employed by the methods of Mn. English, in general the dative being the case of the indirect object, the accusative the case of the direct. The genitive is frequently expressed by means of the preposition *of*. Source, possession (benefit, instrumentality, interest,) with the preposition *of*, seem to convey a more distinctively dative than genitive idea.

## IV.

### PHONOLOGY OF THE STRESSED VOWELS.

[The vowels and diphthongs here given are classified alphabetically according to their Middle English forms. The stem only of a word series is given, except in cases of compound words and where an inflection serves to make the placing of a word intelligible. There has been no attempt made to classify words according to their Middle English sounds. References given at the head of each group apply to the general type of the group, cases of special reference immediately follow the word under consideration. The abbreviations refer to the following authorities.]

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#### MIDDLE ENGLISH *a*.

##### I. WEST GERMANIC.

###### 1. WS. *a*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 11):

ac, 25, 37, 75, 97, 134, 172, 202, 210, 226; habb, 95, 101, 144, 150, 154, 254, (*Morsb.* 102.2); knaue, 144; made, 53, 109, 138, 218; naked, 177; -sake, 130;-wake, 102.

###### 2. WS. *a* (œ through umlaut), WG. *a* (*Gr.* 10; 50):

fader, 62;-gadere, 180; habbe, 53, 74, 147, 255, hadde, 14, 67, 132, 145, 146, hast, 15, 24, 29, 97, 103, 111, 204, haþ, 105, 119, 120, haue, 128.

###### 3. WS. *o*, WG. *a*, before nasals (*Gr.* 51 2; 65):

an, 125; an (*Gr.* 65.2), 70; can, 118; fram, 2, 26, 35, 55, 190; gan, 58, 167, 178, 238; man, 5, 46, 130; name, 250.

###### 4. WS. *æ*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 49):

after, 30, 48, 65, 125, 253, 258; at, 1, 84; bad, 44; dawe, 142; quaþ (see *G1.*); sat, 231; stalward, 168<sup>2</sup>, 169 (cf. *Gr.* 202.3. Note 2); slawe (*Gr.* 50.2) 238; þat (see *G1.*); vaste, 21, 178; walmes, 231; war, 53; was, 1, 5, 13, 181, 221; wat, 80, 108, 137, 168, 182; water, 229.

###### 5. WS. *ā*, WG. *ai* (*Gr.* 13):

a, 5, 16, 54, 55, 56, 154, 160, 188, 194, 196, 201, 218, 219, 220, 227, 239, 246, 250; an, 20, 31, 46; axst, 188; hal-, 59, 250; ham-, 238.

6. WS. æ (umlaut of ā, WG. *ai* (*Gr.* 17.1; 90)): ar, 2; clan-, 30; lad-, 129, 181, 221; lasse, 158, 159 (*Morsb.* 96.2);-last, 75, 220.
7. WS. æ, WG. ī, Germ. ē (*Gr.* 17.2; 90): gradde, 222; radde, 60; war, 48, 65, 85, 88, 174.
8. WS. ea, Germ. α,
  - (a) before *r*+consonant (*Gr.* 79): art, 116, 159, 204, 205, art-, 183, 185; hard-, 23, 138, 191; warde, 19, 165, wardeyn, 20.
  - (b) before *l*+consonant (*Gr.* 80): al, 24, 30, 89, 195, 219, 229, 255, alle, 62, 166, 248, 252; as, 3, 13, 17, 26, 43, 46, 54, 72, 82, 88, 90, 97, 98, 118, 139, 188, 194, 216, 217; al-, 20, 91, 116, 118, 121, 196, 256; half, 238, 241, 243, 244<sup>2</sup>; halt, 24.
9. WS. eā (palatal+α), WG. α (*Gr.* 75.1): ȝaf, 66; schal, 41, 42, 162, 188, 196, 224, 227; schalt, 36, 42, 114, 116, 189, 190, 216.
10. WS. ēa, WG. ī preceded by palatal (*Gr.* 74): ȝare, 120.

## II. OLD NORSE.

caste, 76, 179, 219, 229, lawe, 141, take, 217.

## III. CELTIC.

cradel, 2 (origin uncertain, *Murray*).

## IV. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 270).

belamy 149, 161, angel, 20, 28, 33, 42, 69, 83, 85, 105, 131, 174, 176; chambre, 68, 87, 132; chaste, 73; dame, 198, 207; grante, 16, 80; grace, 83, 231, 246; ianglinge, 161; alas, 223; maner, 76, 187; marie, 10; martir-, 78, 180, 253, 259, martred, 48, 135, 139; pal, 7 (*Morsb.* 107.5); place, 84, 232; sacrifice, 162, 172, 208.

## MIDDLE ENGLISH *e*.

### I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *e*, WG. ē (*Gr.* 19.1):
 

beggare (?) (of uncertain origin, *Murray*), 160; helpe, 110; ne (see Gl.), quell-, 144, 233, 235, 237; queþe, 143, 163; speke, 41, 87; stele, 136; wel, 2, 44, 103, 147, 200, 201, 241.
2. WS. ȝ, ī-umlaut of *a* or *o*, WG. α (*Gr.* 89):
 

bedde, 13; bet, 64, 186; ende, 155, 189, 206, 227, helle, 35, 156, 216; -hered, 51; lete, 22, 164; lengore, 230; men, 38, 45, 47, 134, 139, 140, 163, 171, 176, 254, me, 47, 52, 85, 135, 137, 221, 229, 233, 242; me-, 48; sende, 39, 50, 228, 248; segge, 212, strengþe, 5; telle, 16, 36, þen, 31, 42, 54, 70, 92, 103, 111, 112, 158, 160, 186, 197, 232; þence-, 90, 92, 148, 149, 187, 203; wemmed, 12; wen, 9, 125, 135, 153, 156, 189, 198, 203, 205; wende, 44, 67, 85, 134, 156, 190, 247, 256; werede, 7.
3. WS. ȝ, later æ, WG. α, with eethlipsis of *g* (*Gr.* 214.3):
 

sede, 29, 50, 51, 60, 73, 87, 89, 107, 111, 113, 149, 182, 209, 223, 255 (*Gr.* 89. Note 1).

4. WS. *eo*.
- (a) breaking of *e* before *r*+consonant (*Gr.* 79.1):
    - berne, 121, 122; derk-, 169; gerne, 4, 119; herte, 12, 190; verrore, 230; werc, 109.
  - (b) by *u*-umlaut (*Gr.* 106.1):
    - clep-, 52, 192; henne, 37; heuene, 55, 59, 105, 122, 148, 174, 176.
  - (c) by *o*-umlaut (*Gr.* 109, b):
    - suere, 235.
5. Representative of WS. *ie*, palatal umlaut of WG. *e* (*Gr.* 75.3):
  - gelpest, 197; -gete, 21.
6. WS. *y*, *i*-umlaut of WG. *u*:
  - verst 102, uerst, 102.
7. WS. *y*, contraction of *i+u*:
  - þe, 230<sup>2</sup>.
8. Contraction of WS. *e+i*, WG. *ë*:
  - nele, 32<sup>2</sup>, 126, 215, nelleþ, 75, 76, 158.
9. WS. *ē*, Germ. *ē* (*Gr.* 21.1):
  - her, 21, 63, 191; here, 90, 95, 122; het, 6, 165, 172, 173, 217; lette, 3.
10. WS. *ē*, *i*-umlaut of WG. *ō* (*Gr.* 21.2, 94):
  - breþeren, 134; dest, 63, 79, 184; fet, 49; grepe, 154; suete, 15, 19, 33, 251, 259, twenti, 257; verde, 217; -uere, 96; -seche, 127; wep-, 156, 225.
11. WS. *ē*, the result of secondary lengthening.
  - he, ge, me, þe, we (see G1).
12. WS. *ē*, representative of *ie*, *i*-umlaut of *ēa* (*Gr.* 21.4; 97; 99):
  - geme, 26; kep-, 150, 161, 207; lef, 137, 212; -leue, 27, 32, 34, 61, 64, 98, 106, 115, 130, 215, 241, leu-, 63, 141, 145, 214; repe, 153, 155.
13. WS. *æ*, *i*-umlaut of *ā*, Germ. *ai* (*Gr.* 17.1):
  - clene, 25, 73, 86, 115; delede, 245; ech, 26, 62 (*Gr.* 347.1); enes, 190, 246; eny, 54, 70, 112, 124; er, 53, 103; euer, 75, 101, 186; lede, 58, 128, 170, 176, 218, leue, 74, 241; lere, 185; mest, 11; neuer, 75, 76, 90, 154, 158; teche, 39.
14. WS. *æ*, WG. *ā*, Germ. *ē* (*Gr.* 17.2; 57.2):
  - ber, 56, 174, bleddore (*Kluge*), 194; drede, 57; grede (*Mätzner*), 167; here, 8; let, 12, 46, 130, 144, 177<sup>2</sup>, 178, 234, met- 100<sup>2</sup>, 101; nere, 123; red(e), 30, 59, 79, 112, 114, 118, 210; slepe, (*cf. Cosijn*, 82.3), 102, þer-, 56, 88, 140; were, 82, 88, 91, 120, 124, 217, 228, 234; 96, 121, 143; 134, 141; 48, 137, 139, 142, 170, 171, 186, 252.
15. WS. *ēa*, by palatal umlaut (*Gr.* 101):
  - ge, 104; -gen, 24, 67, 131, 141, 160; ger, 89, 257 (*Gr.* 102); next (*Gr.* 101, a), 8.
16. WS. *ēa*, WG. *au* (*Gr.* 63):
  - bed, 59, 249, 254; bete, 178; ded, 244, dep, 162, 199, 201, 203, 204, 205<sup>2</sup>, 206, 208, 230, 233, 234, 236; eke, 157, 210; gret, 6, 36, 218; heued, 233, heden, 173; hewe, 240; led, 219; rede, 91; scewe, 28; screwe, 182, 217, 239.
17. WS. *ēa*, WG. *a+o* (*Gr.* 111):
  - sle, 32.
18. WS. *ēo*,
  - (a) WG. *eu* (*Gr.* 40. 1; 64):
    - dere, 236; lef-, 20, 27; lese, 224, 226, lene, 95, 99, 107, 113, 127; seke, 196; seþ, 220, 229<sup>2</sup>.

(b) influence of *w* on WG. *e* (*Gr.* 73. 1):

heu, 76, 184; tre, 109, 211; trewe, 73; þreu, 47; -kneu, 48.

(c) contractions, *i+o* (*Gr.* 113); *e+o* (*Gr.* 114. 1); preterits of red. vbs. be, ibe (see Gl.); frendes, 5; -þe (*Gr.* 403); 158. þre, 37, 180, 235, 257; vel, 49, 57; -se, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35, 42, 63, 96, 98, 102, 189, 212, 213, 242.

## II. OLD NORSE.

hem, þem, (see Gl. *he*); reuþe, 244; verisore, 92; welluwe, 75.

## III. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 271).

best, 112; certes, 158, 162, 200; cler, 170; emperours, 138, 140; gerlans, 8, 70, 95; ihesu, 4, 34, 38, 190, 247, 256; -leue, 169; menstrales, 9; menstrasie, 9; merci, 128; prechede, 231, 247, 254; semblance, 145, 146, 147; sergant, 204, 205; seruice, 251; trechours, 141; tresour, 8; vers, 11; vestemens, 56; werreour, 52.

## MIDDLE ENGLISH *i*,

### I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *i*, WG. *i* (*Gr.* 23; 45; 54):

(a) in closed syllables,

bidde, 259; bist, 80; ȝif, (see Gl.); ich, (see Gl. 1); in, -inne, (see Gl.); it, hit, his, him (see Gl. *he*); is (see Gl. *be*); 220; midde, 219; prick, 195; sitteþ, 151; still-, 3, 10, 44, 88, 225; swiþe, 7, 68; þis, (see Gl.); þridde, 253; wille, 30, 43, 255, wil-, 81, 151; witte, 94; wiþ, (see Gl.); write 56, 59; iwis, 28, 202, 206, 214.

(b) before *-nd* (*Gr.* 124. 1.):

find-, 3, 72; -hinde, 193.

(c) before *-ng* (*Gr.* 124. 1.):

bring-, 162, 163, 260; þing, 62, 86, 110, 145, 213, 223.

(d) before *-nc* (*Gr.* 124. 1.):

drink-, 151;

(e) before *-ld* (*Gr.* 124. 3.):

milde, 54; wilde, 53.

(f) in open syllables :

gidi, 209, 210, 214, 215, 216; -priked, 195; -tilien, 152; wit-, 4, 26, 35, 73, 244; -write, 3.

2. Representative of WS. *y*, *i*-umlaut of WG. *u* (*Gr.* 31):

chirche, 250.

3. WS. *ie*, *i*-umlaut of *ea*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 97):

ligeþ, 152 (*Gr.* 98. *a*).

4. WS. *ie*, palatal umlaut of *ea*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 82; 101):

migt, 18, 23, 35, 51, 92, 96, 98, 122, 201, 202, 203, 204, 212, 213, 233, 242, 246; nygt, 13, 229. (*Gr.* 98, Note; 31, Note).

5. WS. *ie*, *i*-umlaut of *eo*, WG. *i* (*Gr.* 41. 1; 100):

hire (gs., ds., as. see Gl.) (*Gr.* 109. b).

6. WS. *ie*, palatal umlaut of *eo*, WG. *e* (*Gr.* 83; 101):

brigt-, 70; figt-, 24, 169; rist, 106, 140, 142, 203, 257; sigt, 105.

7. WS. *ie*, WG. *e*, preceded by a palatal (*Gr.* 75. 3):

giue, 188.

8. WS. *ie*, *i+e* (*Gr.* 114. 3.):

hi (np. see Gl.).

9. WS. *iō*, Germ. *i* (*Gr.* 38):  
quic, 244 (*Gr.* 71).
10. WS. *i*, shortened with gemination of consonant:  
blisse (*Gr.* 202.7), 148, 155; wimmen, 222.
11. WS. *i*, WG. *i* (*Gr.* 59):  
-bide, 133; idel, 151; liche, 8; lif (sb.), 24, 125, 178, 187, 199, 204, 224, 226, 227; -ligt, 55, 258; mile, 37; riche, 7, 13; wide, 134; wif, 183; wise, 42, 252; wite, 56, 65, 91, 184; wit, 77.
12. WS. *i* by secondary lengthening (*Gr.* 121):  
bi, 21, 69, 114, 167, 183, 203, 237; I, 12, 32<sup>2</sup>, 81, 92, 94, 161, 212; mi, 226; siþ- (*Gr.* 122), 235; þi, 23, 30<sup>2</sup>, 51, 80, 112, 115, 155, 161, 184, 187, 189, 192, 193, 196, 197, 198, 202, 205, 207, 210; þin, 199, 211.

## II. OLD NORSE.

tristiliche, 186.

III. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 274).

biscop, 177, 129, 248; baptis- 3, 41, 61, 248; crist, 4, 34, 38, 190, 247, 256; crist- 34, 47, 50, 66, 82, 118, 130, 135, 166, 175, 232, 254; lil- 71, 77, 91; prison, 164, 167; priu-, 16, 17, 41; richesse, 6; seruice, 251; sire, 143, 200; strif, 124.

MIDDLE ENGLISH *o*.

## I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *o*, WG. *o* (*Gr.* 55):  
bodi, 73, 179, 251; -bore, 1; corn, 153; god, 10, 62, 162, 207, 208, 211, 228, 231, 239, 246; golde, 8; -morwe, 171; oþer, 100, 162, 208; ouer, 62, 219, 237; uor, 15, 22, 32, 57, 147, 148, 155, 156, 225, 259; -uore, 137, 181; uorþ, 44, 58, 120, 179, 221; vor, 24, 124, 189; vor, 59, 144, wolde, nolde, (see Gl.); word-, 60, 85.
2. WS. *o*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 51):  
of, off, (see Gl.); on, 34, 38, 210, -on, 78.
3. WS. *o*, WG. *a*, before nasals, (*Gr.* 65):  
honde, 245; lomb, 54; londe, 142; long, 126; mon, 14, 40, 45, 55, 65, 216, 248, mon-, 109, 128; mony, 247; -mong, 47; song, 9; stonde, 21, 69, 100, 246; strong, 178.
4. WS. *o*, WG. *a*, with loss of nasal (*Gr.* 65; 185):  
-broȝt, 13, 74, 94, 120, 137, 142, 170, 171, 184, 193, 208, 222, 234, 236, soþ, 18, 292, 99, 111, 147, 148, 213; þoȝt, 11, 93.
5. WS. *u*, WG. *o*, before nasals (*Gr.* 70):  
com, 130, 191, 198; come, 2, 116, 185; wonede, 249 (*Morsb.* 65.7).
6. WS. *u*, WG. *o* (*Gr.* 55):  
lou-, 2, 15, 25, 31, 36, 73, 106, 115, vol, 91, 93, uol, 194, 219, 236; wolf, 54.
7. WS. *u*, WG. *u* (*Gr.* 56.):  
tonge, 36; þoru, 5, 97, 115, 116, 166, 224.
8. WS. *u*, WG. *u*:  
bote (e+u), 96, 108, 123, 184, 194, 213; adon, 184.
9. WS. *ea*, WG. *a* before *l*+consonant (*Gr.* 80):  
bold, 160; old, 40, 45, 46, 47, 55, 75, 109; -told, 159.
10. WS. *eo*, preceded by *w*, WG. *e* (*Gr.* 72):  
worldes, 147; worþ, 146, 158, 184, 193, 197, 226.

11. WS. *eo*, *o*-umlaut of *e*, by contraction:  
hor (OE. *heora*), 9<sup>2</sup>, 76, 86, 144, 173, 174.
12. WS. *o*, *eo*, preceded by palatal, WG. *u* (*Gr.* 74; 75):  
gong, 223, 224, 226; schort, 201, scorte, 227, scholde, 121, 157, 211, scholleþ, 84, 155. (*Gr.* 76.2. Note).
13. WS. *ð*, WG. *ð* (*Gr.* 60):  
boke, 72; broþer, 82, 89, 95, 99, 107, 114, 115, 116, 127, 129; do, 30, 90, 92, 112, 114, 118, 164, 172, 184, 208; good, 25, 115, 245, 247; gode, 69, 125, 139, 163, 171, 176; moder, 258; mote, 16, 17, 78; most, 28, 34, 37, 40, 117, 133, 237; mowe, 102, 153, 154; inou, 86; -sogt, 14, 119; suote (see *suetē*), 68, 71, 77, 90, 97; to, (see G1.); wod, 112, 149, 217.
14. WS. *ā*, WG. *ai* (*Gr.* 25.2), (*Morsb.* 134):  
-blowe, 194; cloþes, 7; holig, 107, 180, 225, 240, 243, 259; -hote, 18, 132; lord, 2, 12, 13, 43, 61, 74, 89, 83, 105, 250, 251, 258, 259; mo, 182, 232; more, 54; noþer, 31; o, 61, 62, 129; on, 61<sup>2</sup>, 71, one, 84<sup>2</sup>, -on, 39, 43, 45, 49, 66, 113, 131, 136, 162, 164, 175, 177, 180; -om, (OE. *hām*), 133; oþer, 18, 64, 72, 86, 94, 99, 100, 103, 108, 129, 143, 184, 187, 191; owe, 183; smot, 235, 236; ston, 211; tok-, 77, 78; two, 76, 86, 257, to, 70; -ros, 43; þo, 55, 57, 67, 107, 131, 172, 179, 181, 217, 221; wo, 126, 150, 240, 241.
15. WS. *ð*, WG. *ā*, before a nasal (*Gr.* 68):  
com, (*Morsb.* 93.2), 46, 49, 55, 65, 85, 87, 131, 166, 167, 232, 260, come, 140; -dom, 50, 260; don, 137; fon, 138; go, (*Gr.* 57.1. Note), 37, 55, 117, 154; gon, 40, 132, 135, 179; ido, 19, 103, 252, 255; nom, 58, 66, 86, 140, 165; sone, 14, 79, 98, 181, 184, 193, -uunge, 125, 227.
16. WS. *ð*, (*e*+*ā*) by contraction:  
non, 108, no, 36, 46, 146, 204, 237, 242, noȝt, 12, 24, 145, 147, 150, 161, 163, 202, 207, 212, 214, 224, 225, 233, 236, noȝing, 22, 32, 64, 81, 111, 202.
17. WS. *ā*, by secondary lengthening, WG. *ā* (*Gr.* 121):  
ho, 138, 242, hose, 150; so, 35, 36, 49, 53, 77, 81, 90, 93<sup>2</sup>, 97, 100, 119, 122, 125, 126, 138, 160, 166, 185, 191, 228, 238, 240, 241.
18. WS. *ð*, contraction of *o*+vowel:  
doþ, 26, 74, 98, 162, 168, 184.
19. WS. *eo*, WG. *e*, preceded by *w* (*Gr.* 72):  
wope, 222.
20. WS. *i*, WG. *i*.  
womman, 133 (*Morsb.* 149.3).

## II. OLD NORSE.

bone, 80, 97; both, 42, 84, 173; hondred, 232, 257; hor, 56; tok, 59, 71, 146.

III. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 277).

conseil, 17, 41; fol, 14<sup>2</sup>, 31, 124, 126, 130, 188, 192, 228; ioie, 30, 86, 126, 156, 260; noble, 1; poer, 189, 192, 193, 197, 252; robe, 7; rose, 71, 78, 91; soden, 94.

MIDDLE ENGLISH *u*.

## I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *u*, WG. *u* (*Gr.* 56):  
þus, 54; schull-, 125, 156, 256, (*Gr.* 76, 2, Note 2).
2. WS. *u*, WG. *o* (*Gr.* 29.2):  
-fulle, 67 (*Gr.* 55).

3. WS. *i*, WG. *i*:  
busemar, 152; muche, 81, 93, 148, 245; þuder, 50, 135.
  4. WS. *i*, WG. *a*, contracted compound:  
such, 158, 188, 233; wuch, 187 (*Gr.* 43, Note; 342).
  5. WS. *e* (*y*), WG. *a*:  
stude, 44, 46, 239.
  6. WS. *ȳ*, WG. *u* (*Gr.* 95):  
bur-, 47, 136, 139, 180, 251; custe, 113; dude, 240; gulte-, 240; kun, 185, 186; muri, 125; vuel, 239.
  7. WS. *y*, WG. *e* (*Gr.* 81):  
sulue, 110.
  8. Representative of WS. *ea*, palatalization of WG. *a* (*Gr.* 75):  
ichulle, 30, 256.
  9. Representative of WS. *eo* preceded by *w*, WG. *e* (*Gr.* 28.3; 72):  
wurji, 143, 150.
  10. Representative of WS. *ie*, *y*, WG. *eo* by palatal umlaut (*Gr.* 101; 100)  
sucþ, 215, suxst-, 192, 214, suxt-, 103, 108, 109, 199.
  11. Representative of WS. *eo* due to palatal influence on *o* (*Gr.* 101):  
schulde (pt.), 249 (*Gr.* 76, Note 2).
  12. WS. *i*, WG. *i*:  
wule, 126, 220.
  13. WS. *ȳ*, *i*-umlaut of WG. *u* (*Gr.* 96):  
cuþeþ, 168; fur, 218, 224; -hud, 120; lute, 16, 148, 196, 197; prute, 198.
  14. Representative of *ie*, *i* umlaut of *eo* (*Gr.* 101):  
gut (*Gr.* 74, Note 1), 182; luþer, 52; luxt, 200.
  15. Representative of *eo*, the result of contraction:  
huld, 65, 70, 88.
- II. OLD NORSE.
- puttes, 47; þulke, 83, 128, 237, 260; unknown origin, smul, 68, 90<sup>2</sup>, 92, 97.
- III. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 277).
- iugement, 142, 221; iustice, 137, 149, 157, 161, 164, 172, 175, 177, 181, 198, 207, 230; pur, 203.

### MIDDLE ENGLISH *y*.

#### I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *i*, WG. *i*, in closed syllables (*Gr.* 124): gynne, 250; suyþe, 55, 56, 197; wynter, 151; before *-nd*: blynd, 210, 213, 216, bynd-, 38; wynde, 194; before *-nc*: swynk-, 152; scrynk-, 195; in open syllables: lyue, 197; -smyte, 243.
2. WS *i*, WG. *ē*, before a nasal (*Gr.* 69): nyme, 23, 177.
3. WS. *ie*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 82): nygt, 13, 229.
4. WS. *ie*. WG. *e* (*Gr.* 83): knyȝtes, 168.
5. WS. *i*, WG. *i*:  
lyve, (sb ), 202, 226; scryue, 17; smyte, 23, 173, 234, 237; tyme, 84, 89.
6. WS. *i*, by secondary lengthening:  
my, 20<sup>2</sup>, 22, 80, 82, 83, 93, 105, 114, 115, 192, 255, myn, 12, 190.
7. WS. *ie*, *i* umlaut of *ea* (*Gr.* 99): -lyue, 241.

#### II. OLD NORSE.

lym, 220.

#### III. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 278).

pyne, 216.

## DIPHTHONGS.

## I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *æ+g*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 49):  
day, 253, 254; daie, 237, -dai, 114; lay, 253; mai, 29, 36, 110<sup>2</sup>, 199; maide 7, 10, 15, 19, 33, 44, 107, 123, 186, 188, 193, 199 217, 225, 240, 243, 253. maiden-, 4, 22, 77; mayn, 235; vair, 56, 153, 223, 246.
2. WS. *eo*, WG. *eu*: leome, 70.
3. WS. *eo*, WG. *i+u*: heo (see Gl.) (*Gr.* 114.1).
4. WS. *eg*, WG. *ë*: weie, 170, -wei, 195.
5. WS. *æ+g* or *h*, (*Morsb.* 102.5): eiþer, 86; teigte, 45; pleide, 231.
6. WS. *ea+g*, WG. *au*: eie, 119, 215, heie, 200, hei, 174.
7. WS. *a*, WG. *a*: sei, 39.
8. WS. *ea*, WG. *a*: isei, 57, 173, 176, 222, 233.
9. WS. *i+e* (*Gr.* 114.3): þrie, 237.
10. WS. *i+ɔ*, WG. *u*: hie, 238.
11. WS. *u*, WG. *u*: -bounde, 178.
12. WS. *e+u*, by contraction: aboute, 88, 134, 152, 243.
13. WS. *ū*, WG. *ū*: out, 179, 218, 227; -doun, 49, 57, 154, 253; hous, 218, 249; loude, 167, 222; toun, 179.
14. WS. *ū*, WG. *ō* preceded by *w*: hou, 89, 94, 109, 110, 182, 191, 198.
15. WS. *ū*, lengthened from WG. *u*, with loss of *n*: our, oure, (see Gl.); ous, 35, 42, 163, 260.
16. WS. *ū*, the result of secondary lengthening: nou, 92, 102<sup>2</sup>, 103, 169, 224, 239, 255, 259; þou, (see Gl.).
17. WS. *eo*, WG. *eu*: ȝou, 74, 162, 170, ȝoure, 77, 78.
18. WS. *eo*, WG. *e*, by influence of *w*: four, 232.
19. WS. *ā*, WG. *ai*: Louerd, 51; soul-, 174, 176, 260.

## II. OLD NORSE.

deie, 78, 216, 224; trewe, 73.

## III. ROMANCE.

- OF. *ai*: gailer, 165; maister, 192; trauail, 155.
- OF. *a*: maumet, 108, 171; sauter, 11; sergaunt, 205; tiraunt, 54.
- OF. *ea*: creature, 223.
- OF. *ai*: meseise, 154; seynte, 9; seyn, 40, 45, 51, 58, 63, 66, 67, 113, 167, 209, 248.
- OF. *ei*: fei, 183.
- OF. *ae*: doel, 242.
- OF. *oi+g*: caroine, 196, 201.
- OF. *i*: crie, 38.
- OF. *o, ou*: confound-, 12; floures, 76, 96; honoure, 211; pouere, 38, 45, 245; scourgen, 178; soulement, 123; spouse, 5, 69; tresours, 8.

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MIDDLE ENGLISH *a*.

## I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *a*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 11):  
bale, (*Gr.* 105.1), 218; made, 45, 97, 215, 222, 274, 459, mak, 45, 350, 427; -sake, 72, 144, 276, 332, 344, 408.
2. WS. *a* (*æ*, through umlaut), WG. *a* (*Gr.* 10; 50):  
haue, 60, 117, 163, 229, 256, 289, 390, had, 33, 149, 310.

3. WS. *a* or *o*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 52.1; 65),
- (a) before *-nc*, *-nd*, *-ng*, *-mb*, *-ld*:  
and (see Gl.); answer-, 92, 169, 226; band-, 234; fand, 191; hand, 125, 149, 155, 195; land, 307; lang, 301; lamb, 40; omang, 45, 250, 302, 362; sang, 44, 46; stand, 415; thank, 188; wald, 142, 207, 241.
  - (b) in open syllables:  
bane, 322; fra, 184, 280; name, 394, 452; same, 458.
  - (c) in closed syllables:  
ban 88; gan, 116, 362, 391, 427; man, 23, 40, 87, 95, 147, 155, 166, 170, 176, 256, 284, 384; man-; 2, þan (*Gr.* 65.2), (see Gl.).
4. WS. *æ*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 49):  
at, 287, 353, 382; bad, 156, 176, 183, 332, 401, 410; fast, 258, 298; rathe, 199; sat, 437; slane (*Gr.* 50.2), 350, 380; spak, 254, 392; þat, was, what (see Gl.).
5. WS. *ea*, WG. *a*.
- (a) before *r*+consonant (*Gr.* 79):  
hard, 34, 257, 352; harm, 317, -ward, 35.
  - (b) before *l*+consonant (*Gr.* 80):  
all, als, alls, all-, al- (see Gl.); ald, 147, 155, 166, 176; balde, 107; fall, 365; hals, 432; tald-, 30, 51, 108, 122, 242, 444.
  - (c) before *h*+consonant (*Gr.* 82):  
saw, 151, 192, 379; waxes, 133.
6. WS. *ea* (palatal+*æ*), WG. *a* (*Gr.* 75.1):  
gaf (*pt. sg.*), 285, 456; sall, 72, 86, 89, 91, 103, 111, 117, 227, 279.
7. WS. *ā*, WG. *ai* (*Gr.* 13):  
a, 162, 163, 164; 23, 60, 284, 420, 452; ane 63, 87, 147, 244, 259, 321, 327, 328, 363, 418; ask, 212, 215, 228; ay, 240, 287, 297, 342, 450; clothes, 32, 113; ga (*Gr.* 57.1), 183, 279; hal-, 12, 119, 122, 240, 246, 284, 421, 433; hame, 183; gast-, 119, 224, 456; lare, 14, 260; mare, 436; rase, 120; sare, 88; saw, 146; saw-, 128, 132; strake, 428, 430, 431, 436; takin, 266, tane, 197, twa (*Fischer*, WG. *ð*), 81, 195; whas, 260, wham, 462; wrathe, 75.
8. WS. *æ*, WG. *ai* (*Gr.* 17.1; 90):  
any, 67; are, 435; hathin, 27; last-, 342, 353; mast, 100, 384.
9. WS. *æ*, WG. *ā*, Germ. *ē* (*Gr.* 17.2; 91):  
bad (pl.), 387; lat. 81; war, whare, (see Gl.).
10. WS. *ēa*, WG. *a*+*o* (*Gr.* 111):  
sla, 90.
11. Contraction WS. *e*+*ā*.  
na, 317.
- II. OLD NORSE.**
- bath, 90, 200; baynley, 334; call-, 42; craue, 118, 211, 230, 290; frained, 405; haste, 120, 375, 383, 402, 455; lau, 435, law, 28, 54, 221, 319, 328; samen, 235; scath, 89; schathe 76; slaughter-, 425; sogat, 267; tak, 71, 106, 131, 278, 343, 407; tale, 120, 422; tane, 260, 296, 364; tase, 159, þam, (see Gl. *he*).
- III. ROMANCE** (*Schwan*, 270).
- angel, 44, 63, 84, 94, 95, 115, 193, 265, 267, 287<sup>2</sup>, 364; armurs, 336; bargan, 88; catell, 411; chamber, 41, 114, 187; charite, 293; chaste, 128, 129, 202, 208; cumand, 349, 371, 403; fare, 324, 368; grace, 119, 285; grant-, 181, 271, 318, 345; maner, 47, 161; maried, 23; pape, 17, 443; paradis, 203; parfite-, 223; place, 160, 204, 286; sacrifice, 350; saue, 49, 144, 164, 255, 263; sauore, 250, 253, 256; saluyng, 142, 143, 189; sawiowre, 461; solace, 72, 376; talent, 51.

MIDDLE ENGLISH *e*.

## I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *e*, WG. *ë* (*Gr.* 19.1):
 

euyn, 86, 237, 453; feld, 298; fele (*Gr.* 106. 3. Note), 38; help 220; sene (pp. *Gr.* 73. 1), 180, 417; steuyn, 261, 454; wele, 6, 55, 66, 173, 331, 450.
2. WS. *ɛ*, *i*-umlaut of *a* or *o* (*Gr.* 89):
 

bed, 53; better, 230, dwell, 135, 168, 453; els, 171, 350; end, 39, 109, 145; hende, 92; hent, 375; ken, 5; schent, 50, 355, schende, 92; sendes, 210, sent, 188, 313, 443; sett, 31, 414; stede, 153, 458; tell, 96, 104, 107, 109, 288, 301, 303, 323, 367, 448; wed, 31, 37, 54; wende, 40, 271, went, 41, 53, 117, 120, 186, 237, 356, 425.
3. WS. *æ*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 50):
 

after, 241, 313, 438, 443; geder, 382 (*Gr.* 50. Note 2); when (see Gl.), whether, 84.
4. WS. *eo* (*Gr.* 72):
  - (a) Breaking of WG. *e* before *r*+consonant (*Gr.* 79.1):
 

beried, 458; ethli, 170; gern, 216; hert, 13, 48, 55, 168, 202, 421; smert-, 371; werk-, 335.
  - (b) by umlaut (*Gr.* 106.1; 81; 108):
 

heuyn, 63, 85, 115, 125, 172, 238, 262, 356, 364, 375; sen (*Gr.* 109, Note), 143, 252, 255, 277; self, 83, 90; werld, 196.
5. WS. *ie* (palatal+*e*):
 

get, 189 (*Gr.* 75.3).
6. WS. *a*, Germ. *a*:
 

-swer, 92, 169, 226 (*Gr.* 160.2).
7. WS. *ē*, Germ. *ē* (*Gr.* 21.1):
 

here, 4, 81, 95, 174, 250; mede, 236.
8. WS. *ē*, *i*-umlaut of WG. *ō* (*Gr.* 21.2):
 

bete, 218; dem, 282; fed, 38; feld, 252, 253; ferd, 123, 245, -fere, 26, 291; fete, 269; seke, 142; swete, 217, 253, 256, 270.
9. WS. *ē*, by secondary lengthening (*Gr.* 121):
 

he, ȝe, me, ȝe, we (see Gl.).
10. WS. *ē*, representative of *ie*, *i*-umlaut of *ea* (*Gr.* 21.4):
 

dede, 311; kepe, 56, 201; geme, 450; here, 261; herd, 43, 124, 180, 225, 267, 323, 348, 367, 399, 422; leue, 61.
11. WS. *æ*, Germ. *ai* (*Gr.* 17.1):
 

clene, 48, 58, 69, 113, 148, 179, 202, 366, 419; er, 366; dele, 174, 332; euer, 12, 15, 99, 162, 332, 462; hele, 214; led, 240, 358; les, 388; leue, 335; left, 434; mene, 47, 161; neuer, 16, 252, 253; redy, 277.
12. WS. *æ* WG. *ā*, Goth. *ē* (*Gr.* 17.2):
 

dede, 70; drede, 74, 76, 153, 168; ferlis, 304; red(e), 165, 167, 171, 312; sede, 128, 132; teche, 451.
13. WS. *ēa*, WG. *au* (*Gr.* 37.1):
 

ded (sh), 154, 304, 306, 374, 389, 457; grete, 43, 238, 310, 339, 386, 434, 457, 460; hede, 424, heuides, 199, 354; schewes, 3.
14. WS. *ēa*, WG. *ā*, Germ. *e*.
 

nere, 43 (*Gr.* 57.2, d).
15. WS. *ēo*,
  - (a) WG. *eu* (*Gr.* 64):
 

bede, 69, 428; dere, 19, 119, 272, 292; lem-, 194; tene, 409.

- (b) Influence of *w* on WG. *e* (*Gr.* 73.1):  
 knel-, 191; knese; 427, knew-, 13, 28; new, 112, neuyn, 116, 171, 376  
*Gr.* 156.5.); trew- 18, 111, 278.
- (c) The result of contraction (*Gr.* 40.3; 113; 114):  
 be, 31, 50, 61, 70, 99, 102, 127, 170, 263, 266, 281, 311, 340, 350, 401,  
 404, bene, 322, 418, 439; se, 9, 14, 81, 94, 95, 134, 261, 265, 286, 357,  
 363; -fell, 304, 324, 368; fre, 2, 10, 100, 209, 221, 232, 273; frend-, 23,  
 30, 36, 38, 272; thre, 430, 431, 436, 438, 446; wex, 75; -twene, 147,  
 201.
- 16 Variants of WS. *ā*, WG. *ai* (*Morsb.* 87.2):  
 cled 148, cleth, 34, 112<sup>2</sup>, 336 (*Murray*); -hede, 73; hete, 257.
17. Variants of WS. *i* (*Gr.* 92):  
 es, 41, 174; mekill, 130, þedir, 326; wretyn, 157, 160; weimen, 6.

## II. OLD NORSE.

meke, 139, 141; mele, 213; nec, 428; wenges, 365.

## III. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 271).

amen, 463<sup>3</sup>; amend, 110; assent, 207, 274; certayne 263; clere, 44; conuers, 361; eger, 405; descend, 146; entred, 247; entent, 42, 52, 426, 444; enuy, 310; erber, 418; fell, 136; fers, 136; gentill, 11; grefe, 373, greue, 62, 74, 93, Jhesu(s), 14, 18, 101, 127, 209, 219, 259, 338; lessons, 138, letters, 150; melody, 45; menge, 320, 330; mercy, 2, 100, 209; meruayles, 302; pete, 1; prech, 298, 308, 315; present, 314; rebell, 137; reches, 384, 387; reherce, 362; reuerence, 460; ses-, 16, 441; seru-, 65, 88, 232, 297, 398, 454; speciall, 64; spens, 459; tretice, 303; vengeance, 71; verray-, 84, 266.

## MIDDLE ENGLISH *i*.

### I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *i*; WG. *i* (*Gr.* 23; 45; 54):
- (a) in closed syllables:  
 bid, 281, 423; -gin-, 98; his, him (see G1.); if, 56, 59, 79, 87, 94, 96, 102, 105, 256, 312; in (see G1.); ilk, 40, 174, 204, 286, 329, 332, 359 (from orig. long *i*, *Gr.* 43. Note 4); it, hit, yit (see G1.); lif (wv.), 223, 328, 342, 450; still, 154; þis (see G1., once þus, 210); will, 59, 79, 181, 213, 227, 241, 287, 318, 338, 345, 351, 448, 454; win, 131, 233; wit, 67, 173, 400; wist, 177; with (see G1.); writen, 174.
  - (b) before *-ng* (*Gr.* 124.1):  
 bring, 372; thing, 97, 118, 157, 170, 216, 290, 378.
  - (c) before *-ld* (*Gr.* 124.3):  
 milde, 12, 22.
  - (d) in open syllables:  
 biding, 8, 182, 346; lif-, 190, 293, 309, 389, 438.
2. WS. *y* (ü) *i*-umlaut of WG. *u* (*Gr.* 31):  
 did, 282, 320; fill, 182, 337, 346, 413; first, 383, 405; kirk, 452, 459; kit(?) (origin unknown, *Murray*), 432; mikell, 91; sin, 189, 234, 433; think, 251.
3. WS. *ie*, palatal umlaut of *ea*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 82; 101):  
 might, 3, 5, 100, 126, 276, 396, night, 16, 64, 137, 335, 420 (*Gr.* 98. Note).
4. WS. *ie*, *i*-umlaut of *eo*, WG. *i* (*Gr.* 100):  
 brin, 412, 416, brint, 404, 410 (*Gr.* 79.2); hir, (gs., ds., as., see G1. *scho*).

5. WS. *ie*, palatal umlaut of *eo*; WG. *e* by breaking (*Gr.* 83; 101): betwix (*Gr.* 84.2 Note), 81; bright, 63, 115, 419; right, 108, 155, 241, 282, 360; sight, 4, 151, 359; wirk, 318, 351, 451 (*Gr.* 79.1).
6. WS. *ie*, WG. *e*, preceded by a palatal (*Gr.* 75.3): gif, 113, 129, 224, 341, 436, 445, 449; ging, 7 (WG. *u*: *Gr.* 74; 100, Note 1).
7. WS. *eo*, WG. *ë*, through influence of *w* (*Gr.* 72): wirschip, 397, 460 (*Gr.* 72. Note).
8. WS. *i*, WG. *î*, shortened: blis, 238, 342, 358; wikked, 377.
9. WS. *ā+i*, WG. *a*, contracted and shortened: swilk, 70, 74; slike, 252, 285.
10. WS. *i*, WG. *î* (*Gr.* 59): hid, 34; life, 109, 240, 301, liue (sb.), 446; like, 229, 251, 288, 366; rich-, 35; schin-, 193; smite, 354, 424; strife, 386; strike, 430; time, 306; whils, 175, 450; whitte, 113; wife, 123, 186, 230, 385; wise, 37, 134, 397, 451.
11. WS. *i*, by secondary lengthening (*Gr.* 121): bi-, 410; mi, 205, 209, 229, 452, 453, my, 48, 49, 64, 68, 173, 219, 220, 231, 272, 448, my-, 83, 90; sithes, 4 (*Gr.* 122).
12. WS. *ÿ* (*ü*) *i*-umlaut of *u* (*Gr.* 31; 96): bridal, 39; file, 49, 68; fire, 404, 416; king, 347, 377, 390; kiss-, 248, 249, 269; pride, 33.
13. WS. *ie*, *ēa* by *i*-umlaut (*Gr.* 99): -liue, 327; hight, 125.
14. WS. *ie*, *ēo* by *i*-umlaut (*Gr.* 100.b): light, 152, 194, 336.

## II. OLD NORSE.

lift-, 156; lite, 353; mis, 110, 357; scill, 447; skin, 25; till, 23, 39, 106, 109, 158, 166, 170, 288, 317, 352, 428 (and see Gl. *until*); tite, 312; tip-, 348, 423; þir (np., ap. of þis, see Gl.).

## III. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 274).

affied, 300; baptist, 27, 102, 178, 283, 327, 330, 394; baptime, 164, 296; bill, 157, 165; bisschop, 106, 121, 280, 283, 457; crist, 28, 42, 222, 315, 319, 341, 344, 393; desire, 413; gin, 67; lilyes, 251; lion, 136; min, 299, 411; prince, 307, 316, 329; sir, 59, 74, 93, 105, 277, 445, uirgins, 366.

## MIDDLE ENGLISH *o*.

### I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *o*, WG. *o* (*Gr.* 55): body, 49, 68, 202, 355; bod- 210; born, 11, 252; folk, 20, 22, 38, 163, 359, 370; for, 54, 70, 95, 133, 140, 153, 204, 246, 351, 389, 408, 435; for-, 72, 221, 229, 275, 317, 342, 346, 451; -for, 147; -fore, 192, 300, 402; -forn, 373; god, 52, 65, 85, 97, 115, 126, 241, 255, 262, 285, 287, 293, 297, 305, 421, 427, 445, 446; god-, 94, 193, 265, 408; gold, 32, 150; morn, 371; oft-, 4; or, 69, 302; word, 77, 80, 92, 107, 175, 225, 270, 362.
2. WS. *o*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 51): of (see Gl.); on, 47, 71, 121, 150, 161, 309, 333, 371; -on, 199, 244, 437; on-, 69, o, 176.
3. WS. *o*, WG. *a*, with loss of nasal (*Gr.* 66; 185): broght, 39, 158, 195, 203, 306, 326, 374, 402, 423; fro, 203, 296, thoght; 55.

4. WS. *æ*, WG. *a*, by *i*-umlaut (*Gr.* 90):
  - most, 7, 126.
5. WS. *u*, WG. *o* before a nasal (*Gr.* 70):
  - com, 284; komen, 26; won, 231; wond, 307; wonders, 305.
6. WS. *u*, WG. *o* (*Gr.* 55):
  - loued, 127; mornig, 391 (*Gr.* 389, Note).
7. WS. *eo* preceded by a palatal, WG. *u* (*Gr.* 74):
  - gong, 25.
8. WS. *ð*, WG. *ð* (*Gr.* 60):
  - blode, 11; boke 149; broþer, 218, 220, 234; do, 29, 66, 317, 345; -dome, 236; loke, 156; mode, 12, 22, 381, 405; moght, 56, 442; soȝht, 143, 325, 401; to (see Gl.); wode, 400.
9. WS. *ā*, WG. *ai* (*Gr.* 25.2), (*Morsb.* 134):
  - cloth, 148; lord, 48, 57, 144, 205, 219, 229; more, 172, 299, 376, 388, 411; oþer (*Gr.* 62, Note); 20, 29, 84, 198, 380.
10. WS. *ð*, WG. *ā* before a nasal (*Gr.* 68):
  - come, 184, 244, 280, 314, 385, 440; done, 227, 378; sone, 146, 176, 187, 192, 313, 318, 323, 356, 413.
11. WS. *ð*, contraction of *e+a*:
  - no, 33, 76, 316; no-, 28, 77, 217; none, 29, 142, 216, 430; noȝht, 50, 62, 77, 93, 94, 141, 144, 152, 266, 343, 351, 432, 441; nowþer, 89.
12. WS. *ā*, WG. *ā*, by secondary lengthening (*Gr.* 121):
  - so, 36, 82, 188, 193, 217, 253, 263, 355, 420.
13. WS. *ēo*, Germ. *eu*:
  - lose, 73; gode (contr. *i+o*, *Cosijn*, 38.2), 389.
14. WS. *i*, WG. *i* (*Morsb.* 149.3):
  - woman, 79.
15. WS. *e+u*, WG. *ū*:
  - bot, 30, 33, 55, 96, 303, 312, 318, 399, 405, 430.

### II. OLD NORSE.

bone, 228; both, 21, 64, 137, 224; toke, 135, 155, 197; trow, 18, 79, 96, 102, 167, 172, 173, 179, 278, 333, 360, 396, trowth, 258, 278.

### III. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 277).

coron-, 195, 201, 340, 341; dole, 311, flores, 419; honor-, 294, 462; kosyn, 272; nobill, 26; organs, 44; rose, 251.

## MIDDLE ENGLISH *u*.

### I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *u*, WG. *u* (*Gr.* 56):
  - cursed (Late OE. *u*, origin unknown, *Murray*), 347; durst, 29, 76; sum, 4, 433; sun, 101; sunder, 432, thurgh, 119, 232, 233; þus (see Gl.); un- (see Gl.).
2. WS. *u*, WG. *o* (*Gr.* 29.2; 55):
  - cum 235, -cumen, 339 (*Gr.* 70); ful, (see Gl.); luf, 66, 87, 259, luf-, 69, 82, 116, 273, 293; furth, 387, 428.
3. WS. *ū*, WG. *ū* (*Gr.* 30.1):
  - husband, 53.
4. WS. *ū*, WG. *ū*, with loss of *n* (*Gr.* 185.2):
  - us, 81<sup>2</sup>, 250, 260.

5. WS. *ū*, by secondary lengthening:  
up, 120, 156, 237, (but op-, (*opon*) 199, 244, 437).
6. WS. *ð*, WG. *ð*:  
gude, 21, 42, 52, 62, 121, 181, 190, 250, 361, 382, 390, 406, 426; luke, 150, 152, 245; bus (OE. *bihofian*), 61.
7. Variant of WS. *i*, WG. *i*:  
þus, 210.
8. Representative of WS. *eo*, due to palatal influence on *o* (*Gr.* 101):  
suld, (pt.), 31, 311, 401, 404, 410, 430, 436.

II. CELTIC. put, 352.

III. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 277).

cuntre, 429; custom, 429; multiplise, 133; turmentes, 373.

MIDDLE ENGLISH *y*.

I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *y*, *i*-umlaut of *u*: kyn, 26; syn, 50, 68.
2. Representation of WS. *i*, WG. *i*: -gyn, 190.
3. Representative of WS. *i*, WG. *i*: lynnen, 148.
4. Interchangeable with *i*: bi, by; mi, my (see G1.).

II. OLD NORSE. lym, 140.

III. ROMANCE (*Schwan*, 278). syr, 62, 63, 103.

DIPHTHONGS.

I. WEST GERMANIC.

1. WS. *æ* before *g*, WG. *a* (*Gr.* 49):  
day, 16, 64, 137, 420, 438, 446; faire, 21, 25, 419; may, 5, 9, 83, 94, 95, 110, 130, 376; mayster- 388; mayne, 185; maiden-, 7, 10, maiden- 439, 449, 453; said, 46, 58, 78, 93, 126, 166, 200, 206, 216, 227, 249, 264, 270, 311, 337, 407, 435, 445, 455, sayde, 78.
3. WS. *e*, WG. *ë*: way, 106, 176, wai, 40.
4. WS. *ɛ*, *i*-umlaut of WG. *a* (*æ* or *ɔ*) (*Gr.* 89.1):  
lay, 154, 387; say, 103, 175, 267, 316, sais, 80, 82.
5. WS. *ea*, lengthened from *ea*, palatalization of WG. *a*:  
ogain, 183, ogains, 138, 152, 299, ogayne, 186, 264.
6. WS. *ā*, WG. *ai*: sawl-, 130, 140, 164, 356, 363, saul, 375.
7. WS. *u*, WG. *u*: boun, 8, 297.
8. WS. *ū*, WG. *ū*: bow-, 281, 334; down, 269; hows, 194, 247, 383, 403, 411; out-, 89, 98, 234, 353, 357, 400; toun, 298.
9. WS. *ū*, WG. *ð* preceded by *w*: how, 123, 177, 245, 324, 358, 368, 369, 370.
10. WS. *ū*, lengthened from WG. *u* -with loss of *n*: mowth, 171.
11. WS. *ū*, the result of secondary lengthening:  
now, 61. 80. 131, 233, 257, 271, 277; tou, þou, þow. (see G1).

II. OLD NORSE. þai, þaire, (see Gl.); trewe, 73.

III. ROMANCE.

1. OF. *ai, ay, ey, ei:*

abaist, 343; assay, 83, 105; array-, 35; availe, 130; bataile, 339; faith, 163; lay, 138, 267, 315; payde, 77; place, 160, 204, 286; pray-, 15, 421, 427, prai-, 145, 191, 447; saint, 10, 323, 331, 380, 391; traitur, 389; uaines, 433.

2. OF. *ə:* ensaumple, 9, maumet-, 276, 309, 395, mawmet, 299, 333.

3. OF. *au:* bycaus, 21.

4. OF. *ie:* conciens, 178.

5. OF. *ou:* cours, 337; pouer, 408; pouste, 3; power, 316; spows, 135, 248; stoutly, 386; vowches, 255.

6. OF. *o:* counsail(l), 86, 208, cownsail, 60, 129; flowre, 73.

7. OF. *oy:* noyis, 43.

8. OF. *ui:* fruit, 131.

## V.

## METRICAL ANALYSIS OF THE VERSIONS.

The metrical analyses here given of the central versions of this edition are in the main illustrative, each, of a group of legends. The Southern and Midland type is represented by MS. Ash. 43, the prevailing type in the Northern legends by MS. Cott. Tib. E. VII. In contrast to the uniformity of the long-line couplets of the South, is the variety in line length, stress, and strophaic arrangement, of the later Northern group. For this reason the meter of MS. Cott. Tib. E. VII. does not stand as an analysis of so characteristic a form for the legend, though it was an easy and therefore a popular rime-form for a great variety of literary productions of the 14th century.

## MS. ASHMOLE 43.

## I. METRE.

1. *Latin Septenary* (Schipper, *Eng. Met.*, I. §§ 113-115), iambic, 4+3 stress, in couplets with an equal proportion of masculine and feminine end-rime; usually masculine cæsura. Several lines in this version are French Alexandrine (Schipper, I. § 54), 3+3 stress, usually masculine cæsura, riming, masculine or feminine, with its adjacent septenary.

The standard line, most free from irregularities of contraction and elision, reads as follows:

8 Gerláns & trésours ál of góldē||þe hére néxt hirē líche.  
 110 þing þét ne mái him súlue hélp||hou mái it hélpé þé.  
 133 Cecile, vor héo wómmán wás||atóm heo móst abíde.  
 134 Ac þis breþéren þát weré mén||abóute wénde wide.  
 135 & wén me mártréd crístenmén||þudér he wólde gón.  
 136 & stéle to wén hi mígte bést& búrie hém anón.

so also ll. 7, 16, 36, 40, 41, 63, 64, 68, 72, 95, 96, 97, 98, 100, 111, 114, 123, 126, 128, 129, 133, 137, 144, 173, 175, 177, 190, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 210, 220, 227, 235, 240, 243, 245, 251, 254, 255, 256.

Beside the lines reducible by slurring and elision to the above type, the following have an irregular number of syllables, ll. 31, 58, 75, 104, 106, 119, 124, 126, 127, 151, 152, 153, 161, 162, 171, 180, 201, 203, 205, 207, 228, 253. These vary from five (l. 27), and six (ll. 58, 104, 127, 153, 180, 203), to eleven (ll. 75, 152) syllables in the first hemistich, and from three (l. 153) to nine (l. 126) in the second hemistich.

Probable Alexandrines are the lines:

- 27 Líf þou wólt, lefmón||þat ích ileúe þís.
- 58 Seyn Úrbán hím nom ýp||& gan hím uorþ léde.
- 104 "L-e" séde valérián||wel mé bi-hóueþ só.
- 107 þo séde þis hóli máide||tybórs leué broþér.
- 138 Ho mágð hem só hardí||to bén þeempérours fón.
- 146 & tóke þat wás awórþ||no sémblancé nádde.
- 180 þis þré holí martírs||to-gáderé heo búredé anón.
- 203 Wén þou mígt deþ gáue||me þencþ bí pur rígt.
- 257 þis wás two hóndred gér||& þré & twénti rígt.
- 258 Aftér þat oúr lord wás||In is modér alígt.

Also 153, 204, 207, 232. Some of these (ll. 27, 58, 153, 173, 180, 203,) MS. Laud. enlarges to septenary form.<sup>1</sup>

2. *The cæsura:* The principal cæsura occurs regularly after the fourth foot, immediately following an accented syllable. Not infrequently a final -e that may or may not be elided occurs before the cæsura. See ll. 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 13, 15, 16, 19, 23, 33, 36, 39, 41, 48, 51, 61, 68, 69, 70, 71, 73, 81, 88, 90, 94, 100, 105, 107, 108, 110, 115, 122, 123, 124, 128, 130, 132, 142, 147, 148, 153, 156, 157, 161, 172, 173, 174, 178, 185, 186, 188, 193, 194, 195, 196, 198, 200, 202, 203, 206, 215, 220, 221, 222, 225, 227, 231, 233, 237, 239, 240, 241, 243, 250, 260.

An extra syllable other than -e at the end of the first hemistich, forming a feminine cæsura is found in,

- 31 Lif ich ise þat in folie lóuest||an noþer þen me.
- 50 & sede þat cicile him sende þúder||to esce cristendom.
- 102 Non we beþ verst of slepe awáked||nou we mowe uerst ise.
- 192 To clepe me fol þat am þi máistre||ne suxstou my poer.

A secondary cæsura may be detected in the following, in the first member:

- 1 Séyn Cecíle | of nóble kúnne||ibóre wás at róme.
- 15 "Suéte héorte" | quáþ þis máide||"uor loué þat þou hást to mé."

There may be two cæsuras in the first member:

- 73 "Witeþ þis" | he séde | In tréwe lóue||wiþ chást bodí & cléne.
- 89 "Broþér" | he séde | "hóu geþ þis"||þis týme óf þe gáre.

One cæsura may occur in the second member:

- 92 I né mígté hém veríseré smúl||me þencþ | þen ích nou dó.
- 113 Séyn cecíle him cústę anón||"léué tybórs" heo séde.

These examples may be multiplied.

<sup>1</sup> 27. "Lif þóu wilt," séyde Valérián,||þat ích I-léue þís,  
58. Seint úrbán nóm him vþagén,||ánd gan hím forþ léde.  
153. In héruest whán þe swýnkeres móweþ||fair schéf and goðd and rype  
173. Opón þe móruue, to þé mauméts||þis góðe mén were bróuth  
180. Þesé þre hóly mártíres||ge búredé to-gýdere anón  
203. Seþe þóu myȝth gáue deþ ánd nò líflme þínkþ bé pur ryȝtte.

3. *Enjambement*: There is apparently little effort to lighten the metrical effect of the poem by the running-on of the first to the second hemistich, or of line to line. One probable example of the run-on line is,

- 143 "Sírę, we wólde," quebę þís oþér, "þát we wúrbí wére  
144 Hor knáues uórté hábbę ibé þat gé lette quéle þére.

and the following may fairly be regarded as examples of the running-on of the first hemistich.

- 153 In héruest wén hi mówe váir corn répe  
258 Aftér þat oúr lord wás in ís modér alígt.

The poem is somewhat lightened by the inversions of the conversational passages. Considerable shifting of word stress is unavoidable, in words both of Germanic and Romance origin. An incomplete list follows:—Jústice, 137, Jústicé, 161, Justice, 149, 172, 175; Cécile, 167, Cecíle, 67, 69, 133, Cécilé 113; bróþer, 95, 114, broþér, 82, 107; lémón, 27, lefmón, 20; Vrbán, 40, 51, 66, 129, Vŕban, 58; Týbors, 82, 87, 107, 131, Tibórs, 111, 127; Valérián, 52, 60, 79, 81, 95, Válérían, 57, 117; þorú, 97, þóru, 5; scholléþ, 155, schúlleþ, 156. The metre allows the retention of the French pronunciation in richesse, 6.

4. *Arsis and Thesis*: The acephalous line is a frequent type produced by the omission of the first thesis:

- 21 Váste hé stont hér by mé& íf he úndergéte.  
23 þát he nólde hárde smyte& bý-nymę þé bi mígte.  
56 Hór wiþ wíte véstéméns|a súyþe uair wrít he bér.

so also ll. 1, 14, 15, 19, 21, 23, 27, 33, 39, 46, 56, 61, 66, 82, 87, 93, 99, 119, 124, 127, 131, 140, 143, 156, 157, 159, 163, 165, 166, 168, 169, 182, 185, 198, 200, 206, 207, 212, 224, 228, 242, 244, 250, 256.

By the omission of the first thesis of the second hemistich, two accented syllables come together:

- 30 In clánnesse ichúlle bi wílle dól|ál aftér þi réd.  
34 þou móst byléue on ihésu críst& icrístned bé.  
54 & móre tiraúnt þen ény wólf|ás a lómb þus mílde.

So also ll. 31, 44, 53, 58, 60, 61, 75, 81, 82, 105, 107, 108, 109, 121, 127, 139, 143, 145, 146, 149, 152, 153, 164, 186, 187, 189, 206, 209, 213, 215, 218, 222, 237, 238, 239, 241, 247.

An arsis and a thesis are wanting in the second hemistich of the following lines:

- 124 Fól he wére þat ít woldę lésę|vor ény stríf.  
153 In héruest wén hi mówe|váir corn répe.  
201 A wréchę caróinę þou mígte geue déþ|þat wél schort ís.  
205 & wén þou déþes sérgaunt árt|deþ þí lord ís.  
252 Vpe ís poer þér-Inne wére idó|In álle wíse.

A trisyllabic measure, produced by doubling the thesis, must frequently be employed to reduce the redundancy of the line. (Ellis, *E. E. Pron.* p. 334.)

- 5 Þóru híre fréndes stréngþe||ispóused heo wás to a mán.  
 12 Let lórd myn hérté un-wémmed bél||þat Iné be confóünded nóst.  
 93 Só vol ícham óf þis smúl||& so múchę it is ín my hóst.  
 125 An wén þer ís so műri líf||þat we schúllęþ her-áfter auóngē.

Other instances may be found in *ll.* 13, 28, 31, 33, 35, 40, 45, 52, 57, 62, 67<sup>2</sup>, 70, 77, 78, 86, 91<sup>2</sup>, 93<sup>2</sup>, 106<sup>2</sup>, 112, 118, 119, 120, 125<sup>2</sup>, 130, 131, 152<sup>3</sup>, 154, 155, 163, 170, 171, 174, 183, 187, 188<sup>2</sup>, 191, 202, 207<sup>2</sup> 208<sup>2</sup>, 215, 216, 219<sup>2</sup>, 226, 228, 230, 233, 234, 237, 248, 250, 253.

5. *Elisions:* A final vowel occurring before a vowel or aspirate *h* before a vowel, in another word, is usually elided. Syncope is illustrated in the metre by the following: *werde* 7, *tristíliche* 18, *togadere* 180, *caroíne* 196, 201, *creature* 223, *louest* 25, *seóþ* 25, *clepeþ* 52, *ouer* 62, *lilion* 71, *welluwe* 75, *tokeneþ* 77, 78, *scholleþ* 84, *neuere* 90, *poer* 189, 252. Syncope in preterite endings in *ll.* 5, 48, 102, 135, 145, 180. *Heo* is frequently slurred as in *ll.* 2, 3, 5, 180, 230, 231, 233. Diæresis is found in *conseil* 17, *wardeýn* 20, *vestémens* 56, *emperoürs* 140, *sergäunt* 205, *þenc"þ* 203, *iugément* 142, 221.

#### *Final -e:*

The following classification of the use of final *-e* in MS. Ash. 43 is made on the basis of Ellis' enumeration and suggestions for the study of Chaucer. (*E. E. Pron.* p. 339-42.)

In many cases an allowance must be made for a possible double reading of the lines. In doubtful cases the choice here given has been influenced by grammatical and rhetorical stresses, and by reference to MS. Laud, 108.

(a) Final *-e* was elided before a following vowel: *ll.* 7, 12, 19 (89 times).

Doubtful cases: *ll.* 29, 173, 218, 237, 253, 260.

(b) Final *-e* was elided before *h*: *ll.* 3, 32, 50 (47 times).

Doubtful cases: *ll.* 4, 14, 19, 33, 53, 110, 132, 166, 184, 222.

(c) Final *-e*, when the sign of an oblique case, was elided before a consonant: *ll.* 1, 3, 10 (68 times).

Final *-e*, when the sign of an oblique case, was not elided before a consonant: *ll.* 12, 13, 14 (39 times).

(d) Final *-e*, when the sign of verbal inflection, was elided: *ll.* 2, 3, 4 (66 times).

Final *-e*, when the sign of verbal inflection was not elided: *ll.* 7, 27, 28 (39 times).

(e) Final *-e* is elided in the nominative case: ll. 7, 10, 36 (12 times).

Final *-e*, in the nominative case is not elided: ll. 44, 113, 150<sup>2</sup>, (10 times).

(f) Final *-e*, in *hire*, elided: ll. 3, 4, 8 (25 times).

Final *-e*, in *hire*, probably not elided: ll. 13, 235.

(g) Final *-e* in *hadde*, *habbe*, not preceding a vowel or *h*, elided: ll. 14, 67, 132, 147, 254.

Probable exceptions: ll. 74, 132, 150.

(h) Final *-e* in adverbs and prepositions, elided: ll. 3, 14, 18 (19 times).

Final *-e*, in adverbs and prepositions, not elided: ll. 4, 7, 10 (18 times).

(i) Final *-e*, at the end of first hemistich, permitting a possible pronunciation: ll. 1, 3, 5 (76 times).

(j) Medial *-es-* is pronounced: ll. 5, 7, 9, 47<sup>2</sup>, 60, 76, 105, 144, 147, 157, 158, 168, 183, 204, 205, 208, 231, 250.

Medial *-es-*, pronounced as *s*: ll. 86, 96, 108, 109, 149, 231, 251.

## II. RIME.

1. Masculine end-rimes in this version number 66, feminine, 64. With four exceptions,—*broper* : *oper*, 108; *ibe* : *ise*, 102; *isogt* : *ibrog̃t*, 120; *drinkeþ* : *swynkeþ*, 152, and one case where two words are employed, *it nys* : *it is*, 148, the feminine endings are secured in the final *-e*'s. These final *-e*'s exist in infinitives in twenty-five cases. In five cases, the infinitive rimes with an infinitive, 41:42, 75:76, 177:178, 187:188, 217:218. Twice the infinitive rimes with a participle, 3:4, 243:244; twice with an opt. sg. 21:22, 187:188; three times with a pt. sg. 59:60, 175:176, 219:220; ten times with substantives, ns. 239:240; gs. 37:38; ds. 57:58, 155:156, 161:162, 35:36; as. 23:24, 167:168, 169:170, 189:190; twice with an adjective, ds. 73:74, ap. 237:238; once with an adverb, 125:126.

The rime in this version is practically pure. A difference in quantity which is to be detected in some word-pairs, is too slight to warrant citation since the short vowels allow of being lengthened. There is difference of consonance in *clene* : *ȝe[m]e*, 25-6, and (?) *seruice* : *wise*, 251-2.

Words from West Germanic sources rime with those of Norse origin in, *take*:*make*, 217-18; *lawe*:*dawe*, 141-2, *laste*:*caste*, 75-6, 219-20, *sone*:*bone*, 79-80, 97-8, *toke*:*boke*, 71-2, *fulle*:*smulle*, 67-8.

Words of West Germanic origin rime with Romance words in the following: *man*:-*an*, 5-6, 45-6, 81-2, 129-30, -*an* : *can* 117-18, 15-16, 17-18, *her* : *poer*, 191-2, *rome* : *come* 1-2, *mahon* : *adon*, 183-4

-ture:fure, 223-4, -tise:wise, 41-2, lif:strif, 123-4, seruice:wise, 251-2.

2. *Alliteration*: Alliterative passages are distributed quite evenly throughout the poem, and are of sufficient distinctness and frequency to noticeably bind the lines, though their introduction is not coincident with logical or rhetorical stresses. The following are examples.

- 85 þe angel wende wiþ þis word:  
 143 "Sire, we wolde," queþe þis oþer: "þat we wurhi were.  
 173 Hor heden he het boþe of smyte:  
 194 Vor it nys botë as a bleddorë: iþlowe uol of wynde.

So also; ll. 2, 10, 38, 59, 68, 220, 238, 240, and others. Alliteration between words of the same root is found in

9 Wen þe menstrales songe hor song of hor menstrasie,  
 and lines 14, 34, 90, 187, 195.

#### *Assonance*:

There is one case of end-assonance, *clene: gême* (MS. *ȝene*) 25-6.

MS. COTT. TIB. E VII.

### I. METRE.

1. *French short couplet*: (Schipper, I. §§ 117-124), each verse consisting of four (usually) iambic feet; a masculine cæsura occurs regularly after the second stress. Correct masculine rime is the rule, the possibility of feminine rime being secured, for the most part, through the final *e's*.

The first lines represent the prevailing type of scansion.

- Jhésus Críst, ful óf peté,  
 To mánkind ís of mércy fré  
 And schéwes his póuste & his míght  
 Of(t)-síthès heré únto súm men síght  
 5 So þát we máy his míghtes kén,  
 Als wéle in wémen áls in mén,  
 And áll-þermóst in máydens gíng  
 þat will be bóun to hís bidíng.

#### 2. *The Cæsura*:

The cæsura may be strongly marked by rhetorical stresses as

31 Þe day was sett||þai suld be wed  
 and ll. 1, 10, 16, 27, 56, 63, 66, 127, 307, etc.

The cæsura may be felt most strongly after the first stress:

- 48 Lórd||þou mák my hért all cléne  
 363 He saíd:||I sé, þairę sáwlęs ilkáne,  
 so also ll. 59, 79, 105, 212, 216, 218, 231, 363, 413.

Or after the third stress as

- 148 All cléd in lýnnen clóth<sup>h</sup>ful cléne  
343 Þarfórē besé nóght abáist, to tákē.

Occasionally two cæsuras are introduced:

- 93 Gude sír<sup>h</sup>scho sáid<sup>h</sup>greué noght þé  
136 A spóws<sup>h</sup>scho tókē<sup>h</sup>with hír to dwéll.

Also ll. 227, 311.

The verse is but slightly retarded by cæsura in ll. 11, 15, 21, 26, 33, 36, 46, 60, etc.

Rhetorical pauses often are not coincident with metrical pauses as in ll. 62, 63, 74, 104, 147, 148, 343, 445.

### 3. Enjambement:

A pause in the thought usually occurs at the termination of the line. There is frequent skilful illustration, however, of the run-on line.

- þan say I, syr, þat þou sall se  
104 þe Angell,—þat I tell to þe  
Woman, if þou will þat I trow  
80 þir wordes þat þou sais me now,  
Bitwix vs twa here lat me se  
82 Him þat þou sais so lufes þe,  
So þat I may my-self assay  
84 Whether he be angell uerray

So also ll. 29-30; 117-18, 120-21, 146-7, 156-7, 211-12, 217-18, 229-30, 261-2, 275-6, 286-7, 289-90, 332-3, 337-8, 359-60, 363-4-5, 387-8, 393-4, 407-8, 441-2, 455-6.

### 4. Arsis and Thesis:

The omission of the thesis gives an acephalous line in

- 1 Jhésus Críst, ful óf peté

and ll. 16, 25, 29, 48, 55, 58, 85, 97, 112, 117, 120, 134, 140, 173, 176, 180, 212, 219, 221, 232, 233, 255, 257, 269, 279, 291, 313, 316, 325, 344, 348, 397, 400, 411, 414, 419, 424, 426, 433, 437, 440, 446, 456, 458.

A double thesis must be read in ll. 130, 132:

- 130 þat tó þaire sáwl may mékill aváil,  
132 Of þe séde þou háis in Cícoll sáwn—

also ll. 23, 27, 136, 156, 174, 178, 198, 199, 226, 239, 243, 250, 252, 254, 266, 272, 274, 283, 318, 339, 383.

### 5. Elisions:

Elision or slurring takes place in ll. 63, 64, 80, 82, 125<sup>2</sup>, 136, 151, 159, 196, 347, 364, 372, 399, 408. Medial -e- is syncopated in

richely 35, halely 122, parfitely 323, wisely 451, reu'rence 460. *e* in the preterite suffix *-ed* is syncopated in *ll.* 18, 149, 127, 263, 269, 300, 209, 321, 393, 396, 398<sup>2</sup>, 405, 447, 458. *-id*, 282, 298, and *-yd*, 125. As exception to this we have *-ed* in *ll.* 156, 248, 249, 263, 293, 319, 360<sup>2</sup>, 441; *-id* in 16, 24, 194, 315, *-(t)ed* in 318, 345.

Other vowels than *e* being chiefly the essential vowels of pronouns, are not agglutinated to the succeeding word beginning with a vowel, or vowel preceded by *h*. As illustration of this non-elision before vowels, note in *ll.* 8, 15, 46, 114, 209, 235, 277, 333, 418, 420, 442; vowel before *h* + vowel, *ll.* 116, 122, 125, 132, 186, 224, 373, 375, 382, 417, 434, 444. Diæresis is not noted except in the possible case of *sawñ*, 132. Word accent is subject to fluctuation, throughout, through the exigencies of metrical stress. In proper names this becomes particularly noticeable, *Cicill* and *Cicill*; *Valírián* 24, *Válirian* 406, *Válirián* 178, *Valírian* 159, *Úrbán* 106, *Urbán* 124, 120.

*-es* as a substantive termination is pronounced *-es*, *ll.* 32, 42, 94, 103, 116, 125, 164, 175, 224, 234, 251, 299, 302, 326, 335, 352, 354, 362, 363, 380, 436, 438; *is*, 355.

*-es*, verbal, occurs *ll.* 3, 128, 129, 230, 423. Elsewhere *e* is not elided in *-es*.

*-es* (substantively), 5, 23, 30, 36, 77, 80, 107, 182, 193, 199, 225, 265, 270, 319, 344, 356, 365, 384, 408, 409, 419, 430, 431; (verbally), 133, 167, 168, 181, 201, 210, 228, 229, 255, 328, 381.

#### Final *-e*:

1. Final *-e* is usually elided in any position as shown in the following enumeration.

(a) Elided before a vowel: *ll.* 6, 12, 14, 21 (62 times).

Exceptions: 71, 112, 166, 261, 286, 242, 289.

(b) Elided before *h* + vowel; *ll.* 66, 76, 122 (21 times).

#### Final-*e* before a consonant is elided:

(a) Before case forms: *ll.* 37, 43, 62 (49 times).

(b) Before verbal inflections: *ll.* 49, 62, 68 (23 times).

(c) Adverbial *-e*: *ll.* 13, 55, 66 (23 times).

2. Final *-e* before a consonant is not elided:

(a) Before case forms: *ll.* 38, 109, 219, 386.

(b) Before verbal inflections: *ll.* 108, 420.

(c) Adverbial *-e*: *l.* 158.

The possessive pronouns furnish the following additional cases of elision:

oure, 14, 224, 259, 461; ȝowre, 59, 61, 73, 337; þaire, 40, 130, 199, 240, 299, 301, 304, 312, 318, 354, 355, 356, 363, 365, 382, 395.

## II. RIME.

1. The normal rime for version Cott. Tib. E vii. is the masculine. From a total of 231 couplets, 120 are masculine, and 11 are feminine (*ll.* 15-16, 85-6, 115-16, 131-2, 171-2, 237-8, 261-2, 375-6, 423-4, 433-4, 453-4). Besides these feminines there is a considerable number which admit the possible pronunciation of final -e. This final -e, as shown above, was rarely pronounced when medial in the line. There are indications, however, that final -e at the end of the line was sometimes retained for euphony, since it must be remembered that the Saints' Lives were intended for the ear of the listeners, not to satisfy with well matched words the eye of the priest who read. *Mak* (inf.) occurs twice medially, *ll.* 350, 391 but *make* (inf.) *l.* 427, final, rimes with *strake*; *man* rimes with *Valirian*, *ll.* 169-70, 233-4, 253-4, but *Valiriane*: *allane* 243-4, *Valiriane*: *tane* 295-6, *Ualiriane*: *slane* 379-80. Opposed to this, note the variableness in *dede* (ppl. adj.): *stede*, 457-8, and *stede*: *ded* (ppl. adj.) 153-4; also of unmistakably silent -e in *cum*: *martirdome* 235-6, and *convers*: *reherce* 361-2. There are 74 of these quasi-feminine rimes. It is safe to say the pronunciation was variable, and left to the individuality of the officiating monk.

Of the 74 couplets in -e, 23 rimes are made by combination with infinitive endings, classified as follows:

Infinitive: infinitive.....	7
Infinitive: other verb forms.....	3
"    noun (oblique cases).....	9
"    adjective (strong).....	4

The remaining 20 of the rimes employed, 16 masculine, 4 feminine, require a transferred or "hovering accent" (*Schwebende Betonung*, Schipper, §119), to satisfy the metrical requirements. They are, (-ing-rimes), *zing*: *biding*, 7-8; *thing*: *beginning*, 97-8; *asking*: *thing*, 215-16; *king*: *tiping* 347-8; e-rimes; *pete*: *fre*, 1-2, *be*: *chastite*, 127-8, 207-8, *charite*: *degre*, 293-4; *he*: *menȝe*, 319-20, *cuntre*: *thre*, 429-30; participial (-and-rimes), *land*: *precheand*, 307-8, *stand*: *brinand* 415-16. Others have varying formations, *ll.* 101-2, 225-6, 235-6, 313-14, 387-8, 397-8, 409-10, 439-40.

The rime is usually pure, even where it involves secondary lengthening of Middle English forms. The following list includes all the cases of difference in quality. *cum*: *-dome*, 235-6;

ȝode: gude, 389-90; gude: mode, 21-2, 381-2, 405-6; boke: luke, 149:50, knew: Jhesu, 13-14.

Words of West Germanic origin rime with the following Norse derivatives: wrathe: scathe, 75-6, gaste: haste, 119-20, 455-6, allane: tane, 259-60, ilkane: tane, 363-4, haste: maste, 383-4, take: sake, 71-2, 275-6, 343-4, 407-8; haue: craue, 117-18, 211-12, 229-30, 289-90, rathe: bathe, 119-200, meke: seke, 141-2, mele: hele, 213-14, wed: cled, 31-2, lite: smite, 353-4, mis: blis, 357-8, skin: kyn, 25-6, will: untill, 59-60, 287-8, 317-18, 351-2, hym: lym, 139-40, scill: will, 447-8, toke: boke, 155-6, done: bone, 227-8.

West Germanic rimes with Romanic; tane: -ane, 197-8, -ane: allane, 243-4, haue: saue, 163-4, 255-6, -ane: slane, 379-80, mayne: ogayne, 185-6, certayne: ogayne, 263-4, man: -an, 23-4, 169-70, 253-4, -an: þan, 121-2. leue: greue, 61-2, he: menȝe, 319-20, nere: clere, 43-4, reches: les, 387-8, knew: Jhesu, 13-14, be: chastite, 127-8, 207-8, cuntre: thre, 429-30, went: entent, 41-2, 425-6, end: amend, 109-10, end: descend, 145-6, sent: present, 313-14, sent: entent, 443-4, angell: tell, 95-6, wise: seruise, 397-8, multiplise: wise, 133-4, desire: fire, 413-14, wist: baptist, 177-8, gin: syn, 67-8, hows: spows, 247-8, -us: þus 329-30.

Words of Romance origin in some cases rime with those from Norse, tase: place, 159-60, -ane: tane, 295-6, bill: till, 157-8, 165-6.

### 3. Alliteration:

Alliteration is a frequent though not essential feature of the verse. It occurs for best illustration in the following lines:

- 38 Full fele folk þaire frendes fed.
- 45 Scho made hir melody omang.
- 100 Mast of might and of mercy fre.
- 112 Cleth þe all in clething new  
Whitte clothes and clene shall he gif þe
- 125 He heuyd his handes to heuyn on hight
- 246 þor halines he of him herd.
- 278 To tak his trowth & trewly trow
- 375 His saul was hastly hent to heuyn

also ll. 5, 8, 18, 89, 110, 111, 112, 143, 148, 149, 196, 218, 276, 299, 326, 357. Alliterative phrases like the following occur: milde of mode, 12, 22; moste of might, 100, 126; fers and fell, 136; lemid of light, 194; mede of marterdome, 236; baynly bow, 334; gaf þe gaste, 456.

VI.

TEXTS AND VARIANTS.

ASHMOLE MS. [fol. 185 back to 188 back].

- S**eyn Cecile of noble kunne: ibore was at rome.  
 Our lord crist heo louede wel: ar heo fram cradel come  
 Heo lette hire baptise stilliche: as we fi[n]dep iwrite.  
 Lerne heo bed ihesu crist: hire maidenhod to wite.  
 5 poru hire frendes strengþe: ispoused heo was to a man.  
 Of gret nobleie & richesse: þat het valerian.  
 þis maide werede robe of pal: & cloþes swiþe riche.  
 Gerlans & tresours al of golde: þe here next hire liche.  
 Wen þe menstrales song hor song: of hor menstrasie. f. 186.  
 10 þis maide stilliche song of god: & seynte marie.  
 Of þe sauter heo song þis vers: þat mest was In hire þoȝt.  
 'Let lord myn herte vn-wemmed be: þat Ine be confounded  
 noȝt.'  
 As heo was anyȝt in riche bedde: wiþ hire lord ibroȝt.  
 Sone hadde þis fole mon: of folie hire bisoȝt.  
 15 "Suete heorte" quaþ þis maide: "uor loue þat þou hast to me.  
 Grante þat ich þe mote telle a lute priuete.  
 & þat ich me mote scryue to þe: as conseil priue"  
 "Tristiliche þou miȝt" quaþ þis oper: "to soþe ich bihote þe."  
 "Suete heorte" quaþ þis maide: "In warde icham ido.  
 20 An angel is my wardeyn: & my lefmon also.  
 Vaste he stont her by me: & gif he vnderȝete.  
 þat þou by-nome my maidenhod: uor noþing he nolde lete.  
 þat he nolde harde smyte: & by-nyme þe þi miȝte  
 Vor al þe nobleie þat þou hast: þe ne halt noȝt aȝen him fiȝte  
 25 Ac ȝif he seop þat þou louest me: In good lif & clene.

Legenda Aurea.

Cæcilia, virgo præclarissima, ex nobili Romanorum genere exorta, et ab ipsis cunabilis in fide Christi nutrita, absconditum semper evangelium Christi gerebat in pectore, et non diebus neque noctibus a colloquis divinis et oratione cessabat, suamque virginitatem conservari a domino exorbat. Cum autem cuidam juveni, nomine Valeriano, desponsata fuisset, et dies nuptiarum instituta esset, illa subitus ad carnem cilicio erat induita, et desuper de auratis vestibus tegebatur, et cantantibus organis illa in corde soli domino decantabat dicens: "fiat, domine, cor meum et corpus meum immaculatum, ut non confundar;" et biduanis et triduanis jejuniis orans commendabat domino, quod timebat. Venit autem nox, in qua suscepit una cum sponso suo cubiculi secreta silentia, et ita eum alloquitur: "o dulcissime atque amantissime juvenis, est mysterium, quod tibi confitear, si modo tu juratus asseras, tota te illud observantia custodire." Jurat Valerianus, se illud nulla necessitate detegere, nulla prodere ratione. Tunc illa ait: "angelum Dei habeo amatorem, qui nimio zelo custodit corpus meum. Hic si vel leviter senserit, quod tu me polluto amore contingas, statim feriet te, et amittes florem tuæ gratissimæ juventutis, si autem cognoverit, quod me sincero amore diligas, ita

MSS. Laud 108; Cmb. R. 3. 25.

1. L. seinte Cecilie, C. saint Cecelie (reg.); L. kynde, C. kunde; L. I-bore, C. bore | 2. L. oure, C. oure; L. louerd (reg.) L. ge (reg.); C. loued; C. or; | 3 L. let, C. lete; C. hure (reg.); L. baptize, C. baptyse; L. C. Stilleliche (reg.); L. fynden; L. I-wryte, C. ywryte; | 4. L. bad, C. bade; C.-hode (reg.); | 5. C. þorwe; L. pp. I-(reg.), C. spoused; C. suþþe (MS. suþþe ?) | 6. C. grete; L. nobleye, C. nobley; L. his name was, C. hete; | 7. C. wered; C. palle; | 8. L. garlaundes, C. garlouns; L. tressoures, C. trassoures; C. nexte; | 9. L. whane ge herde menstrales song, ge song in hire menstralcie, C. wan myn-

MS. Bodley 799. [fol. 286a-288b.]

**S**eint Sisile of nobil kin bore was at Rome ;  
 Oure Lord Crist ghe louid wel er ghe fro cradil come ;  
 ghe leet here baptise stillelich, as we finde write,  
 gerin ghe had Ihesu Crist here maydinhood to kepe  
 5 porwȝ here frendus strengȝe, spousid ghe was to a man  
 Of gret nobley and ryches, þat heet Valerian.  
 þis mayde was cloþid in pal þat were swyȝe ryche,  
 Garlond also of gold, and her nex here lyche.  
 Whan mynstralus song here song of here mynstralsyȝe,  
 10 þis mayde stilleliche song of God and Seint Maryȝe.  
 Of þe sauter ghe song a vers þat mest was in here bouȝt,  
 " Leet, Lord, myn herte vnwemmed be, þat I comfounde be nouȝt."  
 As ghe was anyȝt be here lord in ryche beed I-brouȝt,  
 Sone þis fool mon of foly here be-souȝt.  
 15 " Swete hert," quod þis mayd, " for loue þou hast to me,  
 Grant me þat I telle alyte prueuite,  
 And þat I mowe schriue to þe as conseyl preue."  
 " Trewly þou myȝt," quod þis oþer, " to soþe I be-hote þe."  
 " Swete lemmون," quod þe mayd, " In ward I am do,  
 20 An aungel is my wardeyn, and my lemmون al-so,  
 ffast he stont her be me, and gif he oundir-ȝete  
 þat þou be-nome my maydinhood, for noȝing nold he lette  
 þat he nold þe hard smyt, and be-neme þe bi myȝt.  
 For al þe nobley þat þou hast, þou noȝt agen him fyȝt ;  
 25 But gif he se þat þou louist me in good lyf and clene,

C 39.  
[originally  
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MS. Cotton Cleopatra D ix. [fol. 155b-158b.]

Seint Cecile of noble kinne. ibore was at Rome, f. 155 b.  
 Oure louerd crist geo louede wel. er geo fram cradel come ("Sancta Cecilia.")  
 Stilliche geo let hire cristne. as we findeþ iwrite  
 Lurne geo bad oure lord crist. þat he scholde hire maidenhod wite  
 5 Subþe þoruȝ strengȝe of hire frendes. ywedded geo was to a man  
 Of grete nobleie and richesse inouȝ þat het Valerian.  
 þis maide werede robe of pal. and cloþes swiȝe riche  
 Gerlauns and tressours al of gold. þe her next hire liche  
 Whan þis minestralles songen her songs. in hire minestrancie  
 10 þis maide stilliche gan singe. of god and seint marie  
 A uers of þe sauter hire songe was. and þeron was mest hire bouȝt  
 Let lord min hert wiþoute wem beo. þat ȝ ne beo confounded nouȝt  
 A niȝt as geo was in hire bed. mid hire lord ibroȝt.  
 Son he hadde of folie. þis clene þinge bisouȝt  
 15 Swete hert þis maide seide. for loue þat þou hast to me  
 Graunte me þat ich þe mot telle. a luteþ in priuete  
 þat ich me mowe þeroþ schriue to þe. and þat þou hit wole hele  
 Certes lemman þis man seide. to noman telle ich nele  
 Swete lemmán þis maide sede. in warde icham ido  
 20 An angel of heuene is mi wardein. and mi lemman also  
 Wel faste he stod here bi me. gif he hit underȝete  
 þat þou binome min maidenhood. for noȝint he nolde hit lete f. 156. (at top  
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 þat he þe nolde wel hard smite. and binime þe al þin migte  
 Of þi strengȝe and of þin noble stat. for þou migte nouȝt wiþ him figte  
 25 Ac gif he seoþ þat þou louest me. in gode loue and clene

stralis songen of menstrualcie | 10. C. L. stiliche; C. songe; L. moder marye; 11. L. psalter; L. hire song  
 was; C. fers; L. wer-on; L. mast, C. moste; L. þout; | 12. L. lat, C. late; C. hert; L. wiþout wem; L. it,  
 C. ic; L. confundet; L. naut; | 13. L. a-nyȝt, C. a nyȝt; L. bed; C. myd; L. i-brouȝt; | 14. L. man; C.  
 foly; L. be-sout; | 15. L. C. swete herte (reg.); L. seyde, C. sede; C. haste; | 16. L. y, C. ic (reg.); L. mowe  
 (reg.); L. litel; | L. schryue, C. schryuen; L. þat þou it wille hele, C. conceil; | 13. L. "certes lemman," þis  
 gungun seyde, "noȝint telle Inele," C. truliche; | 19. L. C. lemman; L. seyde, C. sede; C. ic am; | 20. L.  
 Aungel (reg.); L. of heuene; L. lemman, C. leman; L. þer-to, C. also; | 21. L. C. faste; L. stant, C. stante;  
 C. here; | 22. L. be-nome; C. nold; | 23. L. ne wolle, C. nold; L. be-nyme, C. bynym; L. myȝtte, C.  
 myȝt; | 24. L. C. of; L. gungness & of noble state, C. nobley; L. ne myȝth, C. ne myȝt; L. wiþ; L.  
 fyȝtthe, C. fyȝt; | 25. L. wiste, C. sey; L. louedest, C. loue; L. gode, C. goud; L. C. loue; | 26. L. wolde;

- He wole þe wite as he doþ me : & ech vuel fram þe ȝe[m]e "
- "Lif þou wolt, lefmon : þat ich ileue þis.  
 þe angel þou most scewe me : þat ich him ise iwis.  
 Lif ich mai þat soþe ise : þat þou hast þat soþe ised  
 30 In clanness ichulle þi wille do : al after þi red.  
 Lif ich ise þat In folie louest : an noþer þen me.  
 I nele bileue uor noþing : þat I nele him sle & þe."  
 "Swete heorte" quaþ þis maide : "ȝif þou wolt þen angel ise.  
 þou most byleue on ihesu crist : & icristned be. (1 MS. þ ȝif)  
 35 Lif þou wolt so þou miȝt him ise : & wite he wole ous fram helle  
 & so gret Ioie worþ of our loue : þat no tonge ne mai telle.  
 Ac þre mile henne þou most go : to þe wei of apie.  
 þou schalt þere vynde pouere men : on ihesu crist crie.  
 Sei þat ich þe to hem sende : þat hi þe teche anon.  
 40 To Seyn Vrban þe olde mon : vor þou most to him gon  
 & priue conseil wiþ him speke : uor he þe schal baptise.  
 þen angel þou schalt þenne ise : & he schal ous boþe wise."  
 Valerian aros anon : as our lord him ȝef wille.  
 To þe stude þat þis maide bad : uorp he wende wel stille.  
 45 þis pouere men him teiȝte anon : to þe olde mon Seyn Vrban.  
 In an old stude uor-let : þer as ne com no man.  
 Among olde puttes & burles : as me cristene men þreiu.  
 After þat hi Imartred were : ware me eny 'ikneu. (1MS. meeny.)  
 To is fet he vel adoun : anon so he to him com.  
 50 & sede þat cicile him sende þuder : to esce cristendom.  
 "Louerd Ihered be þi miȝte" : sede Seyn Vrban.  
 "Is þis þe luþer werreour : þat me clepeþ valerian.

quoque diliget te sicut me, et ostendet tibi gloriam suam."

Tunc Valerianus, nutu Dei correctus, ait : "si vis, ut credam tibi, ipsum angelum mihi ostende, et si vere probavero, quod angelus sit, faciam quod hortaris; si autem virum alium diligis, te et illum gladio feriam." Cui Cæcilia dixit : "si in Deum verum credideris et te baptizari promiseris, ipsum videre valebis. Vade igitur in tertium milliarium ab urbe via, quæ Appia nuncupatur, et pauperibus, quos illic invenies, dices: 'Cæcilia me misit ad vos, ut ostendatis mihi sanctum senem Urbanum, quoniam ad ipsum habeo secreta mandata, quæ perferam.' Hunc, dum tu videris, indica ei omnia verba mea; et postquam ab eo purificatus fueris et redieris, angelum ipsum videbis." Tunc Valerianus perrexit, et secundum signa quæ acceperat, sanctum Urbanum episcopum intra sepulchra martirum latitantem invenit; cumque ei omnia verba Cæciliæ dixisset, ille manus ad cœlum expandens cum lacrymis ait: "domine Jesu Christe, seminator casti consilii, suscipe seminum fructus, quos in Cæcilia

L. wytte, C. wyty; L. als; L. deþ, L. al; L. C. yuel; L. fro; L. ȝene, C. ȝeme; | 27. L. wilt; L. seide V.; C. lemman sede he; C. leue; | 28. L. þen; L. angel; L. C. schewe; L. I (reg.); L. C. se; L. I-wis, C. ywys; | 29. L. wanne; C. so[ȝ?]: L. i-se, C. yse; L. i-seyd, C. ysede; | 30. L. clenesse; L. for-soþe, C. ic wole; C. alle; C. þy; C. rede; | 31. L. C. se; L. anoþer, C. & oþer; L. C. þan; | 32. L. noþing ne schal ȝou helpe, C. nelle leue for; L. ne, C. nelle; | 33. L. seyde, C. guod; L. & þou wile þe aungel se, C. þan; | 34. L. bileuen, C. moste lyuen; C. ybaptiȝed; | 35. L. wilt; L. C. schalt; L. sen, C. se; L. he wile wytte, C. wele wyten þe; L. fro; | 36. C. such; L. ioye; L. C. oure; L. tunge; | 37. L. henne ouer; L. gon; L. C. wey; | 38. C. þer; L. C. fynde; L. [pore], C. poure; C. man; C. in; L. faste, L. ȝeme; | 39. C. hym; L. he, C. ic; C. tell; | 40. L. Whar is; L. þe holi old man, C. þe holy man; C. moste; | 41. L. ffor,

- He wole þe loue as he doþ me, *and* ech eul fro þe ȝeme." "Lif þou wolt, lemmann," quod þis oþer, "þat I be-leue þis, þe aungel þou most schewe me, þat I hym se, I-wis,  
*And* gif I may þe soþe se, of þat þou hast I-seyd,  
30 In clennesse I wole do þy wille, *and* after þy reed,  
*And* gif I se þat þou in foly louist oþer þan me,  
I nele leue for noþing, þat I nele sle him *and* þe."  
" My swete hert," quod þe mayde, " gif þou þe aungel se,  
þou most be-leue on Ihesu Crist *and* I-cristenyd be;  
35 Lif þou wolt so þou mygt hym se, *and* he vs wole kepe fro helle.  
So gret ioyge worþ of oure loue þat no tonge may it telle.  
But þre myle þou most hennus go, to þe wey of appyge,  
þou schalt finde þere pore men, on Ihesu Crist gerne cryge;  
Sey þat I þe to hem sent, þat þey þe teche anon  
40 To Seint Vrban, þe holy man, for þou most to him gon,  
Apreue conseyl with him to spek, for he þe schal baptyse;  
þe aungel þou schalt þanne se, *and* he schal vs boþe wyse."  
Valerian roos a-non, as oure Lord hym gaf þe wille,  
To þe stede as þe mayde bad, *and* wente forþ wel stille.  
45 þe pore men hym taugte anon to þe old man Seint Vrban,  
In an olde stede al forlete, þer ne com no maner man,  
Among old pittus and berielus, þer me cristin men þrew  
After þat þey martrid were, whan me any of hem knew.  
To his feet he fel doun anon, þo he to him com.  
50 *And* seyde þat Sicile him sente þedir, to lerne Cristindom.  
" Lord, heryid be þy mygt." seyde Seint Vrban,  
" Is þis þe liper verrour, þat me clepuþ, Valerian?"

f. 286 b.

- Wite he wole þe : as he doþ me. *and* al uuel fram þe ȝeme  
Lif þou wolt seide valerian. þat ich ileoue þis  
þen angel þou most schewe me. þat ich seo him iwis  
And gif ich mai þe soþ iseо. þat þou hast soþe isede  
30 In clennesse ichulle bi wille do. al after his rede  
And gif ich seo þat in folie. þou louest anoþer þan me  
Nolinge schal hit me binime. þat y nelle slee him *and* þe  
Swete hert seide þis maide. gif þou wolt þe angel iseо  
þou most bileoue on iesu crist. *and* icristned also beo  
35 Iseo him þou schalt gif þou wolt so. *and* wite he þe wolle fram helle  
So grete ioie schal of oure loue beo. þat no tonge þerof mai telle  
Ac henne ouere þre miles þou most go. to þe hulle of apie  
Pore men þou schalt þer finde. *and* on iesu crist gurne crie  
Seie þat ich þe to hem sende. *and* hi þe teche anon  
40 Whar is seint Vrban þe holi man. for þou wolt to him gon  
For priue conseil þou woldest wiþ him speke. *and* he þe schal baptize  
And þan þou schalt þen angel iseо. *and* don as he þe wole wise  
Valerian þo aros anon. as oure lord him gaf wille  
To þe stude as þis maide bad. he wende him forþ wel stille  
45 þis pore men him taugte anon. to þe holi seint vrban  
He fonde him in an old forlete stude. þeras noman ne com  
To his fet he fel adoun. anon þo he to him com  
And seide þat Cicilie him þider sende. to asky cristendom  
Whar þis beo þe liper werrour. þat me clupeþ Valerian

C. & in; L. conseil, C. conceyl; L. þou wilt; C. myd (reg.); L. ȝ, C. for; L. C. baptige; | 42. L. þan C. þe; L. þanne, C. þan; L. & do as he þe wile wise, C. boþ; | 43. L. a-ros; L. a-non; L. oure louerd, C. god; L. C. gaf; | 44. L. C. stede; L. þe, C. as heo sede; L. forþ; C. welle; | 45. L. pore, C. poure; L. taute, C. teyten; C. man; | 46. L. C. stede; L. for-late, C. forlete; L. þat wonede neuere man; | 47. C. amone; C. old; L. burieles, C. buryeles; L. as, C. þer as; L. men, C. cristen; C. yrew; | 48. L. he, C. hý; L. martired, C. martred; L. men anye kneu, C. wan me any knew; | 49. L. feet, C. fete; L. ful, C. felle; L. a-doun, C. adoune; L. als-sone as [he], C. þo he; L. C. come; | 50. L. seyde; L. cesilie, C. cecele; L. send; L. þider, C. þude[þ?]; L. asken, C. habbe; L. dome; | 51. C. lord; L. I-herd, C. yheredy; L. myȝte, C. mygt; L. C. seyde; | 52. L. Weþer þis be þat, C. ne ys þis þe; L. Luþere; L. werreor, C. werreoure; L. men; L. clepuþ, C. clypeþ; | 53. L. were. C. where; L. haue y-mad, C. made; | 54. L.

- War cicile habbe Imad him : þat was er so wilde.  
 & more tiraunt þen eny wolf : as a lomb þus milde."
- 55 þo com þer go a suyþe old mon : & aliȝte fram heuene þer.  
 Hor wiþ wite vestemens · a suyþe uair writ he ber  
 þo valerian him isei · adoun he vel uor drede.  
 Seyn Vrban him nom vp : & gan him uorþ lede.  
 pis halwe of heuene him tok þis writ : & bed him uorte rede.
- 60 Valerian radde þis writ : þat þes wordes sede.  
 'O lord is & on bileue : & on baptisinge.  
 O god & fader of alle þat beþ : þat ouer al is in eche þinge'  
 "Ileuestou" quaþ Seyn vrban : "þat þou dest her ise"  
 "þer nys noþing" quaþ þis oþer : "þat bet to leue be."
- 65 After þis wite mon he bihuld : he nuste war he bicom.  
 Seyn Vrban him nom anon & ȝaf him cristendom (MS. is.)  
 To Seyn Cicile he wende aȝen : þo he hadde ibe þer<sup>1</sup> i-fulle  
 He vond hire chambre liȝt wiþinne : & swiþe suote smulle.  
 He uond Cecile his gode spouse : & an angel bi hire stonde.
- 70 Brȝtore þen eny leome : to gerlans he huld an honde.  
 Of rosen & of lylion suote : þat on cicile he toke.  
 & þat oþer ualerian : as we fi[n]dep in boke.  
 "Witeþ þis" he sede "In trewe loue ; wiþ chast bodi & clene  
 Ich hem habbe fram heuene ibroȝt : our lord it doþ ȝou lene.
- 75 Vor welluwe ne olde neuuer hi nelleþ : ac euer ilaste  
 þe two maner floures þat þer beþ : nelleþ neuuer hor heu caste.  
 þe lylie tokeneþ ȝoure maidenhod : þat is so wit & suote.  
 þe rose bitokeneþ ȝoure martirdom · uor þeron deie ȝe mote.  
 & vor þou dest valerian cecilie red sone.
- 80 Wat þou of my lord bist : he wole grante þi bone."

eminasti, domine Jesu Christe, pastor bone, Cæcilia famula tua quasi apis tibi argumentosa deseruit ; nam sponsum, quem quasi leonem ferocem accepit, ad te quasi agnum mansuetissimum destinavit." Et ecce subito apparuit senex quidam niveis vestibus indutus, tenens librum aureis litteris scriptum. Quem videus Valerianus præ nimio timore quasi mortuus cecidit, et a sene levatus, sic legit: "unus Deus, una fides, unus baptismus, unus Deus et pater omnium, qui super omnes, et per omnia, et in omnibus nobis." Cumque haec legisset, dixit ei senior: "credis ita esse an adhuc dubitas?" Tunc exclamavit dicens: "non est aliud, quod verius credi possit, sub cœlo." Statimque illo disparente, Valerianus a sancto Urbano baptismus suscepit, et rediens, Cæciliam cum angelo loquentem in cubiculo invenit. Angelus autem duas coronas ex rosis et liliis in manu habebat, et unam Cæciliæ, et alteram Valeriano tradidit, dicens: "istas coronas immaculato corde et mundo corpore custodite, quia de paradiso Dei eas ad vos attuli; nec unquam marcescent, nec odorem amittent, nec ab aliis, nisi quibus castitas placuerit, videri poterunt. Tu autem, Valeriane, quia utili consilio credidisti, pete quodcum-

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tyrant, C. tyraunt; L. C. þan; L. C. any; L. als; C. lombe; L. now; | 55. L. swiþe; C. olde; L. C. man; L. a lyȝthe, C. þat a lyȝt; L. fro; | 56. L. whyte, C. whyt; C. vestemens; L. swiþe; L. fair, C. faire; L. wryt, C. wryte; C. bere; | 57. L. it; L. I-sey, C. sey; L. a-doun, C. a doun; L. fel, C. felle; L. C. for; | 58. C. nome; L. aȝen; L. C. forþ; | 59. L. halewe, C. angel; C. toke; L. þat, C. þe; C. wryte; L. bad, C. bade; L. forto, C. þeron; | 60. L. tok it anon, C. þe wryte; L. & þus þe; | 61. L. on; C. o; L. bileue; C. o; L. baptiȝingge, C. baptȝyng; | 62. L. on; C. & al; C. þat is; L. oueral; L. þingge, C. þyng; —63. L. I-leuestou þis; C. my leue sone; C. sede; L. C. dost, C. here; L. I-se, C. se; | 64. C. is nogt; C.

- " Wher, Sysile haue mad him, þat was so wilde,  
Amore tyraunt þan a wolf, as alomb, mylde."
- 55 þo þer com an old man, fro heuin he alygt þer,  
Cloþid in whit vestementus, and a fayr writ ber.  
þo Valerian him seyȝ, he fel adoun for drede.  
Seint Vrban nom him vp, and forþ gan hym lede.  
þe Halw of Heuin took him þe writ, and bad him rede,—
- 60 " On lord is on to be-leue, and on baptysing,  
On God and Fadir of alle, þat beþ, and ouer al is, and ech þing "  
" Leuistow her-on," quod Seint Orban, " þat þou dost here se,"  
" per is noþing," quod þis oþer, " þat bet to leue may be."  
After þis whit mon he be-held, he nyste wher he be com.
- 65 Seint Vrban hym nom anon, and gaf hym Cristindom.  
To Sycile he wente agen, þo he hadde be þer his fille.  
He fond here chaumbir lyȝt with-inne, and of sote smelle,  
He fond Sysile his spouse, and aungel wit here stond  
Brygter þan eny sonne; to garlondus he bar an hond
- 70 Of rosis and of lylis soot; þat on, Sysile, he took.  
And þe oþer, Valerian, as we finde in book,  
" Kepiþ þese," he seyd, " in trewe loue, wit chast body and clene,  
I hem haue fro Heuin brought, oure Lord hem gow doþ lene;  
For falwe, ne elde, neuer þey nele, but euer I-lych laste,
- 75 þe two maner of flourus þat beþ þer-on, nele neuere here heu caste."  
" þe lyly be-tokeneþ goure maydinhood, þat is so whit and sote,  
þe rose be-tokenyþ goure martirdom, forþ on deyȝe ge mote;  
And, for þou dedist, Valerian, Secilis reed so sone,  
What þou of my lord biddist, he wil grant by bone."
- 50 Louerd þat Cicilie haþ imad. him þat was so wilde                          49-50 Blank line in MS.  
And more tiraunt þan eni wolf. as a lombe so milde  
þþo com þer gon a swiþe old man. alite fram heuene þer                          (1 MS.per.)  
Al hor wiþ white uestemens. and a wel faire writ he ber  
Anon so ualerian iseig him come. adoun he fel for drede
- 55 Seint vrban him nom vp anon. and forþ he gan him lede  
þis halwe of heuene him toke þis writ. and bad he scholde hit rede  
Valerian anon radde þis writ. þat þes wordes sede  
O god is and on bileyue. and on cristendom  
And fader and lord of alle þinge. þat fleshe and blod among ous nom.
- 60 Ileouest þis seide seint vrban. þat þou dost þere iseo                          f. 156 b  
þper nis þinge in þis world þe oþer seide. þat betere ileoued mai beo  
He biheolde after þis old man. he miste whar he bicom  
Seint vrban þo him nom anon. and gaf him cristendom  
To Cecilie son he wende agen. þo he hadde ibeo þer his fulle
- 65 He fonde hire chambre wel ligt wiþinne. and swiþe swote smulle  
And founde Cecilie his trewe wif. and an angel bi hire stond  
þat was brigtore þan eni leom. tweie gerlauns he hulde an hond  
Of rose and lilie hi weren imad. þat on Cecilie he tok  
þat oþer he tok ualerian: as we findeþ in bok
- 70 Witeþ þeos he seide in trewe loue. wiþ chaste bodi and clene  
Ich hem habbe fram heuene ibrougte. oure Lord hem doþ gou lene  
þþe lilie tokneþ goure maidenhod. þat is so white and swote  
þþe rose tokneþ goure martirdom. for þerinne deie ge mote  
For þat þou dost ualerian. Ceciles red so sone
- 75 What so þou of mi lord dost bidde. he wole graunte bi bone.

sede; C. louyng; | 65. L. whyte, C. þe whyt; L. beheld, C. byheld; L. wher, C. ware; L. be-cam; C. by-come; | 66. L. a-non; C. nome; | 67. L. sein Cecilie; L. was þare (reg.) is fulle, C. be þer his fulle; | 68. L. fond, C. founde; C. Schaumbre; L. lyȝt; L. wiþ-inne, C. with In; C. ful of swete smyllie; | 69. C. fonde; | 70. L. bryȝttere, C. bryȝtur; L. C. þan; L. C. any; L. lome; C. lyȝt; L. twey, C. two; L. garlondes, C. garlauns; L. hadde, C. held; L. on; | 71. L. rose, C. swete ros; L. lilie, C. lyly; L. tok; | 72. C. þe; L. fynden; L. bok; | 73. L. in, C. myd chaste loue; L. chaste body; | 74. L. i-brouȝt, C. broȝt; L. C. oure; L. C. hem; | 75. L. ffor-falewe, C. falewy; C. olden; L. wille þei nat; L. euere he willeþ laste, C. more laste; | 76. L. manere; L. beþ on, C. beþ here on; L. nelle; L. neuere; L. hor; C. hewe; | 77. L. be-tokneþ, C. bytoknay; L. whyt, C. whit; L. C. swote; | 78. C. marterdom; L. for (reg.); C. deyȝe; | 79. C. dyst; C. Cecilijs; C. rede; L. C. so sone; | 80. L. what; C. oure; L. be-sekest, C. beste;

- "I ne wilny nōping so muche" : sede ualerian.  
 "As þat tybors my broþer" : were cristeneman."  
 "My lord wole" quāþ þis angel : "ȝeue him þulke grace.  
 þat boþe ȝe scholleþ at one tyme be : Imartred In one place."  
 85 ȝe angel wende wiþ þis word : me nuste war he bicom.  
 þis two clene þinges wiþ Ioie Inou : hor eiper to oper nom  
 Tibors com to þe chambre : to speke wiþ is broþer þere  
 He stod stille & bihuld aboute : as he nuste war he were.  
 "Broþer" he sede "hou geþ þis : þis tyme of þe ȝere.  
 90 So suote smul ne smulde ich neuere : me þencþ as ich do here  
 þei þis hous were vol of rede rosen : & of wite lilion also  
 I ne miȝte hem verisore smul : me þencþ þen ich nou do.  
 So vol icham of þis smul : & so muche it is In my þoȝt. f. 187.  
 þat I not hou icham sodenliche : In oper witte ibroȝt."  
 95 "Leue broþer" quāþ valerian : "gerlans we habbeþ here.  
 Of floures þat þou ne miȝt ise : bote þou were our Iuere  
 Ac so as þou hast þem suote smul : þer-of þoru our bone.  
 Lif þou wolt bileue as we dop : þou miȝt hem ise sone."  
 "Leue broþer" quāþ þis oper : "weþer is it sop þis  
 100 Oper ich stonde in metynge : & mete þat it so is."  
 "In metynge" quāþ valerian : "we habbeþ euer ibe.  
 Nou we beþ verst of slepe awaked : nou we mowe uerst ise."  
 "Suxtou bet nou" quāþ þis oper : "þen þou hast er ido."  
 "Le" sede valerian : "wel me bi-houeþ so  
 105 Vor my lordes angel of heuene : haþ iȝeue me siȝt  
 & vor our loue he wole þe also : ȝif þou wolt bileue arȝt"

que volueris, et consequeris." Cui Valerianus: "nihil mihi in hac vita exstitit dulciss, quam unicus fratri  
 meu affectus, peto igitur, ut et veritatem ipse mecum agnoscat." Cui angelus: "placet domino petitio  
 tua; et ambo cum palma martirii ad dominum venietis." Post hoc, ingressus Tiburtius, frater Valeriani,  
 cum nimium rosarum sensisset odorem, dixit: "miror, hoc tempore roseus hic odor et liliorum unde  
 respiret; nam si ipsas rosas vel lilia in manibus meis tenerem, nec sic poterant odoramenta tantæ mihi  
 suavitatis infundere; confiteor vobis, ita sum refectus, ut putem me totum subito immutatum." Cui  
 Valerianus: "coronas habemus, quas tui oculi videre non præalent, floreo colore et niveo candore  
 vernantes; et sicut me interpellante odorem sensisti, sic et, si credideris, videre valebis." Cui Tiburtius:  
 "in somnis hoc audio, an in veritate ista tu loqueris, Valeriane?" Cui Valerianus: "in somnis usque  
 modo fuimus, sed jam nunc in veritate manemus." Ad quem Tiburtius: "unde hoc nosti?" Et  
 Valerianus: "angelus domini me docuit, quem tu videre poteris, si tu purificatus fueris, et omnibus  
 ydolis abrenuntiaveris." (Huic miraculo de coronis rosarum Ambrosius attestatur in præfatione sic  
 dicens: 'sancta Cæcilia sic cœlesti est dono repleta, ut martirii palmarum assumeret; ipsum mundum est  
 cum thalamis execrata; testis est Valeriani conjugis et Tiburtii provocata confessio, quos, domine,  
 angelica manu odoriferis floribus coronasti; viros virgo duxit ad gloriam, mundus agnovit, quantum  
 valeat devotione castitatis.' Hæc Ambrosius.) Tunc Cæcilia evidenter ostendit ei, omnia ydola esse

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L. wille; L. þe; L. C. graunte; L. sone; | 81. L. wille, C. wylne; C. no þyng; L. Miche; L. seyde, C.  
 seide; | 82. L. Bote, C. but; L. Tiburst; L. wiþ me; C. cristen man; | 83. C. sede; L. aungel, C. þe a.; L.  
 wile ȝiuen þat ilke, C. ȝyue hym suche; | 84. L. C. &; C. boþ; L. schulle, C. schullen; L. C. o; L. I-  
 martired, C. martred; L. o, C. a; | 85. L. aungel, C. angle; C. þat; L. he, C. hÿ nust; L. wher, C. ware; L.  
 be-com, C. bycome; | 86. C. þes twey; L. ȝingges, C——; L. ech of oþer; C. nome; | 87. L. C. Tiburs; C.  
 come; L. spak, C. spake; C. with; L. C. his; C. þer; | 88. C. stode; L. beheld, C. byhelde. L. al-a-

- 80 "I ne desire no þing so moch," seyde Valerian,  
 "As Tyburs, my broþer, were wit me in Cristindam."  
 "My Lord wille," quod þe aungel, "ȝeue hym þat grace,  
 And boþe ge scholle martrid be, at on tyme in on place."  
 þe aunge[1] went wit þat word, he nyste wher he be com.  
 85 þe two þingus eyþer of oþer gret ioyȝe nom.  
 Tyburs com to chaumbre, to spe[k] wit his broþer here,  
 He stood stille and be-held about, as he nyst wher he were.  
 "Broþer," he seyde, "howȝ goþ his? In his tyme of þe ȝere?  
 So swete smel smellid I neuere, as I do here.  
 90 þou his hous were ful of newe rosin, and lylis al-so,  
 I ne myȝt sweter smelle nouȝt, me-þinkeþ, þan I do.  
 So ful I am of his smel, and so moche is in my þouȝt,  
 þat I noot hou I am. sodeynlich, in an oþer wit I-brouȝt."  
 "Leue broþer," quod Valerian, "garlondus we haueþ here  
 95 Of flourus þat þou myȝt nouȝt se, but þou were oure fere,  
 But so as þou hast be swete smel þerfore, þorw oure bone,  
 Gif þou wolt be-leue as we do, þou myȝt hem se sone."  
 "Leue broþer," quod þe oþer, "wheyþer it soþ is,  
 Oþer I stand in meting and wene þat soþ it is?"  
 100 "In meting," quod Valerian, "we haue euer be,  
 Now we be of slep awak, now we mow ferst se."  
 "Sestow nowȝ." quod þe oþer, "bet þan þou hast er do?"  
 "Le," quod Valerian, "wel me be-houȝt so,  
 ffor my Lordus aungel of Heuen haþ me goue lyȝt,  
 105 And for oure loue he wol þe al-so, gif þou wolt be-leue aryȝt."

I ne wilny nopinge on eorþe so moche, seide ualerian  
 As þat tiburs mi broþer were. wiþ me cristen man  
 Mi lord wole his angel seide. ȝeue him þulk grace  
 And boþe ge scholle martred beo. at o time in on place  
 80 þe angel wende forþ wiþ his word. hi miste whar he becom  
 Moche was þe ioie of his clene þinges: þat aiper to<sup>1</sup> oþer nom  
 To chamber com tiburs to speke. wiþ his broþer þere  
 Stille he stod and biheolde aboute. as heig he miste whar he were  
 Broþer he seide hou goþ his. in his time of þe ȝer  
 85 So swote smul ne smulde ich neucre. as me þincþ ich so nou her  
 þeig his hous were ful of newe floures. and white lilie also  
 Murgore migte hit smulle nouȝt. me ȝinkeþ þan ich nou do  
 So ful icham broþer of þe smul. and so moche hit is in mi þouȝt  
 þat icham sodeinliche inot hou: in oþer witte ibrouȝt  
 90 Leue broþer seide ualerian. gerlauns we habbeþ here  
 Of rose and lylie þat þou ne migte seo. bote þou were oure fere  
 Ac as þou hast be swote smul: þerof þorwȝ mi lone  
 Also gif þou wolt bileoue as we doþ. þou migte hem seo wel sone  
 Leue broþer seide tiburs. Whar hit beo soþ his  
 95 Oþer þat istond in metinge. and mete þat his so is  
 In metinge seide ualerian. We habbeþ euere ibeo  
 Of slepe we beoþ nou furst awaked. and nou we mowe furst iseо  
 For oure lordes angel of heuene. haþ ȝeue me sigt  
 And for oure loue he he wole ȝeue also. gif þou wolt bileoue arȝt

boute; L. als.; L. wher, C. ware; | 89. L. seyde; L. goþ, C. "þis is" (the þis is in a different hand); C. þat; C. in; | 90. C. suche smel; L. smelde, C. smelled; L. I., C. ic; C. neuer; L. ȝinkeþ (reg.); C. now; | 91. C. wer; L. ful, C. fulle (reg.); L. of newe roses; L. of lylie, C. of lylyen; | 92. L. myȝt, C. myȝt; L. versschere, C. swettur; L. smelle, C. smellen; L. C. now; | 93. L. C. þe; C. smelle; C. so is þer on; L. þout; | 94. L. for-soþe, L. C. in an-oþer; L. wytte, C. wyt; L. I-brouȝt, C. ybroȝt; | 95. C. he sede; L. garlandes, C. garlauns; C. habbeþ; | 96. C. nouȝt; L. i-se, C. se; C. but; L. C. oure; L. C. fere; | 97. L. als, C. &; L. þane swote smel, his smyllie; L. þar-of, C. þer for; L. for, C. þorw; L. C. oure; | 98. C. If; L. be-leue, C. lyue; L. sen, C. se; | 99. L. seyde, C. sede; C. tyburs; L. wheþur, C. ys hit soþ oþer hit nys; L. be | 100. L. matyngge, C. metyng; C. ys; | 101. L. metyngge, C. metyng; C. sede; | 102. C. & now; L. ben; L. ferst; L. a-waked; L. ferst, C. furst; C. se; | 103. L. sestow, C. syxte; C. bete; C. sede tyburs; L. C. þan; C. ar; C. þis do; | 104. L. seyde; L. sone; L. be-, C. by; | 105. L. ffor, C. for; L. aungel; L. I-ȝoue, C. ȝyue; L. syȝth, C. lyȝt; | 106 L. for oure; L. schal; L. wile; L. leue, C. lyue;

- þo sede þis holi maide "tybors leue broþer.  
 Wat beþ þis maumetes bote wrechede : þou suxt non oþer.  
 Ne suxtou hou it is monnes werc · Imad of old tre.
- 110 þing þet ne mai him sulue helpe : hou mai it helpe þe"  
 "Noping nys soper" quaþ tibors : "þen þat þou hast ised.  
 Woder he weþer þen eny best : þat nolde do þi rede"  
 Seyn Cecile him custe anon : "leue tybors" heo sede  
 "To dai þou schalt my broþer be : vor þou wolt do bi rede.
- 115 þoru clene loue of good bileue : þi broþer my spouse is  
 þer-þoru þou schalt bicome also : my broþer wan þou art his  
 Myd valerian þou most go to þe biscop vrban  
 & be icristned & do also : as he þe rede can."  
 "Is þat vrban" quaþ tybours : "þat so ȝerne hap ibe isoȝt.
- 120 þat ȝare hap ibe fleme & ihud : & ȝif he were uorþ ibroȝt.  
 Vorberne he scholde & we also : ȝif we wiþ him were  
 & so þe wole we heuene sogte : vorberne we miȝte here."  
 "& ȝif þer nere" quaþ þis maide : "soulement bote þis lif.  
 Fol he were þat it wolde lese : vor eny strif.
- 125 An wen þer is so muri lif : þat we schulleþ her-after auonge.  
 Fol is þat nele an wule be wo : to be In Ioie so longe."  
 "Leue broþer" quaþ tybours : "ich biseche þe  
 Lede me to þulke gode monne : & haue mercy of me."  
 þat oþroþer ladde þat oþer : to þe biscop Vrban
- 130 & let him vorsake is fole bileue : & bicom cristene man.  
 Tibours þo he com aȝen : þen angel he sei anon.  
 þat Cecile him hadde bihote : In þe chambre wiþ hire gon.

insensibilia et muta, ita ut Tiburtius responderet ac diceret: "qui ista non credit, pecus est." Tunc Cæcilia osculans pectus ejus dixit: "hodie te fateor meum esse cognatum, sicut enim amor Dei fratrem tuum mihi conjugem fecit, ita te mihi cognatum contemtus faciet ydolorum. Vade igitur cum fratre tuo, ut purificationem accipias et angelicos vultus videre valeas." Dixitque Tiburtius fratri suo: "obsecro te, frater, ut mihi dicas, ad quem me ducturus es." Cui Valerianus: "ad Urbanum episcopum." Cui Tiburtius: "de illo Urbano dicis qui totiens damnatus est et adhuc in latebris commoratur? hic, si inventus fuerit, cremabitur; et nos in illius flammis pariter involvemur, et dum quærimus divinitatem latentem in celis, incurremus furorem exurentem in terris." Cui Cæcilia: "Si hæc sola esset vita, juste hanc perdere timeremus; est autem alia melior, quæ nunquam amittitur, quam nobis Dei filius enarravit. Omnia enim, quæ facta sunt, filius ex patre genitus condidit, universa autem, quæ condita sunt ex patre procedens spiritus animavit. Hic igitur filius Dei in mundum veniens verbis et miraculis aliam vitam esse nobis monstravit." Cui Tiburtius: "certe unum Deum esse asseris, et quomodo nunc tres esse testaris?" Respondit Cæcilia: "sicut in una hominis sapientia sunt tria, scilicet ingenium, memoria et intellectus, sic et in una divinitatis assentia tres personæ esse possunt." Tunc coepit ei de adventu filii Dei et passione prædicare, et multas congruitates ipsius passionis ostendere. "Nam ideo," inquit, "filius Dei est tentus, ut genus humanum dimittatur peccato detentum; benedictus maledictus, ut homo maledictus benedictionem consequatur; illudi se patitur, ut homo ab illusione dæmonum liberetur; spineam coronam accepit in capite, ut a nobis sententiam auferat capitalem; fel suscipit amarum, ut sanaret hominis dulcem gustum; expoliatur, ut parentum nostrorum nuditatem operiat; in ligno suspenditur, ut ligni prævaricationem tollat." Tunc Tiburtius fratri suo dixit: "miserere mei, et perduc me ad hominem Dei ut purificationem accipiam." Ductus igitur, et purificatus, angelos Dei sæpe vilebat, et omnia quæ postulabat, protinus obtinebat. Valerianus

L. a-ryȝth; | 107. L. seyde; | 108. L. what; L. ben; L. maumettes, C. maumes; C. bot; L. wrechede, C. wrecches; L. sest, C. svxt; C. ne; L. on hem; | 109. L. sestou; þit þese maumets, C. beþ

- po seyd þe holy mayde, "Tyburs, leue broþir,  
What beþ he maumetus but nouȝt, þou schal se non oþer.  
þou mygt se it is monnus werk; mad of old tre;  
þing þat ne may hym-self help, how schold it helpe þe?"  
110 "Noȝing is soþ," quod Tybors, "as þat þou hast of sede,  
Woddere he were þan any best, þat nold do þy rede."  
Seynt Sycile hym kiste anon, "Leue broþer," ghe sede,  
"To-day þou schalt my broþer be, for þou wolt do by my rede.  
þorw clene loue and good be-leue, þy broþer my spouse is,  
115 And þou schalt by-come al-so my broþer, whan þou art his.  
Wit Valerian þou most go to be bysschop Vrban,  
And be cristenyd and do as þe rede can."  
"Is þat Vrban," quod Tybors, "þat so ȝerne haþ be-souȝt,  
þat long haþ be flemyd and hid? And gif he had be forþ brought,  
120 Brend he schold be, and we alle-so, gif we wit hym were."  
"Le," quod þe mayde, "gif it be so, we scholle to Heuin I-fere."  
"Lif þer nere," quod þis mayde, "onlich but þis lyf,  
Fool he were, þat it wold lese, for any maner strif."  
"Leue broþer," quod Tyburs, "haue mercy on me,  
125 And leed me to þat good mon, I be-seche þe."  
þat o broþer lad þat oþer to be bysschop Vrban.  
And leet him forsak his folye and be-com cristen man.  
Tyburs, þo he com a-gen, þe aungel he say anon,  
þat Sysile hym hadde be-hote in þe chaumbre to gon.
- f. 287 b.
- 100 þþo seide Cecilie þe holi maide. tiburs leue broþer f. 157. (at top of page)  
What is in oure maumetes bote wrecched. þou schalt iseo non oþer  
Ne seostou þat hit is maumetes work. imad of old tre "De Sancta Cecilia."  
þþinge þat mai nouȝt him sulf helpe: hou migte hit helpe þe  
Noȝinge is soþer seide tiburs. þan þat þou hast ised
- 105 Gidiore he were þan eni best. þat nolde do þi red  
Seint Cicile custe him anon. leue tiburs geo sede  
To dai þou schalt mi broþer beo. for þou wolt don after rede  
þþorug clene loue and gode bileoue; þi broþer min spouse is  
þþer horug þou schalt also become. mi broþer whan þou art his
- 110 Wiþ ualerian þou most gon. to þe bischop vrbane  
And beo icristned and do also. as he þe rede can  
Is þat vrban seide tiburs. þat so gurne haþ ibeo souȝte  
þþat gare haþ ibeo fleom and ihudde and gif he were forþ ibrouȝte  
Forbrenne he scholde and we also. gif we wiþ him were
- 115 And so þe while we heuene souȝte. forbarnde we scholde beon þere  
Lif þat þer nere seide Cecilie. soulment bote his lif  
A fole he were þat hit wolde. lese for eni strif  
Ac whan þer is as murie lif! þat we schollen her after fonge  
Fole he were þat nolde a while beo wo. to beon in ioie so longe
- 120 Leue broþer seide tiburs. haue merci on me  
And lede me to þulk gode man. ich biseche þe  
þþe broþer ladde þo þen oþer. to þe bischop urban  
And let him forsake his fole lawe. and bicom cristen man.  
Tiburs þo hi com aȝen. þe angel he seig anon
- 125 þþat Cecilie him hadde bihote. in þe chambre wiþ hire gon

þy of maumes werke; L. ben mad, C. & ymaked; | 110. L. C. sulf; C. helpen; L. myȝte, C. scholde; C. hÿ; | 111. L. soþere; C. sede; L. þanne, C. þan; L. i-seyd, C. ysede; | 112. L. gydiere, C. gydier; L. C. were þan; L. any beste, C. a best; C. nold; L. don; L. red; | 113. C. swete c.; L. tiburs, C. broþer; L. he seyde; | 114. L. to-day; L. wilt don; L. be, C. by; | 115. C. þorwe; L. C. and; C. goud; C. spous ys; | 116. C. þer þorwe; L. when; C. b. ben ywys; | 117. L. C. mid; | 119. C. sede; L. be souȝth; C. be souȝt; | 120. C. yflemed be; C. ȝef; L. forþ broȝth, C. forþ broȝt; | 121. L. ffor-berne; C. for; C. schold; C. ek; C. myd; | 122. L. while, C. wyle, L. souȝthen, C. souȝt; L. for-barnd, C. brende; L. scholde, C. schold; L. ben here, C. ben þer; | 123. C. sede cecile; L. onliche; C. bot; | 124. C. hit; L. any-maner; | 125. C. omits line; L. seþe; L. schulle after a-fonge; | 126. C. omits line; L. nelle a whyle ben; | 127. C. sede; L. þou; L. C. haue mercy of me; | 128. L. led; L. C. þat; C. goud; L. C. man; L. Ich be-; C. ie byseche; | 129. C. þe; C. lad þe o.; L. bisschop, C. byschop; | 130. L. þar he for-sok, C. To forsake; L. C. his foule lawe; L. became, C. bycome; C. cristen; | 131. C. come; L. þan, C. þe; L.

- Cecile, vor heo womman was ; atom heo moste abide.  
 Ac þis breþeren þat were men : aboute wende wide.
- 135 & wen me martred cristenmen : þuder hi wolde gon. f. 187<sup>b</sup>.  
 & stele to wen hi miȝte best : & burie hem anon. [don.  
 bi-uore þe Iustice hi were ibroȝt : me lefte hem wat hi wolde  
 Ho made hem so hardi : to ben þe emperours fon.  
 As hi burede twei gode men : þat Imartred were.
- 140 Come þe emperours men : & nome hem riȝt þere.  
 þe misbileued trechours : þat were aȝen our lawe.  
 þat wiþ riȝt Iugement of londe : were ibroȝt of dawe.  
 "Sire, we wolde," queþe þis oper : "þat we wurþi were  
 Hor knaues uorte habbe ibe : þat ge lette quelle þere.
- 145 Hi bileuede þing þat noȝt nas þei [it]<sup>1</sup> semblaunce hadde  
 & toke þat was aworþ : & no semblaunce nadde. (1 MS. omits.)  
 Vor þei worldes wele habbe semblaunce · uor soþe noȝt it nys.  
 & þei þe blisse of heuene þenche lute : uor soþe muche it is."  
 "Belamys," þe Iustices seden : "ge me þencþ wode.
- 150 Wurþe he i[s<sup>1</sup>] to habbe wo : hose kepeþ noȝt of gode." (1 MS. it.)  
 "In wynter," quaþ valerian : "idelmen sitteþ & drinkeþ.  
 To busemar hi liȝeþ erþetilien : þat aboute gode swynkeþ.  
 In heruest wen hi mowe : vair corn repe. [grepe  
 In meseise hi mowe go vp & doun : vor hi nabbeþ neuer a
- 155 & we scholleþ uor our traueil : þi blisse repe atenende.  
 Wen ge schulleþ uor our Ioie : wepynge to helle wende"  
 "Eke we," quaþ þe Iustice : "þat lordes scholde be.  
 Beþ lasse worþ þen suche wreches : þat nelleþ neuer iþe."

igitur et Tiburtius elemosinis insistebant; et sanctorum corpora, quos Almachius præfector occidebat, sepulturae tradebant. Quos Almachius ad se vocans, cur pro suis sceleribus damnatos sepelirent, inquisivit. Cui Tiburtius: "utinam illorum servi essemus, quos tu damnatos appellas! Qui contemserunt illud, quod videtur esse et non est, et invenerunt illud, quod non videtur esse et est." Cui præfector: "quidnam est illud?" Et Tiburtius: "quod videtur esse et non est, est omne, quod in hoc mundo est, quod hominem ad non esse perducit; quod vero non videtur esse et est, est vita justorum et poena malorum." Cui præfector: "non puto, quod mente tua loquaris." Tunc jubet adstare Valerianum dicens ei: "quoniam non est sani capitnis frater tuus; tu saltem poteris sapienter dare responsum; constat plurimum vos errare, qui gaudia respuitis et omnia inimica gaudiis affectatis." Tunc Valerianus "se vidisse ait glaciali tempore otiosos jocantes, et operarios agricolas deridentes, sed aestivo tempore, dum advenissent glorirosi fructus laborum, gaudentibus illis, qui putabantur vani, cooperunt flere, qui videbantur urbani. Sic et nos nunc quidem sustinemus ignominiam et laborem, in futuro autem recipiemus gloriam et æternam mercedem. Vos autem nunc transitorium habetis gaudium, in futuro autem invenietis æternum luctum." Cui præfector: "ergo nos invictissimi principes æternum habebimus luctum, et vos personæ vilissimæ perpetuum possidebitis gaudium?" Cui Valerianus: "homunctiones estis, non principes, tempore nostro nati, citius morituri et Deo rationem plus omnibus reddituri." Dixit autem præfector:

C. sey; | 132. C. byhete; | 133. L. ge; L. wyfman, C. wymman; L. at hom, C. a com; C. most; | 134. L. ak þese; C. þe broþeren; L. whane, C. wan; L. martyreden; L. cristenemen; L. þider; L. he wolden, C. hý wold; | 136. L. to whan, C. to wan; L. he myȝtte, C. hý myȝt; C. beste; L. burien, C. bured; C. be a.; | 137. ll. 139, 140 tr. 137, 138 in L. and C.; L. to-fore, C. to; L. C. iustise, L. he weren, C. hý were; L. i-brouth; L. þei askede, C. me eschete; L. C. hem anon; | 138. L. who, C. wo; L. C. ȝou; L. burie, C. bury; L. C. emperoures; L. foond; | 139. L. þei; C. hý; L. burieden, C. bured; L. y-martired; | 140. C. comen; L. C.-es; L. C. nomen; C. anon þer; | 141. L. trichours, C. traytoures; C.

- 130 Sysile, for ghe woman was, at hom moste abyde,  
 But þe twey breþerin þat were men, about wente wyde,  
*And whanine þey martrid Cristin men, þedir þey wende,*  
*And stèle to whan þey mygte best, to bery heym at þe ende.*  
 As þey beriid twey men þat I-martrid were,
- 135 Com þe emperourus men, *and nom hem anon þere.*  
 To-fore þe ioustise þey were brought; me askid hem anon,  
 "Who made hem so hardy þe emperourus foon,  
*Mvs-be-leuid traytourus, bery, þat were aȝen here lawe,*  
*þat wȝt ryȝt iugement of lond were brought of dawe?"*
- 140 "Syre, we wold," quod þe oþer. "þat we worþy wer  
 Here cnauis to be, þat were quellid þer."  
 "þey be-leuid þou it semblaunt made,  
*And tok to hing þat was good þou it semblaunt nade,*  
 For þe worldis ioy þat haþ semblaunt, nouȝt worþ it nys,
- 145 *And þou þe blisse of Heuin þink lyte, moche and good it is."*  
 "Belamys," þe iustise seyd, "me-þinkeþ gou wode,  
 Wreþe it is worþy þat he haue wo, þat kepiþ nouȝt of gode."  
 "In winter," quod Valerian, "men sitteþ and drinkeþ;  
 To scorn þey lauge erþe tyliers, þat about here mete swinkeþ.
- 150 In heruest, whan þe tilyer may feyr corn and good repe,  
 In myseyse þey gon vp and doun, and haue neuer a grepe.  
 As we scholle for oure trauayl in blisse repe, at þe ende,  
 Whan ge scholle, for goure ioyȝe, to pyne of helle wende."  
 þan seyd þe iustise, "scholle þey þat lordus be
- 155 Lasse worþ þan soch wrecches? "þat nelle neuer þe!"
- Cecilie for geo womman was at hom geo most abide  
 Ac þis tweie breþeren þat were men. aboute hi wende wide  
*Euere whan me martred cristen men, þider hi wolde gon*  
 And stèle to whan hi mygte best and binime hem anon
- 160 As hi bureden tweie holi men. þat martred were  
 Com þe amperoures men anon. *and nom hem rigt þere*  
 To fore þe iustise hi weren ibrougte. he asked hem anon  
 Who mad hem so hardi to burie: þe emperoures fon  
 þis misbileouede trichours. þat weren aȝen her lawe
- 165 þat wiþ inggement of þe lond. were ibrougt of dawe  
 Sire seide þis godmen. icholde þat we worþi were.  
 Her knaues forto habbe ibeo. þat þou letest quelle þere  
 Hi forsoke þinge þat nouȝt nas. heig hit semblaunte hadde  
 And toke þinge þat worþi was. *and non semblaunte nadde*
- 170 Bel amys þe iustise seide. gou me þencheþ wod  
 Worþi he is sorwe to habbe. Whoso kepeþ nouȝt of god  
 Valerian seide in winter ofte. idel men sitteþ and drinkeþ  
 To busmare hi ligeþ eorþe tilien. þat aboute sowinge swinkeþ  
 In haruest whan gode swinkares mowe. gode corn inouȝ ripe
- 175 þan sitteþ hi at hom. *and nabbeþ of corn a gripe*  
 As we scholle for oure trauaille. in blisse ripe attan ende  
 Whan ge scholle for goure ioie nou. wepinge to helle wende  
 þan we seide þe iustise þat louerdes scholde beo  
 Beoþ villore þan ge wrecche cheitius. þat neuere nolleþ iþeo

f. 157 b

agens; L. C. oure; | 142. L. ryȝth; C. Iuggement; L. of þe lond; L. i-brout; | 143. C. wolde god sede þes oþer, L. oþere seyd; L. worþi, C. so; | 144. L. C. here; L. forto; C. knaues . . . þat; L. þou let; C. ge aquelden; L. þare; | 145. L. he, C. hȳ; L. C. leften; L. nawt, C. naȝt; L. þei it; C. þey hit; C. semblant; | 146. L. good þing, C. to þe hyng; C. semblant; | 147. L. þe worldes ioyȝe þat haþ semblant; L. so nawt, C. wors þan n. ys; | 148. L. and, C. ac þe Ioie; L. heuen; L. þinke, C. semeþ; L. lite, C. luyte; L. mechul and swete it is, C. ac much hit ys ywys; | 149. L. beaus, C. bens; L. a . . . me, C. sede þis iustise; L. þat ge ben; L. þynkþ, C. þyncheþ; | 150. L. worþe, C. worþ; L. who-so, C. þat; L. keput; L. nat; C. no goude; | 151. C. sede; L. sitten; C. stille; L. drynkun; | 152. L. bismere, C. a scorn; L. leyen; L. here; C. in þe felde, L. sowynge; | 153. L. whan, C. wan; L. C. þe swynkeres; L. moweþ, C. typeþ; L. fair scheff, C. corne; L. and good and type, C. goud and type; | 154. L. ge mowen gon, C. þe drynkeres goþ; L. he, C. and; L. neuere agripe, C. a gripe; | 155. L. als, C. so; L. C. schulle; L. C. oure; C. trauaile; L. C. type; L. atte ende, C. at[n]ende; | 156. L.

- “Certes” quaþ ualerian “þou art lasse itold  
 160 þen a beggare aȝen god : ne be þou ne so bold”  
 “Belamy,” quaþ þe Iustice : “I ne kepe noȝt of þi Ianglinge.  
 Dop ȝoure sacrifice anon : oþer me schal ȝou to deþe bringe”  
 “Certes” queþe þis gode men : “þou ne bringest ous noȝt þerto.”  
 þe Iustice hem let anon : In strong prison do:  
 165 Maxime þe gailer het : þat hem In warde nom.  
 So þat he & alle his : þoru hem cristene bicom  
 Seyn Cecile com bi þe prison : loude heo gan grede.  
 “Wat dop ȝe, stalwarde knyȝtes : cuþeþ ȝoure stalward hede.  
 Fiȝteþ nou stalwardliche : to bileue þis derkhede.  
 170 þat ȝe were In þe weie ibroȝt : þat to cler ligt ȝou wole lede”  
 Amorwe to þe maumet þis gode men were ibroȝt.  
 þe Iustice hem het do sacrifice : ac þo hi nolde noȝt.  
 Hor heden he het boþe of smyte : & maxime isei  
 War angles hor soulen nome : & to heuene bere an hei.  
 175 To þe Iustice he eode anon : “cristene icham” he sede  
 “Ich isei þe gode menne soulen : angles to heuene lede.”  
 þe Iustice him let nyme anon : naked he let him bete.  
 Wiþ stronge scourgen vaste ibounde : vorte he gan þat lif lete.  
 þat bodi hi caste wiþþ-poute toun : þo gon Cecile uorp gon. f. 188.  
 180 þis pre holi martirs : to-gadere heo burede anon.  
 Heo was sone Inome & ilad : byuore þe Iustice þo.  
 “Wat” he sede “hou geþ þis : beþ þer ȝut screwen mo.  
 Artou valerianes wif : bi þe fei ich owe mahon.

“quid verborum circuitu immoramus? offerte Diis libamina et illæsi abscedite.” Sancti responderunt: “nos Deo vero quotidie sacrificium exhibemus.” Quibus præfectus: “quod est nomen ejus?” Cui Valerianus: “nomen ejus invenire non potiris, etiam si pennis volaveris.” Præfectus dixit: “ergo Jupiter nomen Dei non est?” Cui Valerianus: “nomen homicidae et stupratoris est.” Ad quem Almachius: “ergo totus mundus errat! et tu cum fratre tuo verum Deum nosti?” Valerianus respondit: “nos soli non sumus, sed innumerabilis multitudo hanc sanctitatem recepit.” Traduntur igitur sancti in custodiam Maximi. Quibus ille ait: “o juvenitus flos purpureus, o germanus fraternitatis affectus quomodo ad mortem quasi ad epulas festinatis?” Cui Valerianus ait, quod, si crediturum se promitteret, gloriam animarum eorum post mortem videret. Et Maximus: “fulminibus igneis consumar, si non illum solum Deum confitear, quem adoratis, si contingat, quod dicitis.” Ipse igitur Maximus, et omnis ejus familia, et universi carnifices crediderunt; et ab Urbano, qui illuc occulite venit, baptisma suscepérunt. Igitur dum aurora nocti finem daret, Cæcilia exclamavit dicens: “eia milites Christi, abjicite opera tenebrarum, et induimini arma lucis.” Quarto igitur milliario ab urbe sancti ad statuam Jovis ducuntur et dum sacrificare nollent, pariter decollantur. Tunc Maximus cum jurejurando asseruit, se in hora passionis eorum angelos vidisse fulgentes et animas eorum quasi virgines de thalamo exeuntes, quas in gremio suo in cœlum angeli detulerunt. Almachius vero audiens Maximum christianum effectum, eum plumbatis tamdiu cædi fecit, quoisque spiritum excussit. Cujus corpus sancta Cæcilia juxta Valerianum et Tiburtium sepelivit. Tunc Almachius facultates amborum cœpit inquirere, et Cæciliam tamquam Valeriani conjugem coram se fecit adstare, jussitque, ut ydolis immolaret, aut sententiam mortis incurreret. Cum autem ad hoc ab apparitoribus urgeretur, et illi vehementer flerent, eo quod puella tam

whanne, C. wan; L. C. schulle; L. for ȝoure; L. wepynde, C. to pyne of h.; | 157. L. ek he, C. ek we; L. seyde, C. sede; C. schold lordis; | 158. L. C. þan; L. swiche; C. drynkeres; L. nolde neuere þe, C. yþe; | 159. C. sede; C. ert; C. of tolde; | 160. L. þan is a saly beggere; C. aȝens; C. goyd; L. neuere, C. neuer, C. bolde; | 161. C. sede; L. yne, C. ic ne; L. nat, C. no; L. ianglyngge; | 162. C. oure godes; L. sacrifice; L. bringge; | 163. L. quaþ þis godeman, C. hÿ sede; C. þo; L. ne bringest me neuere, C. bringest hit noȝt; | 164. C. stronge; L. prisone; C. to do; | 165. C. leylerere hete; C. in ward nome; | 166. C. al; L. þorw, C. þorwe; C. fongen; C. cristendom; L. come; L. ȝe; C. to g.; | 168. L. what; L. C. do; L. C. godes; L. knytes; L. kuþeþ; C. keþeþ; L. ȝour; L. stalewort, C. Stalword; | 169. C.

- "Sertis," quod Valerian, "þou art lasse I-told  
þan a begger þat nougt haþ, be þou neuer so bold."  
"Belamy" quod he iustise, "I kep nougt of þy iangling;  
Dob goure sacrefys anon, or me schal to deþe gowȝ bring."  
160 "Sertis," quod þis good mon, "þou bringist vs neuer þer-two."  
þe iustise hem bad anon in strong preson do.  
Maxime, be iayler, heet þat hem in ward nom,  
So þat he *and* alle his, þorw hem, tok Cristindom.  
Seint Sysile com be þe preson; loud ghe gan to grede,  
165 "What do ge goddus knygtau kep goure monhede!"  
"ffyȝtib now strongliche to be-leue þis derk hede  
þat ge were in þe wey brought, þat schal gou to lyȝt lede!"  
On morw, to þe maumetus, þese good men were brought.  
þe iustise had hem do sacrefys, but þey nold nougt;  
170 Here heuedis he leet of smyte, *and* Maxime þo seyȝ  
Wher aungelus here soulus nome, *and* ber to Heuin on hyȝ.  
To þe iustise he went anon, "Cristin I am," he sede,  
"I say aungelus to þe ioyȝe þe good mennus soulus lede."  
þe iustise heet hym neme anon, *and* nakid hym bete  
175 Wit strong scorgus fast I-bound, til he þe lyf lete.  
þe body þey casste wit-oute þe toun, Secile gan þer forþ goon;  
þe þre holy marteris to-gedir ghe berid anon.  
ghe was sone I-nome *and* lad to þe iustise þo.  
"What!" he seyde, "how gooþ þis; be git schrewis mo?"  
180 "Artow Valerianus wif? By þe fey I owe Mahoun

f. 288.

- 150 Certes seide ualerian. þou art lasse itolde.  
þan a selȝ beggar aȝen god. ne beo þou neuere so bolde  
Bel amȝ seide þe iustise. ý ne kepe nougt of þin ianglinge  
Ac dob to oure godes sacrefize. oþer me schal gou to deþ bringe  
Certes seide þis god men. þou ne bringest hit neuere þer to  
155 Anon þe iustise for wraþþe het. in to stronge prisoun hem do  
Maxime het þe gailler. þat hem in warde nom  
So þat he *and* alle his men. þoru hem cristen bicom  
Seint Cecilie com bi þe prisoun. *and* loude gan to grede  
What do ge geo seide godes knigtes. cuþeþ goure staleworþhede  
160 Beoþ hardi *and* figteþ staleworþliche. to bileue þis derkhede  
þat ge were in þe wey ibrought. þat to cler ligt wole gou lede  
Amorwe to þis maumetes. þis gode men weren ibrought  
þe iustise hem het don sacrefize. ac þo hi nolde nougt  
He het her heuedes to smiten of: *and* Maxime þo iseig  
165 Whar angles nom her soulen boþe. *and* bere to heuene an heig  
Maxime wende to þe iustise forþ cristen icham he sede  
Ich seige þis tweie godmen soules: angles to heuene lede  
þe iustise him let nime anon. *and* naked he let him bete  
Wiþ scourges stronge. faste ibounde. forte he þat lif gan lete  
170 þe bodi hi caste wiþoute þe toun. *and* þo gan Cecilie forþ gon  
þis þeo swete martires, geo burede hire sulf anon  
Son geo was inome. *and* iladde. to fore þe iustise þo  
What he seide hou goþ þis. beoþ þer gut schrewen mo  
Artou he seide valerianes wif! bi þe trewþe ich owe Mahoun

wyteþ goure strongnesse, L. staleworþliche; C. now in; | 170. L. i-brouth; | 171. L. opon þe morue; L. maumets, C. þis maunes; C. þe goud; L. brouth; | 172. C. hete; L. don; L. þei ne wolde nat, hÿ nold; | 173. L. C. here; L. heued, C. heuedes; L. let, C. lete; L. it I-sey, C. anon sey; | 174. L. whare aungles here soules, C. foure angles here saule nyme; L. baren; | 175. L. gede, C. wende aȝen; | 176. L. godemannes soule, C. sey angles now here saules; | 177. C. lete<sup>2</sup>; L. C. nyment; | 178. L. skourgen; L. faste, C. fast; C. bounden; L. forto, C. fort; C. his l.; | 179. L. C. þe; L. þei, C. hÿ; L. C. casten; L. wiþoute, C. wiþþoute; L. þet.; C. toune; L. gan, C. com; L. C. forþ; | 180. L. þese, C. þo; L. C. martires; L. g.; C. bured; L. to-gydere, C. togadre; | 181. L. omits; C. nome; ladde; to; | 182. L. what; C. how; L. C. goþ; L. ȝet; L. C. schrewen; | 183. C. þou; L. Vallerianus; C. fay; L. mahoun,

- Bote þou oper do, þi wite heu : worþ sone ibroȝt adon  
 185 Of wat kun artou icome : þat so folliche þe doþ lere.”  
 “Of betere kumne” quaþ þis maide “þen þou euer were  
 In wuch maner lif quaþ þis oper : þencstou þi lif lyue. [ȝiue  
 þou axst as a fol quaþ þis maide : & such vnsuere me schal þe  
 Vor al þi poer þou schalt ise : wen þou wost þen ende.  
 190 þat þou ne schalt fram ihesu crist : enes myn herte wende.”  
 “Hou com it to þe” quaþ þis oper : “to be so hardi her.  
 To clepe me fol þat am þi maister : ne suxstou my poer.”  
 “þi poer wreche” quaþ þis maide : “worþ sone ibroȝt bi-hinde  
 Vor it nys bote as a bleddore : iblowe uol of wynde  
 195 þat be ipriked wiþ a pricke : awei it scrynceþ al.  
 Also wiþ a lute sekenesse : þi wreche caroine schal.  
 þi poer þat þou ȝelpest of : worþ þenne suyþe lute.”  
 “Hou geþ þis” quaþ þe Iustice : “dame, wenne comeþ þi prute.  
 Ne mai ich þe ȝeue deþ & lif : ne suxtou wiþ þin eie”  
 200 “Certes sire” quaþ þis maide : “þou luxt þer of wel heie.  
 A wreche caroine þou miȝte ȝeue deþ : þat wel schort is.  
 Ac of lyue þou miȝte noþing ȝeue : þi salue noȝt iwis.  
 Wen þou miȝt deþ ȝeue : me þencþ bi pur riȝt.  
 þat þou art deþes sergant : & of lif nastou no miȝt  
 205 & wen þou deþes sergaunt art : deþ þi lord is.  
 & In deþ wiþþoute ende : þou wolt be iwis.”

decora et nobilis ultro se morti traderet, dixit ad eos: “hoc, boni juvenes, non est juventutum perdere, sed mutuare, dare lutum et accipere aurum, dare vile habitaculum et accipere pretiosum, dare brevem angulum et accipere forum pellucidum. Si quis pro nummo solidos daret, nonne velocius festinaretis? Deus autem, quod accepit simpulum, reddet centuplum. Creditis his, quæ dico?” Et illi: “credimus, Christum verum esse Deum, qui talem possidet famulam.” Vocato igitur Urbano episcopo, CCCC et amplius baptizati sunt. Tunc Almachius sanctam Cæciliam ad se vocans ait: “cujus conditionis es?” Et illa: “ingenua sum et nobilis.” Cui Almachius: “ego te de religione interrogo.” Cui Cæcilia: “interrogatio tua stultum sumit initium, quæ duas responsiones una putat inquisitione concludi.” Cui Almachius: “unde tibi tanta præsumtio respondendi?” At illa: “de conscientia bona, et fide non facta?” Cui Almachius: “ignoras, cujus potestatis sim?” Et illa: “potestas vestra est quasi uter vento repletus, quem si acus pupugerit, omnis protinus rigor pallascit et quidquid in se rigidum habere cernitur, incurvatur.” Cui Almachius: “ab injuriis cœpisti, et in injuriis perseveras.” Cæcilia respondit: “injuria non dicitur nisi quod verbis fallentibus irrogatur; unde aut injuriam doce, si falsa locuta sum, aut te ipsum corripe calumniam inferentem, sed nos scientes sanctum Dei nomen omnino negare non possumus, melius est enim feliciter mori, quam infeliciter vivere.” Cui Almachius: “ad quid cum; tanta superbia loqueris?” Et illa: “non est superbia, sed constantia.” Cui Almachius: “infelix, ignoras, quia vivificandi et mortificandi mihi tradita est potestas?” Et illa: “contra veritatem publicam probo te nunc esse mentitum, vitam enim viventibus tollere potes, mortuis autem dare non potes

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C. to M.; | 184. C. an oþer; L. wyth, C. þy whyte hewe; L. I-brouth, C. broȝt; L. -doun, C. adoune; | 185. L. what; L. kynne, C. kunde; C. þou comen; L. þus foliche wilt, C. þe wole þus; | 186. C. beter kunde; L. quaþ C., C. sede C.; L. C. þan; L. euere; | 187. L. wich, C. wuche l.; C. sede þe i.; L. C. þenkest; L. tou, C. þou; L. to lyue; | 188. L. ffor-soþe; L. axest, C. eschete; C. heo sede; C. foule; L. swich, C. suche; L. ansuere; L. schul; | 189. C. powere; C. se; L. C. by þat þou; C. þe; | 190.

- But þou ober-wey torne þy wit, þou schalt sone be brought a-doun." "Of what kin art þou come, þat þus follich wolt þe leer?" "Of beter kin," quod þe mayd, "þan þou euer wer." "In what maner," quod þe oþer, "þenkistou þy lyf leue?" 185 "þou askist," ghe seyd, "as a fool, and so me schal þe answer geue." "ffor al þy þouer þou schalt se by þat þou wost þe ende, þat þou ne schalt fro Ihesu Cr̄ist onis myn herte wende." "How com it þe," quod þe iustise, "to be so hardy heer To clepe me fool, and am þy mayster: ne sestou my power?" 190 þy pouer, wrecce," quod þe mayd, "worþ sone brought be-hinde, For it is but a bleddere bloue ful of winde, þat be it prekid wit a prikke, awey it sinkeþ, al; Also wit alyte syknes þy wrecche careyne schal. þy pouer þat þou gelpist of, þanne worþ wel lyte." 195 "How goþ his?" quod þe iustise, "Damē, whennus comyþ þy pryte?" "May I nouȝt geue þe deþ and lyf, ne sestow nouȝt wȝt þin yȝe?" "Sertis, Syre," quod his mayde, "þou lyx þeroþ wel hyȝe." "A wrecche careyne þou myȝt geue deþ, þat wel schort is; Of lyf ne myȝt þou nouȝt geue þy-self, I-wis." 200 Whan þou ne myȝt geue deþ, ne lyf, me-pinkeþ be ryȝt þou art deþus seruaunt, for of lyf hastou no myȝt; And whan þou deþus seruaunt art, deþ þy lord is, And in deþ wit-outen ende þou schalt be, I-wis."
- 175 Bote þou oþer do. þin white hew. worþ son ibrought adoun  
Of what kinne he seide artou icome: þat þus folliche þe wolde lere  
Of noblere men geo seide icham icome. þan þou euere were;  
In whiche manere lif seide þe iustise. þenkestou forto liue  
þþou askest geo seide as a fole. and soche answere me schal þe geue.  
180 For al þin power þou schalt iseo. bi þat þou wost þen ende  
þþat þou ne schalt fram mi lord cr̄ist. enes min hert wende f. 158.  
Hou bicomeþ hit þe. þe iustise seide: to beo so hardi her ("De Sancta Cecilia.")  
To clupe me fole þat am þi maister. ne seostou mi power  
þþin power wrecche his maide seide. worþ son ibroughte bi hinde  
185 For hit nis bote as a bladdore. iblowe folle of winde  
þþat be he ipriked wiþ a lutel pricke. a wey he schrinkeþ al  
As god wiþ a lutel sikenesse. þin wrecche caroyn schal  
þþin power þat þou gelpest of. þan worþ wel lute  
Hou gehþ his þe iustise seide. fram whannan comeþ þin prute  
190 Ne mai ich þe geue deþ and lif. ne seostou wiþ þin eyþ  
Certes sire his maide seide. þer of þou luxt wel heye  
A wrecche caroyn þou migte geue: deþ þat schort is  
Ac of liue þou migte noþinge geue: þi sulf nouȝt iwis  
Whan þou migte geue deþ and no lif: me þencheþ bi pure rigte.  
195 þþat þou deþes sergaunt art: for of lif nastou no migte.  
And whan þou deþes seriaunt art: deþ þin lord is  
And in deþ wiþouten ende. þou wolt beon iwis

L. ones, C. enys; C. my þoȝt; | 191. L. comeþ, C. how come þou; L. seyde, C. sede; L. C. þe iustise; | C. to ben; C. here; | 192. C. clype; C. foul and; L. ne sixte nower my per, C. ne syxt þou my powere; | 193. L. per, C. powere; C. wrecche; C. sede heo; L. i-brouȝt, C. broȝt; C. þe; L. be-, C. by-; | 194. C. hit; C. bot; L. bladre, C. biadere; C. yblown; C. ful, L. fol of a wreche w.; | 195. L. be it, C. be hit; C. priked myd; L. a litel prikke, C. a prike; C. hit; C. schrynkþ; | 196. L. als þi cariogne wiþ siknesse, wreche, a-dwyne schal, C. with a lyte sykenesse þy wrecche careyn schal; | 197. C. powere; L. boþe is þenne & lite, C. swyþe lyte; | 198. L. goþ; C. how is; L. sey de, C. sede; L. whenne, C. wannes; L.al þis, C. þy pryte; | 199. L. I may þe giue, C. gyue; L. as þou sixt myd, C. syxt þou myd þy neye; | 200. L. þo; C. sede; L. lixt, C. lyxt; | 201. C. a body; L. myȝt, C. myȝt, L. ȝiue; C. gyue (reg); L. and; | 202. L. ak; L. C. lyf; L. myȝtte, C. myȝt; L. nat, C. ywys (reg.); | 203. L. seþe, C. wan; L. myȝth; L. & no lif; L. þinkþ, C. þinkeþ; L. ryȝtte; | 204. C. ert; L. seriant, C. seriaunt; L. for; L. hasto, C. ne hast þou; L. myȝtte, C. wyȝt myȝt; 205. L. ffor whan, C. & wan; L. sergeant, C. seriant; C. ert; L. louerd; | 206. L. wiþ-outen, C. with oute; L. wilt, C. schalt ben; | 207. C. sede þis i.; L. gydiheðe, C. wod-

- “Dame” quaþ þe Iustice : “of þi godhede ne kepe ich noȝt.  
 Do sacrifice to oure godes : oþer þou worst to deþe ibroȝt”  
 “þou seist þat ich gidi am” : Seyn Cecili sede.
- 210 “Ac þou art gidi & eke blynd : I sene on þi rede.  
 Scholde ich honoure þine godes : þat beþ of ston & tre  
 I lef ȝif ich segge sop : ȝif þou miȝt noȝt ise.  
 Bote þou be blynd þou miȝt ise : þat þis þing sop is.  
 Lif þou it suxst & leuest it noȝt : gidi þou art iwis.
- 215 Vor gidi he is þat nele ileue : þat he sucþ myd eie.  
 & as gidi mon & blynd þou schalt : In helle pyne deie.”  
 þo verde þe screwe as he were wod : & het þis maide take.  
 & lede hire to an out hous : & a gret fur make.  
 & þer ouer a led uol of water : & al amidde hire caste
- 220 & seþe hire þe wule þer wole : a lym of hire ilaste.  
 þo þis Iugement was iȝeue : & me hire uorþ ladde  
 Wimmen & men þat it isseie : loude hi wope & gradde.  
 “Alas” hi sede “a þis<sup>1</sup> ȝong þing : & a þis<sup>1</sup> vair creature.  
 Schal nou ȝeue hire ȝonge lif : & deie þour fure.” <sup>(MS. þ 9)</sup>
- 225 “Beþ stille” quaþ þis holi maide : “uor me ne wepe ȝe noȝt.  
 Mi ȝonge lif ne lese ich noȝt : ac to lyue ich worþe ibroȝt  
 A scorte deþ ich schal auonge : & lif wippouten ende.  
 Fol were þat nolde so : god him me sende”  
 Me caste hire In þe seþende water : þer-Inne al nyȝt heo seþ
- 230 þe lengore þer-Inne heo was : þe verrore heo was hire deþ  
 Wiþ þe walmes heo sat & pleide : & prechede of godes grace.  
 Mo þen four hundred men : bicome þer cristene In þe place.  
 þe Iustice isei þat me ne miȝte : In such deþ q[eu]lle<sup>1</sup> hire noȝt  
 He let smytle of hire heued : þat heo were to deþe ibroȝt.
- 235 þe quellare hire smot wiþ is mayn : þre siþe in hire suere. <sup>(MS. qulle.)</sup>

es igitur minister mortis, non vitæ.” Cui Almachius: “jam depone amentiam et sacrificia Diis.” Cui Cæcilia: “nescio, ubi oculos amiseris; nam quos tu Deos dicis, omnes nos saxa esse videmus; mitte igitur manum et tangendo disce, quod oculis non vales videre.” Tunc iratus Almachius jussit eam ad domum suam reduci, ibique tota nocta et die jussit eam in bulliente balneo concremari. Quæ quasi in loco frigido mansit, nec modicum saltem sudoris persensit. Quod cum audivisset Almachius, jussit eam in ipso balneo decollari. Quam spiculator tribus ictibus in collo percussit, sed tamen caput ejus amputare non potuit, et quia decretum erat, ne quartam percussionem decollandus acciperet, eam

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hed; C. kep; L. ryȝth nowth; | 208. C. þy; C. schalt be; C. deþ; L. i-brouth, C. broȝt; | 209. C. wode; C. & ysene is on þy rede; | 210. L. i-sene; C. forto lete to dowel: & suyþe to do quede; | 211. C. schould; L. honure, C. honour; C. þyn; L. ymad; | 212. L. I nelle it do, for-soþe, C. welle þat ic sede þe souþ; L. for, C. þat; L. nat; | 213. C. bot; L. þat art b., C. blynde; C. souþ; | 214. L. sixt, C. syxt; C. lyuest; C. hit; L. naut; C. woud; | 215. C. wode; L. nelle; L. C. seþ; C. with; L. C. eye; | 216. L. gydi & blind; C. as wode & blynde; C. by þat skyle; | 217. L. ferde; L. schrewe; C. þe iustise was for wræþ wod; C. lete; | 218. L. leden; L. C. into; L. greth; C. fuyre; C. þer; | 219. C. & sete; L. led-ful; C. lede ful; | 220. C. seþ; L. while, C. þe wyle; L. any Lime hol, C. lyme hole; L. on h.; C. laste; | 221. L. C. iuggement; | 222. L. wifmen; C. hire seý; C. loud; L. þe wopen, C. hÿ wepe; C. gurdde; | 223. L.

- “ Dame,” seyd þe iustise, “ of þy chydinge kep I nouȝt ;  
 205 Do sacrefyse to oure godus, or to deþ þou schalt be brought.”  
 “ þou seydist þat I gedy am,” Seint Sycile sede,  
 “ þou art gedy and wood, sene it is on þy dede ;  
 Schold I honoure þy godus þat beþ ston and tre  
 Fool gif ich segge soþ þou ne mygt se.  
 215 But þou be blind, þou mygt se þat þis þing soþ is.  
 Lif þou it sest and leuist it nouȝt, þou art wood, I-wis,  
 ffor wood he is, þat nel leue þat he seþ wit his yȝe,  
 And wood mon and blind In þe pyne of hewe þou schalt dyȝe.”  
 220 And leed here in-to an hous, and gret fer about here make,  
 And þer-ouer sette a leed wit water, and amyddle here caste,  
 And seþ here whyl þer wold any lyf in here laste.  
 þo þis iugement was I-goue, and me here forþ ladde,  
 Men and women þat here syȝe, loude wep and gradde,  
 225 “ Allas ! ” þey seyde, “ þis ȝong þing, so feyr a creature,  
 Schal now lese here lyf, and deyȝe þorw þe fure ! ”  
 “ Beþ stille ! ” quod þe holy mayd, “ for me wep ge nouȝt,  
 My lyf I schal nouȝt lese, but I worþ to ioy brought.  
 A schort deþ I schal fong, and lyf wit-outin ende,  
 230 Fool he were þat so nold god it me sone sende.”  
 Me cast here in seþinge water, al nyȝt þer-inne ghe seth,  
 þe lenger ghe þer-inne was, þe forþer ȝhe was here deþ.  
 Wit þe bolmus ghe sat and pleyde ; ghe þonkid god dus grace,  
 Mo þan foure hondrid be-com Cristin in þe plas.  
 235 þe iustise say þat he ne mygt wȝt soch deþ quelle here nouȝt,  
 He heet smyt of here heed, þat ghe to deþ were brought.  
 þe quellere here smoot wit al his myȝt þryis in þe swyre,  
 Dame seide þe iustise. of þin gidihede kepe ich nouȝt  
 Do here sacrificize to oure godes. oþer þouworþest to deþ ibrought  
 240 Seistou þat ich gidie am. þis holi maide seide  
 Ac þou art gidie and ek blinde. and þat isene is on þin rede.  
 Scholde ich honouri þin godes : þat beoþ of ston and treo  
 þþat noþinge worþi her power nis. gif þou migte iseo  
 Lif þou seost and ileouest hit nouȝt. gidie þou art iwis  
 245 Bote þou be blinde iseo þou migte. þat þis þinge soþe is  
 For gidie he is þat nele ileoue. þat iseoþ wiþ his eye  
 And as gidie man and blinde. þou schalt in helle deyȝe  
 þþis iustise was for wræþe wod. he het þis maide take  
 And led hire into an oute hous : and grete fure þerinne make  
 250 And sette þer on a led ful of watere. and al amidde hire caste  
 And seþe hire while þer wolde alime. ihol of hire ilaste  
 þþo þis iuggement was iȝeue. and me hire forþ ladde  
 Men and wimmen þat hire seye. loude hi woƿe and gradde  
 Alas hi seide of þis ȝonge þinge and þis faire creature  
 255 þat schal lese hire swete lif. and deyȝe þorw þe fure  
 Beoþ stille seide þis holi maide. for me ne wepe ge nouȝt  
 Min ȝonge lif schal ich nouȝt lese. ac to liue ich worþe ibrought  
 In þe seþinge watere geo was icaste. and þerinne al nigt geo seþ  
 þþe lengore þat geo þerinne was. he ferþer geo was þen deþ.  
 260 Wiþ þe walmes geo sate and pleide. and prechede godes grace  
 þþat mo þan foure hundred men þer bicom. cristen in þe place  
 þþo þe iustise iseig þat he ne migte. in soche deþ quelle hire nouȝt  
 He het þat me scholde hire heued of smite. þat geo were to deþ ibroȝt  
 þþe quellar smot wiþ al his maȝn. þreō siþe on þe swere

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allas; L. þei seyde, C. hȳ seden; L. þat þis ȝongge, C. þat þus ȝonge a þyng; L. þus fair, C. so faire; | 224. L. lese, C. lete; C. now; L. ȝongge, C. ȝong; L. þoru þe f., C. scal dy now in þe f.; | 225. C. sede; L. C. for; L. wepeþ nouȝt; | 226. L. ȝongge, C. ȝong; C. schal; L. nowth; L. Icham i-brouȝt, to lyf hit worþ; | 227. L. aȝe schorte, C. an schort; C. wole; L. a-vonge, C. a fonge; C. to habbe; L. wiþ-ouȝt, C. with þouten; | 228. L. C. he; C. nold so; L. god he me sone hynes., C. sone; | 229. L. men casten, C.

- He ne smot it noȝt uolleche of : þe dep was iboȝt dere.  
 No quellare ne moste bi þulke daie : smyte ouer þrie.  
 Half slawe hi bileuede hire so : hamward he gan hie.  
 Nou an vuel stude god it wolde : vor he was a screwe.
- 240 Wo dude he þe holi maide : gulteles so hire to hewe.  
 & beleue hire so half alyue : welle wo him be.  
 Vor ho [n]uste<sup>1</sup> of no deol per me miȝte ise. (1 MS. muste.)  
 pis holi maide eode aboute : hire heued half of ismyte.  
 þat was half quic & half ded : þat reuþe it was to wite.
- 245 & pouere men muche of hire good : delede wiþ hire honde.  
 Hit was a uair grace of god : þat heo miȝte enes stonde.  
 Heo prechede & to ihesu crist : mony good mon wende.  
 & alle to Seyn Vrban þe bispoc : to baptise heo sende.  
 & bed him þat he schulde hire hous : þat heo wonede Inne.
- 250 Halwy In our lordes name : & a chirche per bygynne.  
 & burie per hire suete bodi : & þat our lordes seruice  
 Vþe is poer per-Inne were ido : In alle wise  
 pe pridde day after hire martirdom : pis maide adoun lay.  
 & prechede cristene men : & bed hem habbe good day.
- 255 & sede "nou ichabbe ido : al þat my wille is to.  
 Wende ichulle to ihesu crist : & ge schulle also"  
 pis was two hondred zer : & pre & twenti riȝt.  
 After þat our lord was In is moder aligt  
 Nou bidde we our suete lord : uor hire holi martirdom.
- 260 To bringe ous to þulke Ioie : þat hire soule to com.

semivivam cruentus carnifex dereliquit. Per triduum autem supervivens, omnia quae habebat, pauperibus tradidit, et omnes quos ad fidem converterat, Urbano episcopo commendavit dicens: "triduanas mihi inducias postulavi, ut nos tuæ beatitudini commendarem, et hanc domum meam in ecclesiam consecrare." Sanctus autem Urbanus corpus ejus inter episcopos sepelivit, et domum suam in ecclesiam, ut rogaverat, consecravit. Passa est autem circa annos domini CC et XXIII tempore Alexandri imperatoris. Alibi autem legitur, quod passa sit tempore Marci Aurelii, qui imperavit circa annos domini CCXX.

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heo was ycaste; L. seþing; L. þar-, C. þer in; C. a lyte; L. ge seeþ; | 230. L. lengere, C. lengur þat; C. in; L. ge sat; L. ferþere, C. ferre; L. ge; L. deep; | 231. C. with; L. C. welmes; L. ge; C. sate; C. preched; | 232. C. more; L. C. þan; C. foure CCCC; C. cristy ne; L. þat; | 233. C. þo þe; L. sey, C. say; L. he ne myȝtte, C. myȝt; L. swich; C. so; L. naut; | 234. L. het, C. hete; C. þat me schold; L. ge; C. dep; | 235. L. C. quellere (reg.); C. myd; L. C. al his; C. syþ; L. C. in þe swere; | 236. L. nat C. myȝt ful smyt; L. hired; L. bouth to dere, C. he bogt . . . weld; | 237. C. most; C. day; L. oftene C. after; L. C. þan þrie; | 238. L. leuede, C. bylefte; L. C. a-weyard; | 239. C. omits 4 ll; L. yuel stede gon he mote; schrewe; | 240. L. dede; þat; | 241. L. bi-lefte; | 242. L. ffor who-so nuste; doel; men myȝtte it se; | 243. L. gede; | 244. C. omits; L. & was; quik; rewþe; | 245. C. poure; L. mechel, C. þat heo myȝt of wyte; L. ge delde, C. heo deled; C. honden; | 246. C. omits; L. It; wel fair; ge aut myȝtte; | 247. L. ge; C. preched; C. so þat; L. C. many a; L. god, C. goud; | 248. C. al; L. baptiȝe ge; C. baptiȝe; | 249. L. bad, C. bade; C. þat þe bischop saint vrban; L. scholde; C. stede; L. ge hadde woned; C. woned; | 250. L. halewen; L. oure louerdes (reg.); C. scholde a godes n.; L. C.

- He smot it nouȝt folleche of; þat deþ was bouȝt ful dere.  
 No quellere, by þat day, most smyt ofter þan þryȝe.
- 240 Half slawe he lefte here, and so aweyward gan hyȝe,  
 To a leþer stede, god it woot, for he was a schrewe,  
 He dede þe mayde wo, giltles, here so to hewe,  
 And beleued here alyue half; wel wo hym be,  
 For who so nyste of no del, þere he myȝte se.
- 245 þe holy mayde went about, he heed hing half of smyte,  
 And was half quik and half ded, þat ruȝe it was to wite.  
 And pore men, moche of here good, delid myd here hond.  
 It was a fayr grace of God þat ghe myȝt onus stond.  
 Lhe prechid, and to Ihesu Crist many men tornde,
- 250 And alle to Seint Orban, he bysschop, to baptise ȝhe sende,  
 And bad hym þat he scholde, he hous þat ȝhe wonyd inne,  
 Halw in oure Lordus name, and a chirche þer be-ginne,  
 And bery þer here oune body, and þat oure Lordus seruise,  
 Vp his pouer were þer-inne do, in alle wyse.
- 255 þe þridde day after here marterdom, he mayde adoun lay  
 And prechid Cristin men, and bade hem haue good day,  
 And seyde, "Nowȝ I haue don al þat my wille is two,  
 Wende I wil to Ihesu Crist, and ge scholle also."  
 þis was two hondrid ger and þre and twenty, ryȝt,
- 260 After þat oure Lord was in his modir alyȝt.  
 Now bidde we oure swete Lord, for herē strong marterdom,  
 Bring oure soulus to þe ioyȝe þat here-to com. Amen.
- 225 He ne migte for noþinge smiten hit of. geo bouȝte þen deþ ful dere  
 Non quellar moste bi þulk dai. smiten oftere þan þrie  
 Half aslawe he bileuede hire so. a weyward he gan hyȝe  
 þbis holi wimmon wende abouȝe. hire heued half of ismite  
 Wiþ hire honden geo delede pore men. hire gode. þat geo migte of wite
- 230 Leo prechede and to oure louerd crist. mani men geo sende  
 And alle to þe bischop seint Vrban. to baptisy geo wende  
 And bad þat seint urban. hire hous þat geo wonede inne  
 Halewy scholde in godes name. and a churche þer biginne  
 þe þridde dai after hire marterdom. þis maide a doun lai
- 235 And prechede wel cristen men. and bad hem habbe gode dai  
 And seide þat geo hadde ido. alle þat hire wille was to  
 Wende geo wolde to oure louerd crist. and hi scholden after also  
 Hit nas bote two hondred ger. and þre and twenti also  
 After þat oure louerd ibore was. þat þis dede was ido  
 Nou louerd for þulc marterdom. þat seint Cecilie hadde  
 Graunte ous to þulk ioie come. þer þat angles hire to ladde. Amen.

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churche; | 251. L. burien þere; C. & þat he bured; L. swete body; C. oure; | 252. C. vp; L. C. his; C. powere; C. in; idon; L. on alle-kynne; | 253. C. marterdom; C. adoune; | 254. C. preched wel þe cristen, L. to þe c.; L. bad, C. bade; L. god, C. goud; | 255. L. seyde now; C. þo heo hadde; C. alle þat hire was to do; | 256. L. I wile, C. heo wolde to oure lord c. & hȳ schold after also; | 257. L. hundred; C. hit nas bot cc gere; L. ryȝth, C. also; | 258. L. oure louerd; L. his; L. a-lyȝth; C. after oure lord ybore was þat þis dede was do; | 259, 260. L. oure swete louerd for; L. bringge vs to þat i.; C. lord for þe marterdom þat seint [Cecili was [...] e, graunt ous þulke Ioie: þat hire saule ys Inne. (Some letters are here illegible owing to a smudge on the parchment.)

## MS. COTT. TIB. E VII. [fol. 271 a—274 b.]

Jhesus Crist, ful of pete,  
 To mankind es of mercy fre  
 And schewes his pouste & his might  
 Of(t)-sithes here unto sum men sight,  
 5 So þat we may his mightes ken,  
 Als wele in wemen als in men,  
 And all-þermost in maydens ging  
 þat will be boun to his biding.  
 þat may men by ensaumple se  
 10 Of saint Cecill, þe mayden fre, (<sup>1</sup>MS. Harl. mede.)  
 þat born was of ful gentill blode  
 And euer was haly & milde of mode,  
 And in hir hert ful wele scho knew  
 All þe lare of oure lord Jhesu.  
 15 Vnto him was scho prayand euer,  
 Night and day, and sesid neuer.  
 Of pape Urban scho was baptist  
 And trewly trowed in Jhesu Crist.  
 With hir frendes scho was ful dere  
 20 And with all oþer folk in-fere,  
 Bycaus scho was both fayre & gude  
 And untill all folk milde of mode.  
 Hir frendes maried hir till a man  
 þat named was Valirian;  
 25 Long he was and faire of skin  
 And komen of ful nobill kyn,  
 Bot hathin he was & unbaptist  
 And knew no-thing þe law of Crist.  
 Cisill durst none oþer do  
 30 Bot alf hir frendes tald hir to.

þe day was sett: þai suld be wed.  
 In clathes of (g)old<sup>1</sup> þai both war cled;  
 Bot Cicill had þar-of no pride— (<sup>1</sup>MS. cold.)  
 Ful hard clething was next hir hid;  
 35 Outward scho was richely arrayd,  
 So alls hir frendes had puruayd.  
 þus on þis wise when þai war wed,  
 Ful fele folk þaire frendes fed.  
 When þe bridal was broght till ende,  
 40 þat ilka man þaire wai gan wende,  
 Cicill es þan to chamber went,  
 Calland to Crist with gude entent.  
 þai herd grete noyis, þat war hir nere,  
 Of angels sang and organs clere;  
 45 Scho made hir melody omang  
 And al þus said scho in hir sang:  
     Fiat cor meum et corpus meum im-  
     maculatum, ut non confundar:  
 þat es on þis maner to mene:  
     “Lord, þou mak my hert all clene  
     And saue my body unfiled within,  
 50 So þat I be noght schent with syn!”  
 When scho had tald all hir talent  
 þus unto god with gude entent,  
 With hir husband scho went to bed,  
 Als þe law wald, for scho was wed.  
 55 Bot in hert ful wele scho thoght  
 To kepe hir clene, if þat scho moght.  
 So by hir lord when scho was layd,  
 Vntill him al þus scho sayd,  
 Scho sayd: “sir, if it war gowre will,

## MS. Camb. Univ. Lib. Gg. II. 6. [fol. 364 a—358 b.]

To say sume thinge is myne entent  
 Of sanct Cecile, þe fare & gent,  
 þat cumyne wes of þe best kine  
 þat Rome þane nere wes withine;  
 5 & scho folouyt wele pare trace,  
 For bath wyfe & uertuse scho wes,  
 Fare of fasone for to se,  
 Enhornyt of al bewte;  
 & fosterit ves in Cristis fay,  
 10 & Cristis ewangele scho had ay  
 Hyd in hire brest & pare-one thocht,  
 Na nycht na day cesit nocht!. (<sup>1</sup>Here a couplet H.)  
 Mekly to god, þat kepe vald he is missing?  
 Clelyn hir virginite.  
 15 & scho eftir þe custume þane  
 Ves handfast with a gungmane, f. 354 b.  
 & callit ves Valaryane,  
 þat in maryage vald hire haf tane.  
 þe day ves cumyne þat þai twa

20 þat band of mariage suld ma;  
 Next hire flesch, þat wes fare,  
 Scho had al tyme þe harsk hare  
 & ves<sup>1</sup> owtewart to þe sicht (<sup>1</sup>MS. wiþ.)  
 Cled in gold schenand brycht.  
 25 & quhene al mast mery  
 Mad with mouth & menstra(l)sy,  
 þane wald scho in hart<sup>2</sup> god pray  
 Be hir-ane & til hyme say: (<sup>2</sup>MS. hirt.)  
     “God, grant þat my hart ma I  
 30 Vnuemmyt kepe & my body,  
 Sa þat I thole na varldis schame  
 Bot ay be thankful to þi name;”  
 & for þat<sup>3</sup> fastinge & prayere  
 Scho mad to god tymis sere. (<sup>3</sup>MS. þast.)  
 35 Bot quhene þa suld to bed ga  
 & nane wes par bot þai twa,  
 Scho tuk hyme by þe hand in hy  
 & til hyme sad deuotely: (<sup>4</sup>MS. cowit.)  
     “My maste swet & lowit<sup>4</sup> thinge,

60 A cownsail haue I gow untill,  
pat bus besaid now, with gowre leue —  
And, gude syr, luke ge gow noght  
greue!  
Ane angell, syr, of heuyn ful bright  
Es my speciall both day and night,  
65 A seruand unto god es he —  
I luf him wele, so dose he me.  
And if he wit with any gin  
pat þow my body file with syn  
Or onclene lufing to me bede,  
70 He will be wrath for swilk in dede  
And vengance will he on gow take,  
þat ge sall all solace forsake [hede.  
And lose þe flowre of gowre 'growth-  
Swilk grewance, sir, es gude to drede."  
75 Valirian þan wex all wrathe,  
For drede he durst do hir no schatthe;  
Of hir wordes he was noght payde  
And all þus unto hir he sayde:  
"Woman, if þou will þat I trow  
80 þir wordes þat þou sais me now,  
Bitwix vs twa here lat me se  
Him þat þou sais so lufes þe!  
So þat I may my-self assay  
Whether he [be] angell uerray, (<sup>1</sup>H. he be.)  
85 Seruand unto god of heuyn —  
þan sall I do þi counsaill euhn.  
And if þou luf ane oþer man,  
Ful sare þou sall þe bargan ban;  
Nowþer sall skape with-owten scath,

40 I wald tel þe a priwe thinge  
Sa pat I mycht sekire be  
þu suld neuire discouer me,  
For gud na Il na for mede."  
"Tel one parfor & haf na dred!"  
45 Scho sad: "goddis angel haf I,  
pat kepis me ay Ithandy  
& lufis me sa wele, pat he  
Wil thole na warldly mene haf me;  
þe quhilc gif he persawe þi wil  
50 pat þu with lust nicht me til,  
He sal þe sla, ore euire he fyne,  
& þu þi fare guthed sal tyne;  
Bot he pat be þi wil cane prowe  
pat<sup>1</sup> þu me lufit of clene lufe, (<sup>1</sup>MS. Gyf.)  
55 In gret daynte he sal haf þe  
& luf þe als wele as me  
& al his Joy (sal) saw þe til."  
Valaryane þane, thru godis wil  
Chastyit, sad: "gif þu wil I  
60 Trow þi wordis parfyly,  
Schaw me þe angel, pat I may

90 Bot I my-self sall sla gow bath,  
With mikell schame I sall gow  
schende."  
þan answered scho with wordes hende:  
"Gude sir," scho said, "greue noght þe  
If þou may noght goddes angel se!"  
95 For here may no-man se angell,  
Bot if he trow, als I sall tell,  
In a god þat made all thing,  
þat was with-outen bygining  
And es and euer-more sall be,  
100 Mast of might and of mercy fre,  
And als in his sun Jhesu Criste.  
If þou will trow & be baptiste,  
þan say I, syr, þat þou sall se,  
þe angell — þat I tell to þe.  
105 And, sir, if þou will þis ass[ay],<sup>1</sup> (<sup>1</sup>H. assy.)  
Till bisschop Urban tak þi way  
And tell him all þir wordes balde,  
Right als I haue to þe talde;  
And tell him all þi life till end,  
110 So þat he may þi mis amend!  
þan sall he, when þi growth es trew,  
Cleth þe all in clething new: [þe.  
Whitte clothes and clene sal he gif  
þan sall þou in my chamber se  
115 þe bright angell of god of heuyn  
þat lufes me, als I gan þe neuyn,  
And of him þan saltou haue  
What thing so þou will efter craue."

Se pat þi wordis are verray:  
& I sal do al þi bydynge;  
Bot gif I ma haf persawynge  
65 pat þu luffis ony warldis mane,  
I sal sla þe & hymre rycht pane." f. 355 a.  
Quod scho þane: "gyf þat þu  
Wil prowe it suth I sa now,  
þu sal trew in god hicht me,  
70 & in his name baptiste be:  
& þu sal se þe suth rycht pane  
þat he is angel & na mane.  
parfor ga fra þe cyte ewine  
Thre myle in name of god of hewine,  
75 & in a rew, callit "via apia",  
Syndry poure mene þu sal ourta,  
& to þame sal þu sa but gyle  
þat "me til g<sup>u</sup> has send Cecile,  
To sanct Vrbane<sup>1</sup> to kene me (<sup>1</sup>MS. barbane.)  
80 To tel hymre hire privete."  
& quhene þu fyndis hymre, þu ma  
Tel hymre pire wordis þat I say.  
& quhene he has hofine þe,  
þane godis angel þu sal se."

- pan thurgh grace of þe haly gaste  
120 Vp he rase and went in haste  
Vntill þe gude bisschop Urban,  
And halely talde he to him þan,  
With him and his wife how it ferd.  
And when Urban his tale had herd,  
125 He heuyd<sup>1</sup> his handes to heuyn on  
hight (<sup>1</sup>H. heuyn.)  
And said þus to god moste of might:  
“Lord Jhesu Criste, loued mot þou be  
þat sawes þe sede of chastite  
And gifes unto men cha[s]te cown-  
saylle  
130 þat to þaire sawl m[α]y mekill availe!  
þou tak þe fruit now als þine awin  
Of þe sede þou has in Cicill sawn —  
For it waxes and multiplise,  
Als men may se on þis wise.  
135 A spows scho toke, with hir to dwell,  
þat als a lion was fers and fell  
And rebell both by night and day  
Ogains þe lessons of þi lay:  
Now meke to þe has scho made him  
140 Als a lamb, *in* sawl and lym — (<sup>2</sup>H. moke.)  
For war he noght unto þe meke,<sup>2</sup>  
Saluyng of me wald he none seke.  
And, sen he has to saluyng soght,  
Lord, sauē him and forsake him  
noght!”  
145 þis when he had his praier end,

85 Valaryane þane but abad  
Passit furth þe gat scho hymē bad,  
& be þe taknys, he had tane,  
Fand þe bischope sanct Vrbane  
Lurkand, ymange pure mene mekly,  
90 Quhare mony marteris cane ly.  
& quhene þat he pame tald had  
His erand as Cecile hymē bad,  
þe ald his handis but (ony) mare  
Vphewit to þe hewine rycht pare  
95 & gretand sad: “lord Jhesu,  
þat chast consal wele chewis nov,  
Of þat fede froit nov þu tak  
þat in Cecil þu cane mak!  
For Cecil as (a) besy be  
100 Ententify seruit has þe;  
For hymē, þat scho als fellone  
Til spouse (tuk) as a woud lyone.  
Mek as a lame scho has þe send,  
þi treucht til ek & til amend.”  
105 & as þe bischope þis & mare  
had sad, þane apperit þare  
A gung mane, þat name cuth knew,

175 Whils Valirian þir wordes gan say,  
 þe ald man was sone o way —  
 And how he went, no-thing þai wist.  
 þan þe bisschop Valirian baptist  
 & bad him trow with conciens clene  
 180 Als he þare had herd and sene. (<sup>1</sup>H. grantes.)  
 Valirian granted<sup>1</sup> with gude will *fol. 192.*  
 All his bidinges to fulfill.  
 þan hame ogain he bad him ga  
 Vnto Cicill, þat he come fra, (<sup>2</sup>H. confert.)  
 185 And confort<sup>2</sup> hir with all his mayne.  
 þus to his wife he went ogayne.  
 To Cisill chamber sone he went,  
 To thank hir þat him so had sent  
 To get saluing of all his sin  
 190 And gude lifing so to bygyn.  
 Kneeland in praiers he hir fand,  
 And sone bifor hir saw he stand  
 Godes angel, schineand so bright,  
 þat all þe hows lemid of light;  
 195 Twa corons *in* his hand he broght —  
 So worthi neuer *in* werld war  
 wrought:  
 Vnto Ciscill he toke þe tane,  
 þat oþer unto Valariane,  
 Opon þaire heuides he set þam rathe,  
 200 And all þus said he to þam bathe:  
 “Kepes þir corons gow bitwene  
 With chast bodys and hertis clene!  
 Fro paradis I haue þam broght —  
 For *in* þat ilk place war þai wrought;  
 205 To gow mi lord has þam puruayd.”  
 þan to Ualirian þus he said:  
 “For þat þow wald assentand be  
 Vnto counsail of chastite,

þe gung mane þane wanyst away.  
 & Valeryane but delay  
 Of sancte Urbane tuk baptyme,  
 & hame to Cecile went syne  
 135 & fand hire one hire bed stanand,  
 & ane angel, þat in his hand  
 Had twa cronis mad wynly  
 Of spanyst rose & quhyt lely;  
 Of þame to Cecile he gef ane,  
 140 & ane to Valaryane,  
 & sad: “þir cronys I brocht now  
 Of paradyse, to gif til gow;  
 þe quhilki's gif ge kepe cleynly  
 With hart wnuemmyt & body,  
 145 þai sal neuir falow, na tyne  
 þe odour þat ge think sa fyne,  
 Na get na vthire sal pame se

Mi lord Jhesu, of mercy fre,  
 210 Sendes þe þus bodword by me:  
 What thing of him so þou will craue,  
 Ask: and sone þou sal it haue,  
 What thing so euer þou will of mele —  
 So þat it be to þi sawl hele.”  
 215 Valirian þan made his asking  
 And said: “I gern none oþer thing  
 Ne no-thing es to me so swete  
 Als es, my broþer bale to bete.  
 Wald my lord, dere Jhesus,  
 220 Help my broþer Tyburcius  
*In* his law forto be fre  
 And cristen man, als he mad me,  
 þat we might both *parfite*ly lif  
 And both oure gastes unto him gif!”  
 225 When þe angell þir wordes herd,  
 To Valirian þus he answerd  
 And said: “þi will it sall be done,  
 For-whi þou askes in þi bone  
 þat mi lord likes forto haue  
 230 Better, þan þe likes it to craue.  
 þarfore, als my lord has won þe  
 Thurgh Ciscill, his seruand fre,  
 So thurgh þe now sall he win  
 þi broþer out of bandes of sin.  
 235 And þou and he sall samyn *cum*  
 Vntill þe mede of marterdome.”  
 When þis was said, he went up euyn  
 Wit grete brightnes to blis of heuyn.  
 And Valirian þan with his<sup>1</sup> wife (<sup>1</sup>H. wisth.)  
 240 Ful hally ay led þaire life.  
 And efter þis, right als god walde,  
 Tyburcyus, þat I of talde,  
 þat broþer was to Valiriane,

Bot gif he kepe chastyte.  
 &, Valeryane, sene þat þu  
 150 Has trewit heilesume conseil now,  
 Ask at me quhat-euzir þu wil,  
 & I þi garnyng sal fulfil.”  
 Sad he: “gif sa þat it sal be,  
 þar is na thinge sa suet, think me,  
 155 As my name brothire, þare-for I  
 Ask þat he (als) knew in hy  
 þe suthfastnes þat nov I kene.”  
 þe angel sad til hyme þane:  
 “For þine askyne is rychtwyse  
 160 & to god plesand inony-vise,  
 þu & þi bruthire, bath  
 Cronit to god, sal cume rath,  
 Of martirdome þe fare crone  
 To bruk in hewine at<sup>1</sup> goure wardone.”

f. 356 a.

(<sup>1</sup>MS. as.)

- On a day come him-allane  
 245 To luke how þat his broþer ferd,  
 For halines he of him herd.  
 And als he entred in þaire hows,  
 He kissed him, and als his spows,  
 He kissed Ciscell and said þus:  
 250 "Gude sauore es here omanges vs —  
 Of rose and lilyes me think it like —  
 Sen I was born,<sup>1</sup> felde I neuer slike,  
 So swete sauore feld neuer man." (<sup>1</sup>H. lorn.)
- þan spak his broþer Ualirian:  
 255 "Broþer, sen god vowches sauue  
 þat þou þis swete sauore may haue,  
 Hardily now hete I þe: (<sup>1</sup>H. stedifast.)  
 If þow in trouth will stedfast<sup>1</sup> be  
 And luf oure lord Jhesus allane,  
 260 Vnto whas lare we haue us tane:  
 þan sall tou se and here þe steuyn  
 Of þe angell of god in heuyn  
 And so be sauued, for certayne."
- 165 Tyburcyane syne enterit pare  
 Quhar Cecile & his bruthire ware,  
 & feld þe odoure in til hy  
 Of þe rose & þe lely.  
 & sad: "bruthir, hou hapsnis here  
 170 þis swet sawoure þis tyme of gere,  
 Of Nouember in þe moneth,  
 Quhene flouris haldine ar vndirneth?  
 For betyre odire I cane neuir fele.  
 þare-for til gou twa I grant wele  
 175 þat I ame chengit<sup>1</sup> sudendly." (<sup>1</sup>MS. clengit.)  
 Valaryane sad: "na ferly;  
 For fare cronis & fresch haf we,  
 þat þine ene get ma nocht se,  
 Of rose & lyle wynly mad,  
 180 þat neuir-mare fal falou na fad.  
 Bot as þu nov be my prayere  
 Has feld wele þis odore here,  
 Sa sal þu, gif þu trewis me, (<sup>2</sup>MS. tybur-  
 cium.)  
 It þat þou felis clerly se."  
 185 Tyburcius<sup>2</sup> cane hyme ansuere:  
 "Gif þis in slepe be at I here  
 Or it be in to suthfastnes  
 þou me tellis mar & les?"  
 þane sad til hym Valaryane:  
 190 "Ve haf slepit al our tyme gane,  
 Bot in suthfastnes now we duel."  
 Tyburcius sad: "þu me tel  
 Hou þis ma be?" þane one-ane  
 Til hym sad Valaryane:  
 195 "Godis angele it tacht to me;  
 þe quhilkiſ gif þu garnis to se,  
 Tak baptyme & renunce til al  
 Fals ydolis þat ge godis cal!"  
 þane Cecile prechit hyme in hy  
 200 & schewit it hyme al opynly  
 þat ydolis ma fele na thinge  
 Bot are dume & defe, but smelling  
 Na nocht ma grape na get se,  
 "Bot ar mad ne ma helpe þe, (<sup>3</sup>Metc., heke.)  
 205 & þu ma breke<sup>3</sup> þaime as þu wil; [til?]  
 Quhy suld þu þane gif suth þaime  
 & as echo had hire sermone done, f. 356 b.  
 Tyburcius sad til hire sone:  
 "Quha trewis nocht þis, mast & leste,  
 210 In fawte of wit is bot a beste."  
 Cecile þane hyme in armys hynt  
 & kissit his briste, or scho stynt,
- & sad til him<sup>1</sup>: "I grant þis day  
 þat þu art my mach verray; (<sup>1</sup>MS. hir.)  
 215 For, richt as luf of god has mad  
 þi bruthire my husband, but bad,  
 Richt sa sal godis luf mak þe  
 My mache, gif þu wil treu me,  
 Gif þu al ydol(is) wil forsake  
 220 & treu in god & baptyme tak;  
 & sa sal god grace gif to þe  
 His angel in-to face to se.  
 For-þi se þu na lettynge ma  
 Bot with þi bruthire sone þu ga!"  
 225 Til his bruthire Tyburcyane  
 Sad: "tel me, Valaryane,  
 To quhat is it þu sal me led  
 To mak ful endyng of þis ded?"  
 Sad he: "to bischope Vrbane."  
 230 þane sad Tyburcius one-ane:  
 "Is þat Vrbane þat to þe dede  
 Has bene condamnyt in þis sted  
 (&) In til hydlis ay syne duellis?  
 For, be he fundine, as mene tellis,  
 235 He will be brynt for-out mare,  
 & we with hyme mone fal þare,  
 & sa, til we are sekande  
 Diuinite in hewine schenand,  
 Ve sal be wappyt in til yre  
 240 Percace in erde in brynnand fyre."  
 Quod Cecile til hym: "gif ware nane  
 Life bot in þis wold alane,  
 Ferly var na mene wald dout  
 To tyne it, war þai neuir sa stout;  
 245 Bot þar is a fere bettyre lyf,  
 þat ma (nocht) tynt be for þis strife,  
 þat godis sone (h)as til ws talde,  
 þat mad al think, as his fadir wald;  
 þis godis sone command fra hewyne  
 250 Til lar<sup>2</sup>, tacht ws with his stewyne  
 þat (vthir) lyf is þat lestis ay, (<sup>2</sup>Metc. omits  
 In hewine, but oþir tene or tray Til lar.)  
 þat he has grathit til al his, f. 357 a.  
 Til bruk in euire-lestand blis."  
 Tyburcyane sad: "tel me þis:" (<sup>3</sup>MS. þus.)  
 Sene þu sais bot a god is,  
 Quhy is þat þu tellis me  
 þat þai are nov godis thre?  
 & Cecile sad, þat ves war:  
 260 "As in a mane thre thingis ar,

- Tyburcius said to him ogayne:  
 265 "And I might godes angell se,—  
 A verrayer takin might noght be:  
 þan will I turn vntill his lay."  
 When Ciscell herd him sogat say,  
 Down scho fell and kissed his fete,  
 270 And þan scho said þir wordes swete:  
 "Now will I grante, whore so I  
     wende,  
 þou es my kosyn & my dere frende.  
 For als þe luf of Jhesu fre  
     Has made þi broþer assent to me,  
 275 So sall he turn þe forto take  
     His might & maumetry forsake.  
     And, sir, sen þou es redy now  
     To tak his trowth & trewly trow,  
     With þi broþer saltou ga  
 280 Vntill þe bisschop þat we come fra,  
     And be bowsom what he will bid."  
     Als scho has demid right so þai did.  
     Of þe bisschop was he baptist þan  
     And bycome a ful haly man.  
 285 So þat god gaf him slike grace,  
     þat he<sup>l</sup> might see in ilk a place  
     Angels of god ay at his will     (<sup>1</sup>H. be.)  
     And all his likeing<sup>2</sup> tell þam till, (<sup>2</sup>H. liking.)  
     And of þam might he ask and haue  
 290 What thing so he wald after craue.  
     þus þir breþer bot[*h*]<sup>3</sup> in-fere     (<sup>3</sup>H. bot.)
- And Ciscill, þat was to þam dere,  
 Lifed in luf and charite  
 And honored god in all degre.—  
 Passio sanctorum Tyburci et Vale-  
     rianii.
- 295 Tiburcius and Valiriane,  
 Fro-time þat þai had baptime tane,  
 To serue god ay war þai boune,  
 And fast þai prechid in feld & toun  
 Ogains þaire mawmettes more & min  
 300 þat þai bifore affied þam in.  
 To tell þaire life, it war ful lang,  
 Or meruayles þat war þam omang;  
 Bot in þis tretice will I tell  
 What ferlis in þaire ded byfell  
 305 And what wonders god for þam  
     wrogt  
 Yn time þat þai to ded war broght.  
     þare wond a prince þare in þat land  
     Whare þir two breþer war precheand  
     par lifed all on maumetry:  
 310 Vnto þam had he grete enuy  
     And said, with dole þai suld be dede  
     Bot if þai tite wald turn þaire rede.  
     Sone he has efter þam sent.  
     And when þai come in his present,  
 315 þai prechid so of Cristes lay:  
     þe prince had no power to say  
     Ne forto do na harm þam till,
- Wit frist, memor þe todire thinge,  
 & þe thred vndirstandinge:  
 Richt swa in þe mycht of godhed  
 Thre personis are but ony dred:  
 265 þe fadire, þe sone, þe<sup>l</sup> haly gast,     (<sup>1</sup>MS. he.)  
     & nocht ane of þire are in waste."  
     þane tald scho hymre mare & les  
     Quhy god in wold come & in fles,  
     & how hymre lykit for to tak  
 270 Passione of ded for manniis sak,  
     & tald hymre syne congruiyte  
     Quhy his passione suld nedful be:  
     " & first he tholit hymre-self ta,  
     At as mane suld be lattine ga  
 275 þat had bene haldine lang (in)<sup>2</sup> syne;  
     & to be myssad lykit hymre,     (<sup>2</sup>MS. langsum.)  
     Sa mane, þat ves in malysonie,  
     Mycht þar chese lestand benysone;  
     & he tholit scornyt to be,  
 280 To mak mene of fendis scorne fre;  
     & he tholit a crone of thorne  
     One his heid be put for scorne,  
     For þat þe heid<sup>3</sup>-sensses suld be     (<sup>3</sup>MS. he had.)  
     Fra mankind tane þat first gef he;  
 285 & gal he tastit, for to bet
- It þat mane tynt tastand þe swet;  
 & nakit one þe croice he wes,  
 Til hele Adamys naktnes;  
 & hangit one þe croice ves he,  
 Of first trespass to mak ws fre."  
 Tyburcyus þane but delay  
 Til his bruthire þis cane<sup>1</sup> say:     (<sup>1</sup>MS. þan.)  
 " Gud bruthire, haf in þe mercy,  
 I pray þe, & me led in hy  
 295 To godis mane, þat I ma be  
     Clene mad, þe angel to se!"  
     His bruthire þane hymre has tane  
     Be þe hand & led til Vrbane;     f. 357 b.  
     þat, baptiste þane, he  
 300 þe angel clerly mycht se,  
     þat vald gif hymre his askin[*g*]e  
     Debonarly but gruchinge.     (<sup>2</sup>MS. beste.)  
     Tyburcius þane, or he fane,  
     & his bruthire Valaryane  
 305 þare faculte, til It mycht leste,  
     Til poure folk disponyt faste,  
     & of þe marteris þe bodyis  
     Sa slane for godis seruice  
     þai enterit ful prywely.

Bot sone he granted to wirk þaire  
To Cristes law so turned he; [will.  
320 So did all halely his menge,  
& all þo men war turned ilkane

310 Almacius þane in (til) hy  
Gert þai brethire til hym bringe  
& sad to þame, as in hethinge:  
“Quharfor haf ge sa mykil cure  
& besynes and laboure  
315 To grawe þame þat for trespass,  
As resone mad, condampnȝt ves?”  
Tyburcius þane but delay  
To þe prefet sadly cane say:  
“Vald god we war seruandis al  
320 To þame (þat) ge dampnyt cal!  
þat has dispysit with clere thocht  
It þat aperis<sup>1</sup> & is nocht . . .”  
þe prefet sad: “þu tel me (¹MS. aperit.)  
Quhat manere þat may be?”  
325 Quod he: “þat semys & is nocht  
Is al þat in þis wORLD is wrocht  
& ledis mane to vanyte  
& til it þat nocht sal be;  
Bot<sup>2</sup> it þat semys nocht to be (²MS. for.)  
330 & is, gif þu ma clerly se,  
Is of richtwise mene þe lyfe,  
& of Il mene be Payne but strife.”  
þe prefet sad: “I trew nocht þis  
þu sais; of þi-self al is.”  
335 & bad þane þat Valaryane  
Befor hymē suld be brocht one-ane,  
& sad hymē: “þo þi bruthire be  
Nocht of parfyte wit, as think me,  
I consal þe for-out mare  
340 þat þu to me mak gud ansuare;  
For it war lyk þai ware wod  
þat refusis bath Joy & gud  
Bot fooley þat maste garnis  
þat is maste fay to Joy & blis. (³MS. fele.)  
345 For-þi is gud ge wylle gu weile,  
Or ge tyne al varldis fele<sup>3</sup>. f. 358 a.

Valaryane sad til hymē þane:  
In froist þat he saw Idil mene  
Playand þame, makand gud chere,  
350 & scorne þame þat wirkand were,  
Bot in tymē of het, quhene þai  
Froyt of þare travale bar away,  
& gret Joy & mery mad,  
þane þai þat Idil bene had,  
355 Mad anoy & ewil chere;  
“Richt sa til ws has hapnyt but were:  
For we thole nov cald & het,  
Ouhile t(b)ryste, quhyle hungire gret,  
Bot sal resawe (syne) til oure med  
360 Ay-lestand Joy, þat is na dred;  
Bot ge, þat warldis glore has now,  
In tymē to cume ful sare sal grew  
& for a schort tymē lestand blis  
In your foly are lyk to mys.”  
365 þane þe prefet ansuert hymē but mare

þat suld haue bene þe breþer bane.  
And sone when saint Ciscill herd tell  
Of all þis fare how it bifell,  
325 Vnto þam ful sone scho soght;  
  
& sad: “be þe pryncis, are  
Vndisconfit of þis varld hale,  
Sal thole, as ge say, lestand bale,  
& ge, þat are content wrechis here,  
330 Sic lestand blis sal bruk but were?”  
Valaryane sad til hymē þane:  
“Le ar na princys, bot smal mene,  
Borne in our tyme, & de sal sone  
& geld resone hou ge haf done.”  
335 þe prefet sad, þat wes fel:  
“In sic spek ganys nocht to duel.  
Mak sacryfice for-out delay  
&, quhar þu lykis, pas þi way!”  
þai brethire þane vnerely  
340 Sad to þe prefet opynly:  
“Lele sacrifice to god we gife,  
& sal do, til we may lif.”  
Quod þe prefet to þame one-ane:  
“Of goure god tel me þe name!”  
345 Valaryane til hymē þane cane say:  
“Certis, his name fynd þu na ma,  
þo þu had wengis for to flee.”  
þe prefet sad: “get thinkis me  
þat Jubiter is nocht þe name  
350 Of god þat suld be I(n) mast fame?”  
Valaryane sad: “Jubitere  
Ves þe name of a murtherere  
& of a kyd houlloure, [oure.]  
þat racht noþire of mensk na hon-  
355 þane ansuert hymē Almachius  
& sad: “gif suth be þu sais ws,  
Al þis wORLD erris bot þu ane  
& þi bruthire, þat has gow<sup>1</sup> tane  
To trew in a god verraly?” (¹MS. gone.)  
400 Valaryane þane sad in hy:  
“It is nocht anerly we twa  
þat a god al-ane cane ta,  
Bot þai are sa feile ma þane we,  
þat þai ma nocht nomeryt be,  
405 þat resawit þis halynes,  
& ay sal eke & be na les.”  
þane gert þe prefet tak þame bath  
& put þame in til pressone rath,  
In gemsale of Maxymy.  
410 þat sad til þame ful felloun(/)y:  
“Le, þat are gunge & fals als,a,  
& bruthire-lufe betwene ḡu twa,  
Me think ge haste ḡu to ded nov  
As til a feste men callit gow!”  
415 Valaryane sad: “gif þat þu  
Wil hicht til ws þat þu sal treu,  
þe Joy þu sal se in þis sted  
Of oure sawlis, as we are ded.”  
þane Maxymyne sad: “fyre me bryne,  
420 Gyf I þat god þane trou nocht ine  
þat ge treu, gyf þat I se

And prestes þedir with hir scho  
    þroght,  
þat baptist þam biliue ilkane,  
To lif in Cristes law allane. (H. price.)  
When þis ilk pri[n]ce<sup>1</sup> Maximius  
330 And his menge war baptist þus  
Saint Ciscill confort þam ful wele  
And bad þam forsake ilka dele  
þaire mawmetri þat þai on trow.  
And unto Jhesu baynly bow; [night  
335 Scho bad þam leue þe werkes of  
And cleft þam in armurs of light.  
Scho said: "ȝowre cours ge haue ful-  
    fild  
Ful worthily, als Jhesus wild"; (H. willd.)  
A grete bataile ouer-cumen haue ȝe:  
40 And þarfore sall ge corond be  
With corons þat Criste sall ȝow gif,  
In lastand blis ay forto lif.  
þarfore beset noght abaist, to take  
Marterdom for Cristes sake!"  
45 þai granted all to do his will  
And his biding forto fulfill;  
Almachius þan, þe cursed king,  
When he herd of þis tibing,  
He cumand þat þai suld ilkane  
50 Mak sacrafise or els be slane.  
And for þai wald noght wirk his will,  
Ful hard paines he put þam till,

þe thinge suth ge sa to me "  
þare Maximyne but ony mare,  
& al þat euire with hym ware,  
25 & þe fel tormentouris alsua,  
Of pape Vrbane cane baptyme ta,  
þat in hydlis come þame til  
& þare request (did) with gud wil.  
& in þe dawinge of þe day  
30 In hye voice cane to þame say:  
"Le, þat are Cristis knychtis mad,  
Puttis fra gou nov but abad  
Vorkis of myrknes, & clethis ȝu  
In armys of licht ine hast nov!"  
35 Almachius þe prefet herd  
How þat her cristine knychtis ferd;  
þane gert he tak þaime rycht sone,  
& synne eftire for-out hone  
He gert leid þame of þe tone  
40 Four myle, one þat condicione:  
Gyf þai to Jubitere rycht þare  
Vald sacryfy but ony mare,  
þai suld ga fre at þare wil,  
& al þar gudis tacht þame til; f. 359  
445 & gif þai gruchit to do sa,

L. of C.

And at þe last with-outen lite (H. heuides)  
All þaire heuiddes<sup>1</sup> he gert of smite.  
355 And when þaire bodis so war schent,  
þaire sawles sone to heuyn went,  
þat men might se with-owten mis  
How angels led þam unto blis.  
And mani folk for þat ilk sight  
360 Turned to Crist and trowed right.  
Maximius, þat gude conuers,  
O mang þam gan þir wordes reherce,  
He said: "I se þaire sawles ilkane  
With angels vnto heuyn be tane  
365 In þaire wenges, þat þai noght fall,  
And like clene uirgins er þai all."  
Almachius þe king herd tell  
Of all þis fare how it bifell,  
And how Maximius had said,  
370 And how his folk war all affraid:  
He cumand smertly on þe morn *fol. 193.*  
To bring Maximius him byforn,  
And grefe turmentes to him he  
wroght,  
Vntill he vnto ded was broght.  
375 His saul was hastily hent to heuyn,  
With more solace þan men may  
neuyn.  
Almachius, þat wikked king,  
When he had done þus al þis thing  
And saw þus þat Ualiraine

þare nekis suld þai strik ine twa.  
þane ware þe brethire one led,  
Til þai come til þe lymmytstede;  
& for þai wald nocht sacryfy,  
450 þai war vnheedit bath in hy.  
þane Maximyne, þat þare was  
Quhene þat ves done in þe place,  
Sad: he saw angelis cume done  
In þe tyme of þare passione,  
455 & þare fawlis vpe in hewine bare  
With þame in to wynly fayre.  
Sone eftire as þis ves done,  
To þe prefet ves tald sone  
þat Maximyne cristine ves mad.  
460 þe quhilc þane but (mar) abad  
Gert mene with lumpis of led  
Dyngi hym, til he ves ded.  
þane Cecile tuk þe bodys thre  
& in a grawe gert þaime lad be,  
465 With sic honoure as scho cuth do  
& as þe tyme askyt to.  
Almacius þane wes besy  
To get þe gudis gredely  
Of þe forсад Valaryane

380 And all þir oþer saintes war slane,  
þarfore he thinkes in his mode  
At geder to him al þaire gude.  
To Valiriane hows first þai haste,  
For he was man of reches maste.  
385 þai come unto Ciscill, his wife,  
Stoutly and with ful grete strife

470 þat til his spouse Cecile had tane,  
& of Tyburcius his bruthire,  
& lewit nocht ane for vthire.  
& sowne wes fundyne þat Cecile  
par gud(x) had to kepe a quhyde.  
475 For-þi hir gert he bryngē hymē til,  
To grype þe gudis in-to wil,  
& as scho brocht ves hymē befor,  
He sad til hire with sturt & schore:  
“Til ydolis þu mak sacryfice  
480 & þame honoure in al wyse,”  
Ore ellis for to thole gret Payne  
& fynaly þare-for be slane.  
bane turmentoris, þo þai vald fenge,  
Word of ned hire til distrenge,  
485 Gret ryght sare, for sa fare a thinge,  
Sa vyse, sa fare, & sa gyngē  
Vald ta þe ded sa wilfully.  
þane sad scho til þame in hy:  
“It is nocht, gungmene, as ge thocht;  
490 For my gouthed here tyne I nocht,  
Bot gifis filth & takis gold fyne,  
& giffis a lacht place of duellinge  
& takis a place of bewte, f. 359 b.  
Sic as ma nocht comprisit be,  
495 & giffis bot a lytil wra.  
A vyd merkat þare-for I ta.  
Richt as mane suld gif gow (1MS. ss.)  
Tene shillings<sup>1</sup> for a penny now,  
I trew þat ge suld haste gū þene  
500 To gife a penny & take tene;  
Sa to god gif we gife ocht  
Of warldly thinge þat he has wrocht,  
He sal gif ws þarefor in med  
Ane hundre tyme sa fele, but dred.”  
505 Sad scho þane: “trew ge þis?”  
Ia, sad þai, sa hafe we blis,  
We trew þat Criste is god verray  
þat sic a seruand has þis day.”  
þay of a wil euirikane  
510 Gert bryngē þe bischope ald Urbane:  
Of quahame richt þane baptyme cane ta  
Four hundre personis & ma.  
Almachius gert hire til hymē bring  
& sad hire, as with symlynge,  
515 He sad: “of quahat condicione is þu?”  
Scho sad: “gentil-womane, I trew.”  
Almachius sad (hir) syne tyte: (2 MS. þat.)  
“I spere, womane, of þi<sup>2</sup> ryte.”  
Cecile sad hymē: “þine askin(g)e  
520 Of foly takis begynnynge, (3MS. ansgerc.)  
Venand I suld answer(is)<sup>3</sup> twa

And bad hir lay furth þe reches  
þat war hir maysters, more & les,  
“For als traitur to dede he gode” (1H. omits.)  
390 And þe<sup>1</sup> king soll haue all his gude.”  
Saint Ciscil gan grete mornig mak;  
And so unto þa men scho spak  
þat all þai turned þam unto Crist.

Vndir a demand þe to ma.”  
Almacius sad til hire bone:  
“Quhene has þu sic presumpcionē  
525 Of redy ansuere til a mane?”  
& Cecile sad til hymē þane:  
“Of conscience gud & clere  
& fath vnfenget, but were.” (1MS. A.)  
Almacius sad hire one hicht: [mycht.]  
530 “Me think þu knawis nocht my  
Scho sad: “gis, I cane wele fynd  
þi poweste lik a bose, of wynd  
þat fillit ware & with a prene  
Mocht out be latine for-out wene (2 Metc., seag  
535 & feige (?)<sup>2</sup> and to-giddire fal  
& tyne þe vowsty<sup>3</sup> blawing al.”  
The word is i  
legible in the  
MS.)  
Almacius cane til hire say:  
“With iniure<sup>4</sup> þu begynnis ay  
& in It syne perseueris;  
540 Quhat is he þat þe þis leris?”  
Quod scho: “iniure is it nocht  
Bot fraud in word be thocht;  
þar-for, gif I do wrang, me teche,  
Or with fals wordis I þe fleche,  
545 Or<sup>5</sup> blame þi-selfe þat me blamys  
& of fraud me defamys.  
Bot we, þe haly name þat wat  
Of god, ma nyt it na-gat,  
& bettire is de happily  
550 Na for to lif here<sup>6</sup> wretchedly.” (6MS. dehire  
Almacius sad in þat tyde:  
“Quhy spekis þu with sic pryd?”  
“Na, quod scho, pryd is It nocht,  
Bot It is stedfastnes of thocht.”  
555 Almacius þane til hire cane say:  
“þu wreche, wat þu nocht I may,  
Gif me lykis, now sa þe,  
Or, gif me lykis, lat þe be?  
For sic poweste is tacht me til  
560 þat I ma do quahat-say I wil.”  
þane sad scho: “I ma prewe wele  
þat þu has leyt Ilke deile  
Agane opyne suthfastnes;  
For, þo þu of poware wes  
565 þe lyf to tak<sup>8</sup> of ony mane,  
Of powere wes þu neuir get þane  
To quhykine mane þat ded had bene;  
For-þi is þu seruand but wene  
Of doulful ded & nocht of lyfe,  
570 & nocht of quyet, bot of stryfe.”  
Almacius cane til hire say:  
“þat wedand wodnes do away  
& sacryfy oure godis til,

f. 360 a.

(3MS. bousty  
(4MS. inwy.)

(5MS. &.)

(6MS. giffis.)

(7MS. mak.)

- And in his name þai war baptist,  
 395 þai forsoke all þaire maumetry  
 And trowed in Jhesu almighty;  
 Him þai wirschiþt als þe wise  
 And lifed and died in his seruise.  
 Bot when Almachius herd of *yit*,  
 400 Wode he was, out of his wit. (<sup>1</sup>H. þit?)  
 He bad þat Ciscill suld be soght  
 And hastili<sup>2</sup> bifor him broght; (<sup>2</sup>H. hastily)  
 And al hir howsing cumand he  
 þat it with fire all brint suld be.  
 405 Bot first he frained with eger mode,  
 Whare was all Valirian gude.  
 And scho said þat scho gan it take  
 Vnto pouer men for goddes sake.  
 At þa wordes was he full tene  
 410 And bad all suld be brint bidene  
 Hows and catell, more and min,  
 And als hir-self he bad þam brin.  
 And sone, to fulfill his desire,  
 Al hir place þai set in fire;  
 415 Hir-self in mides gert þai stand,  
 And all obout þe fire brinand.  
 Bot all þat [*t*]here<sup>3</sup> to hir was sene  
 Als scho in ane erber had bene (<sup>8</sup>H. here.)  
 Clene and faire with flores bright.  
 420 So stode scho a day and night,  
 Prayand to god wit hert ful hale.  
 And when Almachius herd þis tale,
- He biddes þam þat broght þe tijandes  
 Smite hir hede of, þar scho standes.  
 425 His slaughter-man to Ciscill went  
 Whare scho stode in gude entent;  
 To god hir prayers gan scho make  
 And bed hir nec furth till þe strake.  
 þe custum was in þat cuntry  
 430 þat none suld strike bot strakes thre.  
 And when he had thre strakes hit,  
 Lit was hir hals noght sunder kit, (<sup>1</sup>H. sun.)  
 Hale war sum<sup>1</sup> of sins and uaines.  
 And so he left hir in grete paines —  
 435 For þe lau was, als I said are,  
 He suld gif thre strakes & nomare.  
 So opon hir knese scho sat,  
 Lifand thre daies after þat.  
 And maidens þat had with hir bene  
 440 Come unto hir albidene,  
 And al þa daise scho sesed noght  
 To confurt þam so als scho moght.  
 Efter þe pape Urban scho sent  
 And talde unto him hir entent:  
 445 "Sir, scho said, god has gifen me  
 In þis liue þir daies thre,  
 Als I him praied, and by þis scill:  
 þat I might tell to þe my will.  
 All my maidens to þe I gif,  
 450 To geme þam wele, ay whils þ[*a*]i<sup>2</sup> lif,  
 And teche þam wiseli forto wirk; (<sup>2</sup>H. þi.)

- Gyf to luf langere, be þi wil!"  
 575 Sad Cecile þane, or scho stynt:  
 "It semys þu has þine eyne tynt;  
 For, þat þu godis cane cal,  
 Ar bot stanis & stokis al,  
 As þu ma with þi handis taste,  
 580 þo þu ma nocht se a laste."  
 þane ves Almacius rycht wa  
 þat scho sic ansuere cane til hymē ma,  
 & gert mene til hire inē<sup>1</sup> hire led, (<sup>1</sup>MS. me.)  
 For he wald (þat) scho war dede;  
 585 & al a day & al þe nycht  
 He gert leid meeble in mevis sycȝt,  
 & band hire faste fut & hand  
 & kest hire in þe led brynnande. f. 360 b.  
 Bot of het scho feld nomare  
 590 þane scho in a bath set þane vare,  
 For ocht þat scho cane se or here  
 Na changit contenance na chere,  
 Bot ves blyth, as scho had bene  
 In maste mycht þat euir wes sene.  
 595 And as Almacius þat herde,  
 As out of wit<sup>2</sup> nere he ferde; (<sup>2</sup>MS. wet.)

- Ine-to þat leid, þat brynnyt swa,  
 He bad strik hire nek ine twa. (<sup>1</sup>MS. he.)  
 & þo þe<sup>1</sup> basar strak hire thrise,  
 600 He mocht vnhied hire na-wyse;  
 &, for þe law bad, þat, quha  
 Suld haf þe hed strikine hymē fra,  
 þe ferd strak suld haf na-way,  
 For-þi þe basare ged his way  
 605 & lefyd hire lyand in þat sted,  
 Thre days fullely, as nere ded.  
 & in þe meyne-tyme nocht-for-thy  
 Scho delt hire gudis vysly  
 Ymange powre folk þat had ned,  
 610 & til vntrowand godis sede  
 Sew & to god wysly wane  
 Thru hire prechinge mony mane,  
 & þame þat scho conuertit swa,  
 Fra Wrbanē scho gert baptyme ta,  
 615 & sad hymē þat scho had mad purchas  
 To god þat scho mycht luf þe space  
 þat scho mycht þaime til hymē com-  
 þat to be baptist scho hymē send, [mend  
 & of hire house of lyme & stane

- And in mi name þou mak a kirk (<sup>1H.</sup> eyuyn.)  
 þat mi maidens may dwell *in* euyn<sup>1</sup>  
 And serue god with will and steuyn."  
 455 When þis was said, ful sone *in* haste  
 Vnto god scho gaf þe gaste.  
 And þe bischop, when scho was dede,
- Beried hir in þat same stede  
 And made a kirk of ful grete spens  
 460 In wirschip and in grete reuerence  
 Of Jhesu Crist, oure sawiowre<sup>1</sup>  
 Vnto wham be euer honore! (<sup>1H.</sup> sawiowire)  
 Amen.      Amen.      Amen.
- 620 Gert mak a kirk, of sancte Vrbane  
 Halouyt, & eftire lad hire þare [are.  
 Quhare nov fele bischopis grawyne  
 & þis, þat I tel here, done wes  
 Eftire þat Criste had tane flesch  
 625 Twa hundre thre & thretty gere;  
 & þane wes emperoure but were  
 Marcyus, þat Arelyane
- Had þane til his surname.—  
 Now, sancte Cecile, þat had sic grace  
 630 þat, quhat þu wald, þu mycht purches  
 Fra Jhesu, þat þu lufit swa:  
 Purches ws, ore we hyne ga,  
 Of þis varld þat we ma twyne  
 But schame, det or dedly syne

## VII.

### NOTES.

i. Chaucer's well-known Life of St. Cecilia (The Second Nonnes Tale), begins with a Prologue of twelve stanzas, the first four stanzas of which are taken from Jehan de Vignay's Introduction to his translation of Jacobus a Voragine's Legenda Aurea. Caxton's English version of De Vignay has this prologue in free translation. Bokenam enlarges this to 75 lines.

ii. *sauter*: The book of Psalms, frequently found in distinct volumes prepared for the devotional use of both Jewish and Christian churches.

io. *stilliche song*: Chaucer's lines at this point are:

‘And whyl the organs maden melodye,  
To god alone in herte thus sang she; 135.

De Vignay says: ‘et quant les instrumens chantoient elle chantoit a nostre seigneur en son cuer.’

Caxton: ‘and she heeryng the organes making melodye she sang in hir herte onelye tu god.’

Ælfric: ‘þa betwux þam sangum, and þam singalum dreamum  
sang cecilia symle þus gode . . . . .  
and sang smyle swa;’ 27.

Bokenam: ‘Whyl þe orgons sunge in her melodyous guyse,  
Cycyle to god song in thys wyse;’ 98.

The M. H. G. version, (Fürstenburg Bibl. f. 47-96), *ed.* Schönbach:

‘ir vasten vnde ir weinon  
vor gotte so grose kraft hatte  
daz si die engel steteklich zv ir latte.  
ir gebet in gottes oren drang,  
also ein suzes orgenen sanch.’

12. Psalm CXIX. 80.

37. *þre mile henne*; Here were the catacombs of Calixtus and Prætextatus on the Appian way, used by the early Christians as meeting places for worship. These became also their hiding places in times of oppression. Chaucer has mistranslated this,

‘Goth forth to Via Apia. . . .  
That fro this toun ne stant but myles three.’ 173.

47. *as me cristene men þreu*: This was *outside* the city wall.

48. *ware me eny ikneu*: ‘Wherever they (the emperor's servants,) knew of any (Christian men);’ *ikneu*: pt. sg. from OE. *gecnēow*.

52. ‘Is this the cruel tyrant, Valerian, who calls me?’

55. *old mon*: Bokenam says; ‘A man . . . fer runnyn in age,’ 231. Barbour: ‘a gungman,’ 107.

61-2. Eph. IV. 5-6.

85. Tib. 237-8, *he went up euyn*: cf. the modern expression ‘with equal wing’; nicely poised, well balanced.

89. *his tyme of þe ȝere*: The scribe is perhaps thinking of Cecilia's birthday, Nov. 22, for Barbour goes farther to say:

‘of Nouember in þe moneth  
quhene flouris haldine ar vndirneth.’ 172.

120-21. *fleme & ihud*: This is the common impression about Urban. Ælfric: ‘Se is geutlagod and lið him on digelan for his cristen-dome.’ 132.

De Vignay: 'Dis tu de celuy vrbain qui tant de fois a este condamne, & demeure encore en vng lieu secret.' The Chaucerian ring is in the following: 2nd N. T. 309-13.

. . . 'Urban  
That is so ofte dampned to be deed,  
And woneth in halkes alwey to and fro,  
And dar nat ones putte forth his heed;  
Men sholde him brennen in a fyr so reed  
If he were found, or that men might him spye;'

137. *þe Justice*: The Southern versions generally, do not mention the name of this justice or governor. Alfred and Ælfric mention him as Almacheus or Almachius, Bokenam and Chaucer as Almache. DeVignay and Caxton give him the title of prevost, while Tib. refers to him as 'þe cursed king' 347, 367, 377.

145-8. 'They (the Christians) rejected the thing that was naught although it had a fair appearance, and accepted that which was cast out, and had no fair appearance. For, though the world's happiness has a fair exterior, in truth it is (worth) naught, and though the joy of Heaven seems little, it is, in truth, much.' cf. MS. Gg. II. 6. 325-332.

149. *þe Justices seden*: Plural; otherwise the text refers to one Justice.

151-154. 'In winter, said Valerian, loafers sit and drink and laugh to scorn the tillers of the soil who busy themselves about future store; in harvest, when they (the toilers) may gather fair grain, they (the loafers) are obliged to go up and down in discomfort, for they have not even a furrow (of grain).' cf. MS. Gg. II. 6. 347-356.

163. *queþe þis gode men*: *þis* appears here and in l. 171 as the plural demonstrative.

165. *Maxime, þe gailer*: Chaucer calls him 'corniculere,' which term he derived from the 'cubiculario' of Surius, Vita S. Cæciliæ, XIX. (See Kölbing, Eng. Stud. I. 215). Bokenam also says 'cornyculer' 614. The early legends call him simply 'jailer' except Tib. which says 'þis ilk prince Maximus', 329.

169-70. Tib. 335-6, *armurs of light*: Rom. XIII. 12.

171. *maumet*: Chaucer, Bokenam, and Barbour, Caxton, and De Vignay, specify that it is Jupiter who is the object of Almachius' idolatry.

184. *þi wite heu*: 'thy white countenance,' referring probably to her beauty and gentle breeding, not to palor occasioned by fear.

194. *bleddore*: This is a favorite metaphor at this point from Ælfric to Chaucer. The former says:

'Ælces mannes miht þe on modignysse færð.  
is soðlice þam gelíc swilce man siwige  
ane bytte, and blawe hí fulle windes  
and wyrce siððan an þyrl þonne heo toþunden bið  
on hire greatnysse þonne togæð seo miht.' 319.

Chaucer, 2nd N. T: ll. 337-341.

'Your might' quod she, 'ful litel is to drede;  
For every mortal mannes power nis  
But lyk a bladdre, ful of wind, y-wis.  
For with a nedles poynt, whan it is blowe  
May al the boost of it be leyd ful lowe.'

The M. H. D. version gives it as follows: ll. 1589-96.

'da ist din gewalt anders niht getan  
Wan als ein blater, du vast ist geblan:  
vnde als shiere ir kraft zerbrichet,  
so mat mit einer kleiner nadelon dar in stichet,  
als shiere ist och din gewalt ȝergan gen  
den dv von dinen herren hest enphangen.'

223. *a þis song þing*: 'that this young thing!' a s written þat in Laud and Cmb. R. 3. 25. See Mætzner, Eng. Sprachpr., at, (rel.)

239-245. These lines are omitted in MS. Cmb. R. 3. 25.

242. The MS. form *muste* and the impersonal *me* make this the most ambiguous line of the text. The meaning is most apparent in the Bodleian version: 'for whoso knew (by observation or experience,) of no suffering, there might see it.'

247. *mony good mon*: Laud 108, avoids this expression by the use of 'many a.'

252. *Vþe is þoer*: 'over her (body), his power should be done,' i. e. masses should be said.

257. Ælfric does not mention the year of St. Cecilia's death. Caxton says: 'She suffred hir passyon about the yere of our lord two hundred and xxiii in the tyme of Alexaunder the emperour and it is redde in another place that she suffred in the tyme of marcii aurelii which reyngned abouthe the yere of our lord two hondred and twenty.' Jehan De Vignay says: 'Et elle souffrit mort enuiron l'an de nostre seigneur deux cens XXIII au temps de Alexandre empereur. Et on lit ailleurs qu'elle souffrit au temps de marc aurelien qui fut empereur enuiron l'an de nostre seigneur Sept cens et vingt.' Legenda Aurea mentions the date c. A. D. CCXX. Chaucer omits the allusion altogether, while Osbern Bokenam writes,

‘I say þat martyred was Cycyle þe holy uirgyne  
The yere of grace, treuly to ternyne,  
Two hundyrd twenty & eek three—  
Legenda aurea thus techyth me—  
The tende kalende euene of Decembre;  
Wych tym regnyth, as he doth remembre,  
Alexaundyr of Rome þe emperour.—’

Skeat, *Notes to Cant. Tales*, p. 414, suggests that because Alexander's full name was Marcus Aurelius Alexander Severus, the reason for confusion of this name with that of the earlier Marcus Aurelius becomes apparent.

## VIII.

### GLOSSARIES.

[The character *þ* follows *t*; *u* and *v* are only discriminated as vowel and consonant. Semicolons are used to separate different groups of meanings, and among the word-citations to separate different case and tense groups. When the designations of mood and tense are omitted, 'ind. pres.' is to be understood; when of mood only, supply 'ind.' if no other has immediately preceded, otherwise the latter. The numbers refer to the line in the version under consideration. The asterisk before a verb indicates a suppositional infinitive which is constructed according to analogous forms found in the version. Letters which are variable in their occurrence in a word are included in parentheses, letters inserted or changed by emendation are italicized and enclosed by brackets. Parallel or related forms in early and modern languages are set off by brackets.]

#### MS. ASHMOLE 43.

##### A

**a**, indef. art., *a*: 5, 16, 54, 55, 56, 154, 160, 188, 194, 195, 196, 201, 218, 219, 220, 227, 239, 246, 250.  
**abide**, sv., intrans., *wait, stay, remain*: inf. 133.  
**aboute**, adv., *around, on every side*: 88, 134, 152, 243.  
**ac**, conj., *but*: 25, 37, 75, 97, 134, 172, 202, 210, 226.  
**adoun**, adv., *down*: 49, 57, 253; *adon*, 184.  
**after**, prep. w. dat., *according to; following in the succession of time*: 30, 48, 65, 253, 258.  
**agen**, adv., *again*: 67, 131.  
**agen**, prep. w. dat., *against*: 24, 141, 160.  
**al**, adj., *all that is possible; everything; every one*: ns. *alle*, 166; ds. *al*, 89, 229, *alle*, 252; as. *al*, 24; used *absolutely*, ds. *alle*, 62; as. *al*, 30, 255. ap. *alle*, 248.  
**al**, adv., *wholly, entirely*: 195, 219.  
**alas**, interj., *alas*: 223.  
**\*aligt(e)**, vv., intrans., *come down, descend*: pt. 3 sg. *aligte*, 55; pp. *aligt*, 258.

**also**, adv., *likewise, in addition*: 20, 91, 116, 118, 121, 196, 256.  
**alyue**, adj., *alive, in the living state*: as. *alyue*, 241.  
**amidde**, adv., *into the middle of*: 219.  
**among**, prep. w. dat., *surrounded by*: 47.  
**\*awak(e)**, vv., trans., *awake*: pp. 102.  
**amorwe**, adv., *on the morrow*: 171.  
**an**, indef. art., *an*: 20, 31, 46, 69, 126, 174, 219, 239.  
**an**, conj., *and*: 125; &, (101 times).  
**an**, prep. w. dat., *in*: 70.  
**angel**, sb., *angel, divine messenger*: ns. 20, 69, 83, 85, 105; as. *angel*, 28, 33, 42, 131; np. *angles*, 174, 176.  
**anon**, adv., *soon, forthwith*: 37, 43, 45, 49, 66, 113, 131, 136, 162, 164, 175, 177, 180.  
**anygt**, adv., *in the night time, by night*: 13.  
**apie**, pr. n., *Appia*: gs. 37.  
**arigt**, adv., *in a right way, justly*: 106.  
**\*arys(e)**, sv., intrans., *arise*: pt. 3 sg. *aros*, 43.

*as*, adv., *in such wise; in the manner as, like; when*; w. adv. of place. *where* 3, 13, 17, 26, 43, 46, 47, 54, 72, 82, 88, 90, 97, 98, 118, 139, 188, 194, 216, 217.

*at*, prep. w. dat., *at, expressing time and place*: 1, 84.

*atenende*, contr. form; prep. w. dat. sb., *at the end, at last*: 155.

[OE. æt ðām ende].

*atom*, contr. form; prep. w. dat. sb., *at home*: 133.

*awei*, adv., *away*: 195.

*aworþ*, ppl. adj., *cast away, degraded*: as. 146.

*auonge*, sv., trans., *receive*: inf. 125, 227.

## B

*baptise*, wv. trans., *baptise*: inf. 41, 248; pp. *baptise*, 3.

*baptisinge*, sb., *baptism*: ns. 61.

*be*, sv., intrans., *be, exist*: 1 sg. am, 192, 209, contr. form, *icham*, 19, 93, 94, 175; 2 sg., art, 116, 204, 205, contr. form, *artou*, 183, 185; 3 sg. *be*, 64, is, 20, 52, 61, 62, 77, 93, 99, 100, 109, 115, 119, 125, 126, 148, 150, 201, 205, 213, 215, 255; contr. form, *nys.* = *ne+is*, 64, 111, 194. 1 pl., *beþ*, 158; 3 pl., *beþ* 62, 76, 108, 182, 211; pt. 3 sg., *was*, 11, 53, 133, 145, 230<sup>2</sup>, 236, 239, 244, 246, 257, 258, *nas*, 145, opt. pt. 3 sg., *were* 82, 88, 91, 120, 124, 217, 228, 234, *nere*, 123; 2 sg. *were*, 96; 1 pl., *were*, 121, 143; 3 pl., *were*, 134, 141; imp. 2 sg. *beþ*, 225; opt. pr. 2 sg., *be*, 160, 213; 3 sg. *be*, 241. aux. *be*, 12<sup>2</sup>, 34, 51, 114, 118; art, 159; *beþ*, 102; *were*, 48, 137, 139, 142, 170, 171, 186, 252; *was*, 1, 5, 13, 181, 221; inf., *be*, 126<sup>2</sup>, 138, 157, 191, 206; pp. *ibe*, 67, 101, 119, 120, 144.

*bedde*, sb., *bed*: ds. *bedde*, 13.

*beggare*, sb., *beggar*: ns. 160.

*belamy*, sb., *bel ami*, *conventional form of address*: vs. *belamy*, 161; vp. *belamys*, 149.

*bleue*, wv. trans., *leave*: inf. 241.

*best*, sb., *beast, ferocious animal*: ns. 112.

\**ber(e)*, sv., trans., *to bear, carry, bring into being*: pt. 3 sg. *ber*, 56; 3 pl., *bere*, 174; pp. *ibore*, 1.

*bi*, prep. m. dat., *beside of; in accordance with; to; in*: 69, 114, 167, 183, 203, 237; by, 21.

*bicom(e)*, sv., trans., *come to be, used with reference to the locality of a person to go, become of*: pt. 3 sg. *bicom*, 65, 85; 3 pl. *bicom*, 166, 232; inf. *bicom*, 116, *bicom*, 130.

\**bid(de)*, sv., trans., *pray, entreat; say, utter, express; command*: 2 sg. *bist*, 80; 1 pl. *bidde*, 259; pt. 3 sg., *bed.*, 4, 59, 249, 254; *bad*, 44.

\**bihald*, sv., trans., *behold, look*: pt. 3 sg., *bihuld*, 65, 88.

*bi-hinde*, adv., *behind*: 193.

\**bihot(e)*, sv., trans., *command*: 1 sg. *bihote*, 18; pp. *bihote*, 132.

\**bi-hou(e)*, wv., trans., *behave, befit, is due to*: 3 sg. *bi-houeþ*, 104.

*bileue*, sb., *belief, faith*: ns. 61; ds. *bileue*, 115; as. *bileue* 130.

*bileue*, wv., trans., *believe*: pt. 3 sg. *bileuede*, 235; 3 pl. *bileuede*, 145; inf., 32, 34, 98, 106.

*bileue*, wv., trans., *lighten, fill with light*: inf. 169.

\**bind(e)*, sv. trans., *bind, fasten, tie up*: pp. *ibounde*, 178.

*biscop*, sb., *bishop*: ds. *biscop*, 117, 129, 248.

\**bisech(e)*, sv., *ask; entreat*: 1 sg. *biseche*, 127; pp. *bisogt*, 14.

*bi-uore*, prep. w. dat., *in the presence of*: 137; *byuore*, 181.

*bleddore*, sb., *bladder*: ns. 194.

*blisse*, sb., *perfect joy, blessedness*: ns. 148; ds. *blisse*, 155.

\**blow(e)*, wv. trans., *blow, fill*: pp. *iblowe*, 194.

*blynd*, adj. *blind (spiritually)*: ns. 210, 213, 216.

*bodi*, sb., *body, the material frame*: ds. *bodi*, 73; as. *bodi*, 179, 251.

*boke*, sb., *book*: ds. *boke*, 72.

*bold*, adj. *confident, daring, strong*: ns. 160.

*bone*, sb., *prayer, petition*: ds. *bone*, 97; as. *bone*, 80.

bote, conj., *but, except, unless*: 96, 108, 123, 184, 194, 213.

boþe, adj., standing in attributive relation to a plural pron., *both*: np. boþe 84; ap. both, 173; ap. boþe, 42.

brigstare, adj., comp. of brigst; brighter: ns. 70.

bringe, sv., trans. bring: 2 sg. bringest, 163; inf. 162, 260; pp. ibrog, 13, 74, 94, 120, 137, 142, 170, 171, 184, 193, 208, 222, 234, 236.

broþer, sb., brother: ns. 82, 114, 115, 116, 129; ds. 87; vs. 89, 95, 99, 107, 127; np. breþeren, 134.

burie, wv., trans., bury, inter: pt. 3 sg. burede, 180; 3 pl., burede, 139; inf., 136, 251.

burles, sb., place of burial, tomb: dp. burles, 47.

busemar, sb., mockery, contumely: ds. busemar, 152.

bygynne, sv., trans., begin: inf. 250.

by-nyme, sv., trans., take, rob: pt. 2 sg. by-name, 22; inf. 23.

## C

\*can, pot. aux., can: 118.

caste, wv. trans., cast, throw: pt. 3 pl. caste, 179, 229; inf. 76, 219.

caroine, sb., carrion, carcase: ns. 196, 201.

Cecile, pr. n., Cecilia: ns. 132, 133, 179, cicile, 50, 53; cecili, 209; ds. cicile, 71; as. cecile, 69; cecilie, 79; Seyn Cecile, ns. 1, 113, 167, 209; ds. 67.

certes, adv., certainly: 158, 162, 200.

chambre, sb., chamber, apartment: ds. chambre, 87, 132; as. chambre, 68.

chast, adj., pure, undefiled: ds. 73.

chirche, sb., church: as. chirche, 250.

clannesse, sb., cleanliness: ds. clanness, 30.

clene, adj., undefiled, chaste: ds. clene, 25, 73, 115; np. clene, 86.

clepe, wv. trans., call, designate: 3 sg. clepeþ, 52. inf. 192.

cler, adj., full, bright: ds. 170.

cloþes, pl. sb., clothes: ap. 7.

\*com, sv., intrans., come: 3 sg. come, 2; com, 191; comeþ, 198; pt. 3 sg. com. 46, 49, 55, 87, 131, 167, 260: 3 pl. come, 140. pp. icome, 185.

conseil, sb., counsel: ns. 17; as. conseil, 41.

corn, sb., corn, grain: as. (coll.) corn, 153.

cradel, sb., cradle, the symbol of infancy: ds. cradel. 2.

creature, sb., creature: ns. 223.

crie, wv., trans., cry, call: inf. 38.

crist, sb. Christ: (see ihesu crist and lord.)

christendom, sb., Christianity: as. cristendom, 50, 66.

christene, sb., a believer in Christ: ns. 175; np. cristene, 166, 232. (used without the article).

cristene, adj., Christian: ns. 130; np. cristene, 47; dp. cristene, 254.

cristeneman, sb., Christian: ns. 82, ap. cristenmen, 135.

\*confound, wv., trans., confound, discomfit: pp. confounded, 12.

\*cuss(e), wv., trans., kiss: pt. 3 sg. custe, 113.

\*cuþ(e) wv. trans., make known, show: 2 pl. cuþeþ. 168.

## D

dame, sb., a form of address applied to a woman of rank: vs. dame, 198, 207.

day, sb., day, (period of 24 hours); in compo. ibrog of dawe, deprived of life, slain: ds. day, 253; daie, 237; dp. dawe, 142; as. (in adv. phr. good day), 254.

ded, ppl. adj., dead: ns. 244.

deie, wv., intrans., die: inf. 78, 216, 224.

\*del(e), wv., trans., divide, share: pt. 3 sg. delede, 245.

deol, sb., grief, mourning: ds. deol, 242.

dere, adv., dearly, at great cost: 236.

derkhede, sb., darkness: as. derkhede, 169.

deþ, sb., *death*: ns. 205, 230, 236; gs. deþes, 204, 205; ds. deþ, 206, 233, deþe, 162, 208, 234; as. deþ, 199, 201, 203.  
**do**, sv., trans., *do; make, perform*: 1 pl. doþ, 98; 2 pl. doþ, 168; pt. 3 sg. dude, 240; opt. pr. 2 sg. do, 184; imp. 2 sg. do, 208; doþ, 162; aux., do, 90, 92; dest, 63, 79, 184; doþ, 26, 74, 184; inf. 30, 112, 114, 118, 164, 172, don, 137; pp. i-do, 19, 103, 252, 255.  
**doun**, adv., *down*: 154.  
**dredē**, sb., *mortal fear, awe*: ds. dredē, 57.  
**\*drink**, sv., trans., *drink, imbibe*: 3 pl. drinkeþ, 151.

**E**

**eche**, ind. pron., *each*: ds. eche, 62. as. ech, 26.  
**eie**, sb., *eye*: ds. eie, 199, 215.  
**eiþer**, pron., *either, each*: ns. 86.  
**eke**, adv., *also*: 157, 210.  
**emperour**, sb., *emperor*: gs. emperours, 138, 140.  
**ende**, sb., *termination, conclusion; mode of death, fate*: ds. ende, 206, 227; as. ende, 189. ds. (contr. form), atenende, 155.  
**enes**, adv., *once*: 190, 246.  
**eny**, adj., *any*: ns. 54, 70, 112; ds. eny, 124.  
**er**, adv., *before, formerly*: 53, 103; ar. 2.  
**erþetilie**, sb., *tiller of the soil*: ap. erþetilien, 152.  
**esce**, wv., trans., *ask, seek*: 2 sg. axst, 188; inf. 50.  
**euer**, adv., *ever*: 75, 101, 186.

**F**

**fader**, sb., *father*: ns. 62.  
**fei**, sb., *faith*: ds. fei, 183.  
**figte**, sv., trans., *fight*: imp. 2 pl. figteþ, 169; inf. 24.  
**\*find(e)**, sv., trans., *find*: 1 pl. fi[n]d-  
eþ, 3, 72. pt. 3 sg. vond, 68, uond,  
69; inf. vynde, 38.  
**\*flem(e)**, wv., trans., *put to flight*: pp.  
fleme, 120.

**floure**, sb., *flower*: np. floures, 76; dp. floures, 96.  
**fo**, sb., *foe*: ap. fon, 138.  
**fol**, sb., *fool*; ns. 124, 126, 188, 228; as. fol, 192.  
**fole**, adj., *foolish*: ns. 14; as. fole, 130.  
**folie**, sb., *folly*: ds. folie, 14, 31.  
**folliche**, adv., *foolishly*: 185.  
**fot**, sb., *foot*: dp. fet. 49.  
**four**, card. num., *four*: np. four, 232.  
**fram**, prep. w. dat., *from*: 2, 26, 35, 55, 190.  
**frende**, sb., *friend*: gp. frendes, 5.  
**fur**, sb., *fire*: ds. fure, 224; as. fur, 218.

**G**

**gailer**, sb., *jailer*: ns. 165.  
**gare**, adv., *long ago*: 120.  
**ȝe**, adv., *yea, yes*: 104.  
**\*gelp**, sv., trans., *boast*: 2 sg. gelpest, 197.  
**ȝe[m]e**, wv., trans., *take care of, guard, protect*: inf. 26.  
**ȝer**, sb., *year*: ns. 257; ds. gere, 89.  
**gerlan**, sb., *garland, wreath*: ap. gerlans, 8, 70, 95.  
**gerne**, adv., *willingly, eagerly*: 4, 119.  
**ȝeue**, sv., trans., *give*: pt. 3 sg. gaf, 66, ȝef, 43; inf. 83, 199, 201, 202, 203, 224; giue, 188; pp. ȝeue, 105, 221.  
**gidi**, adj., *giddy, foolish*: ns. 209, 210, 214, 215, 216.  
**ȝif**, conj., *if*: 21, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35, 98, 106, 120, 121, 123, 212<sup>2</sup>, 214.  
**\*gin**, aux. sv., *begin; used as a pret- erit intensive*: gan, 58, 167, 178, 238; gon, 179.  
**go(n)**, sv., intrans., *go*; in comp., “hou geþ þis?” *what means this*: 3 sg. geþ, 89, 182, 198; pt. 3 sg., eode, 175, 243; inf. go, 37, 55, 117, 154, gon, 40, 132, 135, 179. [Mn. Ger., wie geht es?]  
**god**, pr. n., *God, the supreme being; god, idol*: ns. 62, 228, 239; gs. godes, 231; ds. god, 10, 160, 246; dp. godes, 208; ap. godes, 211.

godhede, sb., *deity*: ds. godhede, 207.  
 golde, sb., *gold*: ds. golde, 8.  
 gong, adj., *young*: ns. 223, gonge, 226; as. gonge, 224.  
 good, sb., *property, possessions*: dp. good, 245.  
 good, adj., *good*: ds. good, 25, 115, gode, 128; as. gode, 69; np. gode, 163, 171; gp. gode, 176; ap. gode, 139, good, 247; compar. better: ns. bet, 64; ds. betere, 186.  
 grace, sb., *the love and favor of God*: ns. 246; ds. grace, 231; as. grace, 83.  
 grante, wv., trans., *grant, permit; bestow*: opt. 2 sg. grante, 16; inf. 80.  
 grede, sv., intrans., *cry out*: pt. 3 sg. gradde, 222; inf. 167.  
 grepe, sb., *furrow*: as. grepe, 154.  
 gret, adj., *great, large in amount*: ds. gret, 6; as. gret, 36, 218.  
 gulteles, adj., *guiltless, innocent*: as. gulteles, 240.  
 gut, adv., *yet, still*: 182.

**H**

habbe, wv., trans., *have*: 1 sg. ichabbe, 255; 2 sg. hast, 15, 24, 97, nastou, 204; 3 sg. habbe, 147; 1 pl. habbeþ, 95; 3 pl. nabbeþ, 154; pt. 3 sg. hadde, 145, nadde, 146; imp. 2 sg. haue, 128; aux., 1 sg. habbe, 74; 2 sg. hast, 29, 103, 111; 3 sg. habbe, 53, haþ, 105, 119, 120; 1 pl. habbeþ, 101; pt. 3 sg. hadde, 14, 67, 132; inf. 144, 150, 254.  
 \*hald(e), wv., trans., *hold one's own, keep up, avail*: pr. 2 sg. halt, 24.  
 half, adv., *half*: 238, 241, 243, 244<sup>2</sup>.  
 halwe, sb., *holy one*: ns. 59.  
 halwy, wv., trans., *hallow*: inf. 250.  
 hamward, adv., *homeward*: 238.  
 harde, adv., *hard, severely, sorely*: 23.  
 hardi, adj., *bold, daring in a bad sense*: ns. 191; ap. hardi, 138.  
 he, per. pron., *he*: ns. (56 times); gs. his, 69, 116, 166, is, 49, 87, 130, 235,

252, 258; ds. him, 24, 40, 41, 43, 49, 59, 66, 83, 121, 228, 241; as. him, 28, 32, 45, 50, 53, 57, 58<sup>2</sup>, 59, 66, 110, 113, 130, 132, 177<sup>2</sup>, 249; np. hi, 39, 48, 75, 135, 137<sup>2</sup>, 139, 145, 152, 153, 154<sup>2</sup>, 172, 179, 222, 223, 238; gp. hor. 9<sup>2</sup>, 76, 86, 144, 173, 174; dp. hem, 166, þem, 97; ap. hem (12 times).  
 hede, sb., *-hood*: as. hede, 168.  
 hei, adj. used as sb., *a high place*: ds. hei, 174.  
 heie, adv., *to a high degree, greatly*: 200.  
 helle, sb., *hell*: gs. helle, 216; ds. helle, 35, 156.  
 helpe, wv. trans., *help*: inf. 110.  
 henne, adv., *hence*: 37.  
 heo, per. pron., f., *she*: ns. (22 times), ds. hire, 69, 132; as. hire, 3, 14, 218, 219, 220, 221, 229, 233, 235, 238, 240, 241; gs. hire, 4, 5, 8, 11, 13, 68, 224, 230, 234, 235, 243, 245<sup>2</sup>, 251, 253, 249, 259, 260. For plural, see he.  
 her-after, adv., *hereafter*: 125.  
 here, adv., *here*: 90, 95, 122, 191; her, 21, 63.  
 here, sb., *hair, a hair garment*: ns. 8.  
 herte, sb., *heart, the seat of moral affections*: ns. 12; as. herte, 190.  
 heruest, sb., *harvest*: ds. heruest, 153.  
 heu, sb., *hue, color*: ns. 184, as. heu, 76.  
 heued, sb., *head*: ns. 243; as. heued, 233; ap. heden, 173.  
 heuene, sb., *heaven*: ds. heuene, 55, 59, 105, 148, 174, 176; as. heuene, 122.  
 hewe, wv., trans., *cut, strike with a sword*: inf. 240.  
 hie, wv., intrans., *go in haste*: inf. 238.  
 ho, rel. and interr. pron., *who, whoso*: ns. 138, 242, hose, 150; as. (to) wen, 136.  
 \*hold(e), sv., trans., *hold, have*: pt. 3 sg. huld, 70.  
 holi, adj., *holy, righteous, saintly*: ns. 107, 225, 243; ds. holi, 240, 259; ap. holi, 180.

honde, sb., *hand*: ds. honde, 245.  
hondred, card. num., *hundred*: np.  
hondred, 232, 257.

honoure, wv., trans., *honor, worship*:  
inf. 211.

hor, adj., *hoary*: ns. 56.

\*hot(e), sv., trans., *command*: pt. 3  
sg. het, 6, 165, 172, 173, 217. See  
\*bihote.

hou, inter. and rel. adv., *how, that*:  
89, 94, 109, 110, 182, 191, 198.

hous, sb., *house*: ns. 91; ds. hous, 218;  
as. hous, 249.

### I (vowel).

I, per. pron., *I*: ns. 32<sup>2</sup>, 81, 92, 94,  
161, 212; ich, 16, 17, 18, 27, 28, 29,  
31, 39, 90<sup>2</sup>, 92; 74, 100, 127, 176, 183,  
199, 207, 209, 211, 212, 226<sup>2</sup>, 227,  
contr. Ine, 12; ichabbe 265, gs. my,  
20<sup>2</sup>, 22, 80, 82, 83, 93, 105, 114, 115,  
116, 192, 255, myn 12, 190, mi, 226;  
ds. me, 15, 21, 28, 31, 105, 128, 225,  
as. me, 17, 25, 26, 192, 228; as.  
(impersonal) 85, 90, 92, 104, 149, 188,  
203; np. we, (16 times); gp. our, (13  
times). oure, 208; ap. ous, 35, 42,  
163, 260.

ibore, ppl. adj., *born*: ns. 1.

icristened, ppl. adj., *Made Christian,*  
*baptised*: ns. 34, 118.

idelman, sb., *idler, loiterer*: np.  
idelmen, 151.

\*i-full(e), wv., trans., *baptise*: pp.  
i-fulle, 67.

ihered, ppl. adj., *glorified, honored*:  
ns. 51.

ihud, ppl. adj., *hidden*: as. ihud, 120.

\*iknou(e), sv., trans., *know, recognize*:  
pl. 3 pl. ikneu, 48.

ilast(e), wv., intrans., *last, remain  
in existence*: inf. 75; pp. ilaste, 220.

ileue, wv., trans., *believe*: inf. 215;  
2 sg. contr. ileuestou, 63; opt. 1 sg.  
ileue, 27. (see *bi-leue*, and *leue*.)

in, prep. w. dat., *in, with; within;  
into; at*, (time or place): 11, 13, 19,  
25, 30, 31, 46, 62, 72, 73, 84, 93, 94,  
100, 101, 126, 132, 151, 153, 154, 164,  
165, 170, 187, 206, 216, 229, 232, 233,  
235, 250, 252, 258; inne, 249.

inou, adj., *enough*: ds. inou, 86.

ise, sv., trans., *see*: cond. 1 sg. ise, 31;  
pt. 1 sg. isei, 176; 3 sg. isei, 57, 173,  
233; 3 pl. iseie, 222; inf. 28, 29, 33,  
35, 42, 63, 96, 98, 102, 189, 212, 213,  
242.

it, per. pron., *it*: ns. (11 times), hit,  
246; as. it, (6 times). For pl. see *he*.  
itold, ppl. adj., *esteemed*: ns. 159.

iþe., sv., intrans., *thrive, prosper*:  
inf. 158.

iuere, sb., *companion, associate, fel-*  
*low*: ns. 96.

iwis, adv., *indeed, truly, certainly*:  
28, 202, 206, 214.

\*iwrith(e), sv., trans., *write*: pp.  
iwrite, 3.

### I (consonant).

ianglinge, sb., *jangling, prating*:  
ds. Ianglinge, 161.

ihesu crist, pr. n., *Jesus Christ*: ds.  
ihesu crist, 4, 34, 38, 190, 247, 256.

ioie, sb., *joy; heavenly felicity*: ds.  
Ioie, 86, 126, 156, 260; as. Ioie, 36.

iugement, sb., *process of law; ver-*  
*dict*: ns. 221; ds. Iugement, 142.

iustice, sb., *justice, provost*: ns. 157,  
161, 164, 172, 177, 198, 207, 230; ds.  
Iustice, 137, 175, 181; np. Iustices,  
149.

### K

kepe, wv., trans., *keep; take, receive*:  
1 sg. kepe, 207; 3 sg. kepeþ, 150;  
inf. 161.

knaue, sb., *knave, servant*: np.  
knaues, 144.

knyȝte, sb., *knight*: vp. knyȝtes,  
168.

kunne, sb., *race, family*: ds. kunne,  
1, 186, kun, 185.

### L

lasse, adv., *less*: 158, 159.

lawe, sb., *law*: ds. lawe, 141.

led, sb., *a leaden vessel*: as. led, 219.

lede, sv., trans., *lead*: pt. 3 sg. ladde,  
129; 3 pl. ladde, 221; inf. 58, 128,  
170, 176, 218; pp. ilad, 181.

\*lef(e), wv., intrans., give leave, allow, permit, give hearing: pt. 3 sg. lefte, 137.  
**lefmon**, sb. dear one, beloved: ns. 20; vs. lefmon, 27.  
**leue**, adj., dear: vs. leue, 95, 99, 107, 113, 127.  
**lene**, wv., trans., lend, grant: inf. 74.  
**leome**, sb., light, brightness: ns. 70.  
**lere**, wv., trans., teach, speak: inf. 185.  
**lese**, sv., trans., lose: 1 sg. lese, 226: inf. 124.  
**lete**, wv., trans., delay, detain: pt. 3 sg. let, 164; inf. 22.  
**lete**, sv., trans., cause, permit; leave, let go: pt. 3 sg. lette, 3; aux. let, 12, 130, 177<sup>2</sup>, 234; lette, 144; inf. lete, 178. [Mn. Eng. to let blood].  
**leue**, wv., trans., believe: 1 sg. lef, 212; 2 sg. leuest, 214; inf. 64.  
**liche**, sb., body: ds. liche, 8.  
**lif**, sb., life: ns. 125, 226: ds. lif, 25, 187, 204; ds. lynue, 202, 226; as. lif, 178, 187, 199, 224, 227.  
\***lig(e)**, sv., trans., laugh, deride: 3 pl. ligēþ, 152.  
\***lig(e)**, sv., trans., lie: pt. 3 sg. lay, 253.  
\***lig(e)**, sv., intrans., lie, tell a falsehood: pt. 2 sg. luxt, 200.  
**ligt**, sb., light, intellectual clearness: ds. ligt, 170.  
**ligt**, adj., light, bright: ns. 68.  
**lilie**, sb., lily: ns. 77; dp. lilion, 91, lylion, 71.  
**lomb**, sb., lamb: ns. 54.  
**loude**, adv., loudly: 167, 222.  
**londe**, sb., land, nation: ds. londe, 142.  
**loue**, sb., love: ds. loue, 36, 73, 106, 115; as. loue, 15.  
\***lou(e)**, wv., trans., love: 2 sg. louest, 25, 31; pt. 3 sg. louede, 2.  
**longe**, adv., long: 126; comp. lengore, 230.  
**lord**, sb., Lord; an earthly master, husband: ns. 43, 61, 74, 83, 205, 258; gs. lordes, 105, 250, 251; ds. lord, 13, 80, 259; vs. lord, 12, Louerd, 51; as. lord (crist) 2.

**lute**, adj., little, small: ns. 148, 197; ds. lute, 166; as. lute, 16.  
**luþer**, adj., evil, bad: ns. 52.  
**lym**, sb., limb, any part of the body: ns. 220.  
**lyue**, wv., trans., live: inf. 187.

## M

**mahon**, pr. n., Mahomet: ds. 183.  
\***mai**, mod. aux., may: pt. might: mai, 29, 36, 110<sup>2</sup>, 199; pt. migte, 92, 122, 201, 202, 233, 242, 246; migst, 18, 35, 96, 98, 203, 212, 213.  
**maide**, sb., maid, young woman: ns. 7, 10, 15, 19, 33, 44, 107, 123, 186, 188, 193, 198, 199, 217, 225, 243, 253; ds. maide, 240.  
**maidenhod**, sb., maidenhood, virginity: as. maidenhod, 4, 22, 77.  
**maister**, sb., master, sovereign: ns. 192.  
**make**. wv., trans., make: pt. 3 sg. made, 138; inf. 218; pp. imad, 53, 109.  
**maner**, sb., manner, sort: ds. maner, 187; np. maner, 76.  
(**seynte**) **marie**, pr. n. Mary, the mother of Christ: ds. 10.  
**martir**, sb., martyr: ap. martirs, 180.  
**martirdom**, sb., martyrdom: ds. martirdom, 253, 259; as. martirdom, 78.  
\***martre**, wv., trans., martyr, kill: pt. 3 sg. martred, 135; pp. Imartred, 48, 139.  
**maumet**, sb., mawmet, idol: ds. Mau-met, 171; np. maumetes, 108.  
**maxime**, pr. n. Maximius: ns. 165, 173.  
**mayn**, sb., power, strength: ds. mayn, 235.  
**me**, for man, one, impersonally: ns. 47, 48, 52, 85, 135, 137, 221, 229, 233, 242.  
**menstrale**, sb., minstrel: np. men-strales, 9.  
**menstrasie**, sb., minstrelsy: ds. men-strasie, 9.  
**mercy**, sb., mercy, compassion: as. mercy, 128.  
**meseise**, sb., lack of ease: ds. mes-eise, 154.

- \***met(e)**, wv., trans., *dream*: i sg. mete, 100.  
**metynge**, sb., *dreaming*: ds. metynge, 100, 161.  
**migte**, sb., *power, might*: ns. 51; as. migte, 231, migt, 204.  
**milde**, adj., *mild, meek*: ns. 54.  
**mile**, sb., *mile*: dp. mile, 37.  
**misbileued**, adj., *unbelieving, infidel*: ap. misbileued, 141.  
**moder**, sb., *mother*: ds. moder, 258.  
**mon**, sb., *man, a human being*: ns. 14, 55, 216, 247, men, 163 (= man), man, 46, 130; gs. monnes, 109; ds. mon, 40, 45; monne, 128, man, 5; as. mon, 65; np. men, 45, 47, 134, 140, 171, 222, 232, 245, gp. menne, 176; dp. men, 254; ap. men, 38, 139.  
**mony**, adj., *many; many a*; compar. more: ap. mony, 247; compar. np. mo, 182, 232.  
\***mot(e)**, mod. aux., *may, must*: sg. mote, 16, 17, 78; pl. mowe, 102, 153, 154; pt. most, 28, 34, 37, 40, 117, moste, 133, 237.  
**muche**, sb., *a large quantity, a great deal*: ns. 148; as. muche, 245.  
**muche**, adv., *much, to a great degree*: muche, 81, 93; compar. more, 54; superl. mest, 11.  
**muri**, adj., *joyous*: ns. 125.  
**myd**, prep. w. dat., *with*: 115, 117.

**N**

- naked**, adj., *unclothed*: as. naked, 177.  
**name**, sb., *name, character*: ds. name, 250.  
**ne**, adv., *not, used as a negative intensive*: 24, 36, 46, 75, 81, 90, 92, 96, 109, 110, 160<sup>2</sup>, 161, 163, 190, 192, 199<sup>2</sup>, 207, 225, 226, 233, 236, 237, -ny, 81.  
**neuer**, adv., *never*: 75, 76, 154, 158, neuere, 90.  
**next**, adv., *next*: 8.  
**no**, adj., *no, not any*: ns. 36, 46, 237; ds. no, 242; as. no, 146; 204, non, 108.  
**noble**, adj., *noble, royal*: ds. noble, 1.  
**nobleie**, sb., *nobility*: ds. nobleie, 6.

- nogt**, ind. pron., *naught, nothing*: ns. 145, 147; as. nogt, 161, 207.  
**nogt**, adv., *not*: 12, 24, 150, 163, 202, 212, 214, 225, 226, 233, 236.  
**nou**, adv., *now*: 92, 102<sup>2</sup>, 103, 169, 224, 239, 255, 259.  
**noþer**, ind. pron., *other, another*: as. noþer, 31.  
**noþing**, ind. pron., *nothing*: ns. 64, 111; ds. noþing, 22, 32; as. noþing, 81, 202.  
**nyȝt**, sb., *night*: ds. nyȝt, 229.  
**nyme**, sv., trans., *take, seize*: pt. 3 sg. nom, 58, 66, 86, 165; 3 pl. nome, 140, 174; inf. nyme, 177; pp. inome, 181.

**O**

- of**, prep. w. dat. and gen., *with, from; over; concerning*; of, denoting possession: w. dat. 1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 36, 59, 62, 71<sup>2</sup>, 80, 89, 91<sup>2</sup>, 93, 96, 102, 105, 109, 115, 128, 142<sup>2</sup>, 148, 150, 161, 185, 186, 194, 197, 202, 204, 207, 211, 220, 231, 242, 245, 246; w. gen. 37.  
**off**, adv., *off, away*: 173, 234, 236.  
**old**, adj., *old*: ns. 55; ds. old, 46, 109, olde, 40, 45; np. olde, 75; dp. olde, 47.  
**o(n)**, card. num., *one*: ns. 61<sup>2</sup>, o, 61, 62, 129; ds. one, 84<sup>2</sup>, as. on, 71.  
**on**, prep. w. dat., *upon, in*: 34, 38, 210.

- oþer**, ind. pron., *other*: ns. 18, 64, 99, 103, 143, 187, 191; as. oþer, 72, 108, 129; ds. 86.  
**oþer**, adj., *other*: ds. oþer, 94.  
**oþer**, adv., *otherwise*: 184.  
**oþer**, conj., *otherwise; or*: 100, 162, 208.  
**out**, adj., *outside*: ds. out, 218.  
**ouer**, adv., *more than*: 237.  
**ouer**, prep. w. dat., 62, 219.  
\***owe**, wv., trans., *owe, be under obligation*: i sg. owe, 183.

**P**

- pal**, sb., *pallium, a costly sort of cloth*: ds. pal. 7.  
**place**, sb., *place*: ds. place, 84, 232.

\*play, wv., intrans., *play*: pt. 3 sg.  
pleide, 231.

poer, sb., *power*: ns. 193, 197, 252; ds.  
poer, 189; as. poer, 192; np. pouere,  
45, 245; ap. pouere, 38.

\*preche, wv., trans., *preach*: pt. 3 sg.  
prechede, 231, 247, 254.

prick, sb., *a pointed instrument, a  
pin*: ds. prick, 195.

\*prik(e), wv., trans., *prick, puncture*:  
pp. ipriked, 195.

prison, sb., *prison*: ds. prison, 164,  
167.

priue, adj., *private, secret*: ds.  
priue, 17; as. priue, 41.

priuete, sb., *matter of privacy*: as.  
priuete, 16.

prute, sb., *pride*: ns. 198.

pur, adj., *pure, simple*: ds. pur, 203.  
putt, sb., *pit*: dp. puttes, 47.

pyne, sb., *pain, torments*: ds. pyne,  
216.

## Q

quellare, sb., *executioner, torturer*:  
ns. 235, 237.

quelle, wv.. trans., *kill, torture*: inf.  
144, qu[e]lle, 233.

\*queþ(e), sv., trans., *say, speak*: pt.  
3 sg. quaþ, 15, 18, 19, 33, 63, 64, 83,  
95, 99, 103, 111, 119, 123, 127, 151,  
157, 159, 161, 186, 187, 188, 191,  
193, 198, 199, 207, 225; pr. 3 sg.  
queþe, 143, 163.

quic, adj., *alive*: ns. 244.

## R

rede, sb., *counsel, advice*: ds. 210,  
30; as. rede, 112.

rede, sv. trans., *read*: pt. 3 sg. radde,  
60; inf. 59.

rede, sv., trans., *counsel, advise*:  
inf. 118, red, 79.

rede, adj., *red*: dp. rede, 91.

repe, wv., trans., *reap*: inf. 153, 155.

reuþe, adj., *sad, pitiful*: ns. 244.

riche, adj., *rich*: ds. riche, 13; ap.  
riche, 7.

richesse, sb., *riches, opulence*: ds.  
richesse, 6.

rīgt, sb., *power, authority*: as. rīgt,  
203.

rīgt, adj., *just, equitable*: ds. rīgt,  
142.

rīgt, adv., *exactly, just*: 140, 257.

robe, sb., *robe*: as. robe, 7.

rome, pr. n., *Rome*: ds. rome, 1.

rose, sb., *rose*: ns. 78: dp. rosen, 71,  
91.

## S

sacrifice, sb., *sacrifice, offering*: as.  
sacrifice, 162, 172, 208.

sauter, sb., *psalter*: ds. sauter, 11.

scewe, wv., trans., *show*: inf. 28.

\*schal, sv., fut. and pot. aux., *shall*:  
pt. *should*: 1 and 3 sg. schal, 41, 42,  
162, 188, 196, 224, 227; 2 sg. schalt,  
38, 42, 114, 116, 189, 190, 216; contr.  
1 sg. ichulle, 30, 256; 1 pl. schulleþ,  
125, scholleþ, 155; 2 pl. scholleþ, 84,  
schulle, 256; 3 pl. schulleþ 156; pt.  
pot. aux. 1 sg. scholde, 211, 3 sg.  
scholde, 121, schulde, 249; 1 pl.  
scholde, 157.

schort, adj., *short, brief*: ns. 201; as.  
scorte, 227.

scourge, sb., *scourge*: dp., scourgen,  
178.

screwe, sb., *shrew, evil person*: ns.  
217, 239; np. screwen, 182.

\*scrynk(e), wv., trans., *shrink, contract*: 3 sg. scrynkeþ, 195.

scryue, sv., trans., *shrive, confess*:  
inf. 17.

seg(e), wv., trans., *say, speak*: pt. 3 sg.  
sede, 50, 51, 60, 73, 87, 89, 103, 107,  
113, 175, 182, 209, 255; 3 pl. seden,  
149, sede, 223; opt. 1 sg. segge, 212;  
imp. 2 sg. sei, 39; pp. ised, 29, 111.

\*sek(e), sv., trans., *seek*: pt. 1 pl.  
sogte, 122; pp. isoȝt, 119.

sekenesse, sb., *sickness*: ds. seke-  
nesse, 196.

\*se, sv., trans., *see*: 1 sg. sene, 210;  
2 sg. seist, 131, 209, suxst, 214, suxt,  
108; 3 sg. sei, interrog. contr., sux-  
tou, 103, 109, 199, suxstou, 192; opt. 3  
sg. seob, 25; pp. sg. such, 215 (see ise).

semblance, sb., *outward appearance*,  
show: as. semblance, 145, 146, 147.

**sende**, wv., trans., *send*: 1 sg. sende, 39; pt. 3 sg. sende, 50, 248; inf. 228.  
**sergant**, sb., *servant*: ns. 204, ser-gaunt, 205.  
**seruice**, sb., *service*: ns. 251.  
**seþe**, wv., trans., *seeth, boil*: pt. 3 sg. seþ 229; inf. 220.  
**seþende**, adj., *boiling*: ds. seþende, 229.  
**seyn(t)e**, sb., *saint*, used as an epithet in connection with a name, see Cecile, Marie, Vrban.  
**sigt**, sb., *sight, vision*: as. sigt, 105.  
**\*sing**, sv., trans., *sing*: pt. 3 sg. song, 10, 11; 2 pl., songe, 9.  
**sire**, sb., *sir*: vs. 143, 290.  
**\*sit**, sv., intrans., *sit*: 3 pl. sitteþ, 151; pt. 3 sg. sat, 231.  
**sib**, sb., *time*: ap. siþe, 235.  
**sle**, sv., trans., *slay, kill*: inf. 32; pp. slawe, 238.  
**slepe**, sb., *sleep*: ds. slepe, 102.  
**smul**, sb., *smell, fragrance*: as. smul, 90, 97; smulle, 68.  
**smul**, wv., trans., *smell*: pt. 1 sg. smulde, 90; inf. 92.  
**smyte**, sv., trans., *smite, strike*: pt. 3 sg. smot, 235, 236; inf. 23, 173, 234, 237; pp. ismyte, 243.  
**so**, adv., *so, thus*: 35, 36, 49, 53, 77, 81, 90, 93<sup>2</sup>, 97, 100, 119, 122, 125, 126, 138, 160, 166, 185, 191, 228, 238, 240, 241.  
**sodenliche**, adv., *suddenly*: 94.  
**sone**, adv., *soon*: 14, 79, 98, 181, 184, 193.  
**song**, sb., *song*: as. song, 9.  
**soþ**, adj., *true*: ns. 99, 213; compar. ns. soþer, 111.  
**soþe**, st., *sooth, truth*: ds. soþe, 18, 147, 148; as. soþe 29<sup>2</sup>, soþ 212.  
**soule**, sb., *soul*: ns. 260; ap. soulen, 174, 176.  
**soulement**, adv., *only*: 123.  
**speke**, sv., trans., *speak, tell*: inf. 41, 87.  
**spouse**, sb., *wife, husband*: ns. 115; as. spouse, 69.  
**\*spous(e)**, wv., trans., *espouse, betroth*: pp. ispoused, 5.  
**stalward**, adj., *stalwart, strong*: as. stalward, 168; vs. stalwarde, 168.

**stalwardliche**, adv., *stalwartly, courageously*: 160.  
**stele**, sv. trans., *steal*: inf. 136.  
**stille**, adj., *still, quiet*: np. 225.  
**stille**, adv., *quietly; motionless*: 44, 88.  
**stilliche**, adv., *quietly*: 3, 10.  
**ston**, sb., *stone*: ds. stone, 211.  
**stonde**, sv., intrans., *stand*: 1 sg. stonde, 100; 3 sg. stonde, 69, stont, 21; pt. 3 sg. stod, 88; inf. 246.  
**strengþe**, sb., *strength, power*: ds. strengþe, 5.  
**strif**, sb., *strife, struggle*: ds. strif, 124.  
**strong**, adj., *strong*: ds. strong, 164; dp. stronge, 178.  
**stude**, sb., *place*: ns. 239; ds. stude, 44, 46.  
**such**, adj., *such*: ds. such, 233; as. such, 188; np. suche, 158.  
**suere**, sb., *neck*: ds. suere, 235.  
**sueete**, adj., *fragrant; dear*: ns. suote, 68, 77; ds. suete, 259; as. suete, 251; suote, 90, 97; dp. suote, 71.  
**suetheorte**, sb. phr., *sweetheart*: vs. suete heorte, 15, 19, swete heorte, 33.  
**sulue**, ind. pron., *used with reflexive force, -self*: as. sulue, 110.  
**suyþe**, adv., *very, such*: 55, 56, 197; swiþe, 7, 68.  
**\*swynk**, sv., intrans., *labor, work*: 3 pl. swynkeþ, 152.

## T

**take**, sv., trans., *take*: pt. 3 sg. tok, 59, toke, 71; 3 pl. toke, 146; inf. 217.  
**\*tech(e)**, sv., trans., *show*: pt. 3 pl. teigte, 45; opt. 3 pl. teche, 39.  
**telle**, sv., trans., *tell, recount*: inf. 16, 36; pp. itold, 159.  
**tiraunt**, adj., *tyrannical, cruel*: ns. 54.  
**to**, prep. w. dat., *to; unto; towards*; used as inf. sign: w. dat., 5, 15, 17, 18, 37, 40<sup>2</sup>, 44, 45, 49, 67, 86, 87, 117, 128, 129, 152, 156, 162, 170, 171, 172, 174, 176, 192, 208<sup>2</sup>, 218, 233, 247, 248, 256, 260; inf. sign, 4, 50, 64, 87, 126, 136, 138, 150, 169, 191, 192, 226, 240, 244, 248, 255, 260<sup>2</sup>. w. as. to(wen), 136.

- to dai**, adv. phr., *today*: 114.  
**to-gadere**, adv., *together*: 180.  
**\*token**, wv., trans., *betoken, signify*:  
  3 sg. *tokeneþ*, 77, 78.  
**tonge**, sb., *tongue, speech*: ns. 36.  
**toun**, sb., *town*: ds. *toun*, 179.  
**trauail**, sb., *travail, sufferings*: ds.  
  *trauail*, 155.  
**tre**, sb., *tree, wood*: ds. *tre*, 109,  
  211.  
**trechour**, sb., *traitor*: np. *trechours*,  
  141.  
**tresour**, sb., *jewels, adornments*: ap.  
  *tresours*, 8.  
**trewe**, adj., *true, faithful*: ds. *trewe*,  
  73.  
**tristiliche**, adv., *trustfully, with*  
*confidence*: 18.  
**twenti**, card. num., *twenty*: np.  
  *twenti*, 257.  
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  86, 257; ap. to, 70, *twei*, 139.  
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  *tibors*, 87, 111, *tybours*, 119, 127,  
  *Tibours*, 131; vs. *tybors*, 107, 113.  
**tyme**, sb., *time, season*: ds. *tyme*,  
  84, 89.
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- þat**, rel. pron., *that*: ns. 6, 11, 52, 53,  
  60, 62, 64, 77, 111, 112, 119, 120, 124,  
  126, 129, 145, 165, 170, 185, 192, 197,  
  201, 215, 228, 244, *þet*, 110; ds. *þat*,  
  44, 260; as. *þat*, 24, 29<sup>2</sup>, 63, 72, 125,  
  129, 132, 146, 178, 179, 195, 215, 255;  
  np. *þat*, 62, 76, 96, 134, 141, 142, 152,  
  157, 158, 211, 222; ap. *þat*, 139, 144.  
**þat**, dem. pron., *that*: ns. 111, 119,  
  129; as. 29<sup>2</sup>, 71, 72, 129<sup>2</sup>, 178, 179;  
  instr. *þe* . . . *þe*, 230.  
**þat**, conj., *to the effect that; so that;*  
*used after a prep. introd. a noun*  
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39, *end*, 109.  
\***end(e)**, wv., trans., *finish*: pp. *end*,  
145.  
**ensaumple**, sb., *illustration*: ds. 9.  
**entent**, sb., *desire, will; fixedness*  
*of purpose*: ds. *entent*, 42, 52, 426;  
as. *entent*, 444.  
\***enter**, wv., intrans., *enter*: pt. 3 sg.  
*entred*, 247.  
**enuy**, sb., *envy, hatred*: as. *enuy*,  
310.  
**er**, (see *be*).

**erber**, sb., *arbor, garden*: ds. 418.  
**erthli**, adj.; *earthly, carnal*: ds. 170.  
**euer**, adv., *at all times, continually*:  
12, 15, 162, 462; *euer-more*, 99.  
**euer-ilkadele**, adv., *every part, every*  
*bit, altogether*: 332.  
**euyн**, adv., *exactly, without deviation;*  
*evenly, gently, nicely poised; undisturbed, in even,*  
*regular life, tranquilly*: 86, 237,  
453.  
[cog. Lat *æquus*. O.E. *efne*.]

**F**

**faire**, adj., *comely; of light hue, un-*  
*blemished*: ns. 25, 419; *fayre*, 21.  
**faith**, sb., *belief, faith*: ns. 163.  
\***fall**, sv., intrans., *fall*: pt. 3 sg. *fell*,  
153, 269; opt. 3 pl. *fall*, 365.  
**fare**, sb., *affair, circumstance*: ds.  
*fare*, 324, 368.  
\***far(e)**, sv., intrans., *fare, get on as*  
*to circumstances*: pt. 3 sg. *ferd*, 123,  
245.  
**fast**, adv., *steadfastly*: 298.  
\***fed(e)**, wv., *fed, feasted*: pt. 3 pl. *fed*,  
38.  
**fele**, adj., *many*: ap. 38. [Mn. Ger.  
*viel*.]  
\***fel(e)**, wv., trans., *feel, perceive*: pt.  
1 sg. *felde*, 252; 3 sg. *feld*, 253.  
**feld**, sb., *field, country as opposed to*  
*town*: ds. *feld*. 298.  
**fell**, adj., *cruel, bloodthirsty*: ns. *fell*,  
136.  
**ferly**, sb., *miracle, wonder*: np. *ferlis*,  
304. [O.E. *fær-lāc*.]  
**fers**, adj., *fierce*: ns. *fers*, 136.  
**file**, wv., trans., *defile*: opt. 2 sg. *file*,  
68.  
\***find(e)**, sv., trans., *find*: pt. 3 sg.  
*fand*, 191.  
**fire**, sb., *fire*: ds. *fire*, 404; as. *fire*,  
416.  
**first**, adv., *first*: 383, 405.  
**floure**, sb., *flower, youthful vigor,*  
*prime*: as. *floure*, 73; dp. *flores*, 419.  
**folk**, sb., *folk, people in general*: np.  
*folk*, 163, 359; ap. *folk*, 38, 370; dp.  
*folk*, 20, 22.

**for**, prep. w. dat., *for, on account of, because of*: 70, 153, 408.  
**for**, conj., *because, for the reason that, since*: 54, 95, 133, 140, 204, 246, 351, 389, 435.  
**forsake**, sv., trans., *forsake, renounce*: pt. 3 pl. forsoke, 395; inf. 72 144, 276, 332.  
**forto**, prep., *to*: 172, 221, 229, 275, 317, 342, 346, 451.  
**for-whi**, conj., *for what, for that which*: 228.  
**fot**, sb., *foot*: ap. fete, 269.  
**ful**, adj., *full, abounding in*: ns. 1.  
**ful**, adv., *very*: 19, 26, 34, 38, 55, 63, 88, 148, 173, 284, 325, 338, 352, 421, 455, 459; *full*, 409.  
**fulfill**, wv., trans., *fulfill, carry out, bring to consummation*: inf. 182, 346, 413; pp. fulfild, 337.  
**furth**, adv., *forth, forward, out*: 387, 428.  
**fra**, prep. w. dat., *from*: 184, 280; fro, 203.  
**\*frain(e)**, wv., trans., *inquire, question, ask*: pt. 3 sg. frained, 405.  
**fre**, adj., *beloved, favored*: ns. 2, 100, 209; gs. fre, 273; ds. fre, 10, 232; as. fre, 221.  
**frende**, sb., *friend, relative*: ns. 272, np. frendes, 23, 30, 36, 38.  
**fro**, (see *fra*).  
**fro time**, adv., *from the time*: 296.  
**fruit**, sb., *fruit, outcome*: as. fruit, 131

**G**

**ga**, sv., *go*: inf. 183, 279; pt. 3 sg. gode, 389 (see *wende*).  
**gaste**, sb., *ghost, spirit*: ds. gaste 119; as. gaste, 456; ap. gastes, 224.  
**ȝe**, (see *þou*).  
**geder**, wv., trans., *gather*: inf. 382.  
**ȝeme**, wv., trans., *care for*: inf. 450.  
**gentill**, adj., *gentle, noble*: as. gentill, 11.  
**gere**; wv., trans., *cause, make*: pt. 3 sg. gert, 354; pt. 3 pl. gert, 415.  
**\*gern**, wv., *yearn for, desire*: 1 sg. gern, 216.

**get**, sv., trans., *get, obtain*: inf. 189.  
**gif**, sv., trans., *give, yield, grant*.  
*impart, commit, administer*: 1 sg gif. 449; pt. 3 sg. gaf, 285, 456; opt. 2 sg. gifes, 129; inf. 113, 224, 341, 436; pp. gifen, 445.  
**gin**, sb., *snare, crafty means, artifice*: as. gin, 67.  
**\*gin**, sv. intrans., *do*: (as aux.) gan, 116, 362, 391, 427.  
**git**, adv., *yet, still*: 168, 432. yit, 399.  
**god**, pr. n., *the Supreme Being*: ns. 241, 255, 285, 305, 445; gs. god, 115, 262, 287, godes, 193, 265, goddes, 94, 408; ds. god, 52, 65, 85, 97, 126, 421, 427, 456; as god, 293, 297.  
**gold**, sb., *gold*: ds. [g]old. 32.  
**gold**, adj., *golden*: dp. gold, 150.  
**ȝong**, adj., *young*: ns. 25; dp. ging, 7.  
**ȝowth-hede**, sb., *youth*: gs. ȝowth-hede, 73.  
**grace**, sb., *grace, favor*: as. grace, 285; ds. grace, 119.  
**grante**, wv., trans., *grant, accept, concede*: pt. 3 sg. granted, 181, 318; pt. 3 pl., granted, 345; inf. 271.  
**grefe**, adj., *grievous*: ap. grefe, 373.  
**grete**, adj., *great, hard*: as. grete, 43, 310, 339; ds. grete, 238, 386, 459, 460; dp. grete, 434.  
**\*greu(e)**, wv., trans., *grieve, burden*: imp. 2 sg. greue, 62, 93.  
**grewance**, sb., *grievance*: as. grewance, 74.  
**gude**, sb., *goods, property*: ns. 406, as. gude, 382, 390.  
**gude**, adj., *good, real, earnest, serious; worthy*: ns. 21, 74, 250, 361; ds. gude, 42, 52, 121, 181, 426; as. gude, 190; vs. gude 62.

**H**

**hale**, adj., *sound, whole, undaunted*: ds. hale, 421; np. hale, 433.  
**halely**, adv., *wholly*: 122, 320.  
**halily**, adv., *holily, piously*: 240.  
**halines**, sb., *holiness, adherence to Christianity*: ds. halines, 246.  
**hals**, sb., *throat, neck*: ns. 432.

- haly**, adj., *holy; perfect in religious character*: ns. 12, 284; ds. haly, 119.
- hame**, sb., *home*: ds. hame, 183.
- hand**, sb., *hand*: ds. hand, 149, 195; as. hand, 155; ap. handes, 125.
- hard**, adj., *harsh to the touch; severe*: ns. 34; dp. hard, 352.
- hardily**, adv., *boldly*: 257.
- harm**, sb., *harm, injury*: as. harm, 317.
- haste**, sb., *haste*: ds. haste 120, 455.
- hastily**, adv., *quickly*: hastily, 375; hastili, 402.
- \***hast(e)**, wv., trans., *hasten*: 3 pl. haste, 383.
- \***hat(e)**, sv., trans., *tell, advise*; 1 sg. hete, 257.
- hathin**, sb. *heathen, pagan*: ns. 27.
- haue**, wv., trans., *possess; hold by obtaining, acquiring*: 1 sg. haue, 60; pt. 3 sg. had, 149; pt. 3 pl. had, 33, 310; inf. haue, 117, 163, 229, 256, 289, 390.
- he**, per. pron., *he*: ns. he (74 times); gs. his, (24 times); ds. him, (19 times); as. him (12 times). np. pai, (30 times); þ(a)i, 450; gp. paire, (16 times); dp. þam, 146, 147, 200, 288, 289, 292, 302, 305, 310, 313, 317, 325, 352; ap. þam, 199, 203, 205, 300, 327, 331, 332, 335, 336, 358, 393, 423, 442, 450, 451.
- hede**, sb., *head*: as. hede, 424; dp. heuides, 199; ap. heuiddes, 354.
- hede**, suffix, -*hood*: gs. ȝowth-hede, 73.
- hele**, sb., *health, salvation*: ds. hele, 214.
- help**, wv., trans., *help, assist*: inf. 220.
- hende**, adj., *prompt, ready, gracious*: ap. hende, 92.
- \***hent(e)**, wv., trans., *take, catch up*: pp. hent, 375.
- here**, wv., trans., *hear*: pt. 3 sg. herd, 225, 267, 323, 348, 367, 399, 422; pt. 3 pl. herd, 43; inf. 261; pp. herd, 124, 180.
- here**, adv., *here, in this place*: 4, 81, 95, 174, 250.
- hert**, sb., *intellectual faculties; seat of moral affections*: ns. 168; ds. hert, 13, 55, 421; as. hert, 48; ap. hertis, 202.
- \***heue**, wv., trans., *raise, lift*: pt. 3 sg. heuyd, 125.
- heuyn**, sb., *heaven*: gs. heuyn, 85, 115, 238; ds. 63, 125, 172, 262, 356, 364, 375.
- hid**, sb., *skin, flesh*: ds. hid, 34.
- hight**, sb. *high; in compo. adverbially, above*: ds. on hight, 125.
- hir**, (see scho).
- hir-self**, pron., *her*: as. hir-self, 412, 415.
- \***hit**, wv., trans., *strike*: pp. hit, 431.
- \***honer**, wv., trans., *reverence, adore, worship*: pt. 3 pl. honord, 294.
- honore**, sb., *honor*: ns. 462.
- how**, adv., *by what means; in what manner; what*: 123, 177, 245, 324, 358, 368, 369, 370.
- hows**, sb., *house*: ns. 194; ds. hows, 247, 383; as. hows, 411.
- howsing**, sb., *collection of houses, home, in general*: ns. 403.
- husband**, sb., *husband*: ds. husband, 53.

## I

- I**, pron., *I*: ns. (30 time's); gs. my, 48, 49, 64, 68, 173, 219, 220, 231, 272, 448; mi. 205, 209, 229, 452, 453; ds. me, 69, 80, 81, 142, 217, 274, 445; as. me, 66, 116, 251; np. we, 5, 223, 260, 280; gp. oure, 14, 224, 259, 461; dp. us, 81; vs, 81, 250; ap. us, 260, vs. my-self, 83, 90.
- if**, conj., *in case that; notwithstanding that*: 56, 59, 79, 87, 94, 96, 102, 105, 256, 312.
- ilk**, adj., *same, very same*: ns. 329, ds. ilk, 204, 286, 359.
- ilka**, adj., *each*: ns. 40; as. ilka, 332.
- ilka dele**, adv. phr., *entirely, altogether*: 332; euer-ilkadele, 174.
- ilkane**, pron., *each one*: np. ilkane, 321, 349; ap. ilkane, 327, 363.

**in**, prep., w. dat., *within*: 6<sup>2</sup>, 7, 13, 46, 149, 157, 160, 228, 262, 286, 298, 303, 307, 342, 365, 381, 398, 415, 418, 429, 434, 446, 453, 458; *in conformance with*: 221, 258, 293, 327, 394, 452; *upon* (*belief*), 18, 101, 300, 396; *with*: 294, 336, 426, 456, 460<sup>2</sup>; *on* (*on fire*), 414; *into*: 247, 314; *at*, (*time, occasion*), 304, yn, 306.

**in-fere**, adv., *together*: *in-fere*, 20, 291.

**it**, pron., *it*: ns. 59, 123, 133, 214, 227, 251, 301, 324, 368, 404, (*10 times*); ds. *it*, 230; *yit*, 399; as. *it*, 213, 407.

**J**

**Jhesus**, pr. n., *Jesus Christ*: ns. 219, 338; *Jhesus Crist*, 1; *lord Jhesu*, 209; ds. *lord Jhesu*, 14; *Jhesu Criste*, 18, 101, 461; as. *lord Jhesus*, 259; vs. *Lord Jhesu Criste*, 127.

**K**

**ken**, wv., trans., *show, declare, teach*: inf. 5.

**kepe**, wv., trans., *preserve; hold possession of*: imp. 2 pl. *kepes*, 201; inf. 56.

**king**, sb., *king*: ns. 347, 377, 390.

**kirk**, sb., *an edifice for religious worship; church; cloister*: as. *kirk*, 452, 459.

\***kiss**, wv., trans., *kiss*: pt. 3 sg. *kissed*, 248, 249, 269.

\***kit**, wv., trans., *cut*: pp. *kit*, 432.

\***knaw**, sv., trans., *know*: pt. 3 sg. *knew*, 13, 28.

**kne**, sb., *knee*: dp. *knese*, 437.

\***knel(e)**, wv., intrans., *kneel*: pr. pp. *kneleand*, 191.

**komen**, see *cum*.

**kosyn**, sb., *relative, kinsman*: ns. 272.

**kyn**, sb., *kind, race*: ds. *kyn*. 26.

**L**

**lamb**, sb., *lamb*: as. *lamb*, 40.

**land**, sb., *land, region*: ds. *land*, 307

**lang**, adj., *long*, ns. 301.

**lare**, sb., *doctrine; precept*: ds. *lare*, 260; as. *lare*, 14.

**last**, sb., *last*: in compo. adverbially, *finally*: (at þe) *last*, 353.

**lastand**, ppl. adj., *lasting*: ds. *lastand*, 342.

\***lat**, wv., intrans., *let, permit*: opt. 2 sg. *lat*, 81.

**law**, sb., *law*: ns. 54, *lau*, 435; ds. *law*, 28, 221, 319, 328.

**lay**, wv., trans., *lay, set forth*: inf. 387. [OE. *lecgan*.]

**lay**, sb., *law, creed, religion*: gs. *lay*, 138; ds. *lay*, 267, 315. [OF. *lei*, Lat. *lex*.]

\***led(e)**, wv., trans., *pass; lead, conduct*: pt. 3 pl. *led*, 240, 358.

\***lem(e)**, wv., intrans., *give light, shine*: pt. 3 sg. *lemid*, 194.

**les**, adj., *less; little, small*: ap. *les*, 388.

**lesson**, sb., *lesson, teachings*: dp. *lessons*, 138.

**letter**, sb., *letter, alphabetic character*: dp. *letters*, 150.

**leue**, wv., trans., *leave, desert*: pt. 3 sg. *left*, 434; inf. 335.

**leue**, sb., *permission*: ds. *leue*. 61.

\***li(e)**, sv., intrans., *lie, to rest prostrate*: pt. 3 sg. *lay*, 154. [OE. *licgan*.]

**lif**, wv., trans., *live*: 3 pl. *lif*, 450; pt. 3 pl. *lifed*, 293, 309, 389; inf. 223, 328, 342; pr. pp. *lifand*, 438.

**life**, sb., *life, career*: ds. *life*, 109, 301; *liue*, 446. as. *life*, 240.

**lifing**, sb., *manner of life*: ns. 190.

\***lift**, wv., trans., *lift*: pt. 3 sg. *lifted*, 156.

**light**, sb., *light*: ds. *light*, 152, 194, 336.

**like**, adj., *like, similar to*: ns. 251, 366.

\***lik(e)**, wv., trans., *take pleasure in*: 3 sg. *likes*, 229.

**likeing**, sb., *pleasure, desire*: as. *likeing*, 288.

**lily**, sb., *lily*: dp. *lilyes*, 251.

**lion**, sb., *lion*: as. *lion*, 136.

**lite**, sb., *flaw, vice, sin*: ds. *lite*, 353.

lord, sb., *lord, earthly master; Lord:* ns. 205, 219, 229; vs. *Lord*, 48, 144; ds. *lord*, 57. (see *Jhesus*.)  
*lose*, wv., trans., *lose, let slip*: inf. 73.  
*luf*, sb., *love*: ns. 273, ds. *luf*, 293.  
*luf*, wv., trans., *love*: 1 sg. *luf*, 66; 3 sg. *lufis*, 82, 116; opt. 2 sg. *luf* 87; inf. 259, pp. *loued*, 127.  
*lufing*, sb., *love*: as. *lufing*, 69.  
*luke*, wv., intrans., *look*: imp. 2 sg. *luke*, 62; inf. 150, 152, 245; *loke*, 156.  
*lym*, sb., *body, physical appearance*: ds. *lym*, 140.  
*lynnen*, adj., *linen*: ds. *lynnen*, 148.

**M**

*maiden*, sb., *maiden, virgin*: ds. *mayden*, 10; np. *maidens*, 439; dp. *maydens*, 7; ap. *maidens*, 449, 453.  
*mak(e)*, wv., trans., *make*: pt. 3 sg. *made*, 45, 97, 215, 459, *mad*, 222; opt. 3 sg. *mak*, 48; imp. 2 sg. *mak*, 452; inf. 350, 391; *make*, 427; pp. *made*, 274.  
*man*, sb., *a male adult; a human being*: ns. 40, 155, 166, 176, 253, 384; ds. *man*, 23, 170; as. 87, 147, 284; np. *men*, 134, 321, 357, 376; gp. *men*, 4; dp. *men*, 6, 129, 392, 408.  
*maner*, sb., *manner, way*: ds. *maner*, 47. 161.  
*mani*, adj., *many*: ns. 359.  
*mankind*, sb., *the human race*: ds. *mankind*, 2.  
\*i\*mari(e)\*, wv., trans., *cause to be married*: pt. 3 pl. *maried*, 23.  
*mast*, adj., *most, greatest*: ns. 100, gs. *moste*, 126; dp. *maste*, 384.  
*maumettry*, sb., *idolatry*: as *maumetri*, 333; as. *maumetry*, 276, 395; ds. *maumettry*, 309.  
*mawmette*, sb., *idol*: dp. *mawmettes*, 299.  
*Maximius*, pr. n., *Maximus*: ns. 329, 361, 369; as. *Maximius*, 372.  
*may*, aux. sv., intrans., defective, *may, can*: 5, 9, 83, 94, 95, 110, 130, 376; pt. *might*, 170, 223, 265, 286, 289, 357, 448; *moght*, 56, 442.

*mayne*, sb., *strength, main*: ds. *mayne*, 185.  
*mayster*, sb., *master, husband*: gs. *maysters*, 388.  
*mede*, sb., *meed, reward, recompence*: ds. *mede*, 236.  
*meke*, adj., *meek, tractable*: ns. 141, as. *meke*, 139.  
*mekill*, adv., *much*: 130.  
*mele*, sb., *payment*: ds. *mele*, 213.  
*melody*, sb., *song*: as. *melody*, 45.  
*mene*, wv., intrans., *mean, signify*: inf. 47, 161.  
*menge*, sb., *household, retainers*: ns. 320, 330. [Chaucer, *meynee*; cf. Mn. E. *menials*.]  
*mercy*, sb., *compassion, forbearance*: ds. *mercy*, 2, 100, 209.  
*meruayle*, sb., *miracle*: dp. *meruayles*, 302.  
*mides*, sb., *middle, midst*: ds. *mides*, 415.  
*might*, sb., *mighty act, power*: ds. *might*, 100, 126; as. *might*, 3, 276; ap. *mightes*, 5.  
*mikell*, adj., *much, great*: ds. *mikell*, 91.  
*milde*, adj., *mild, gentle*: ns. 12, 22.  
*min*, adj., *less*: np. 411, dp. *min*, 299.  
*mis*, sb., *misdeed, error; failure*: ds. *mis*, 357; as. *mis*, 110.  
*mode*, sb., *mind, mood, manner*: ds. 12, 22, 381, 405.  
*more*, adj., *more*: ns. 172; ds. *more*, 376; np. *more*, 411; dp. *more*, 299; ap. *more*, 388.  
*morn*, sb., *morn, morning*: ds. *morn*, 371.  
*mornig*, sb., *mourning, lamentation*: as. *mornig*, 391.  
*moste*, (see *mast*).  
*mowth*, sb., *mouth, word of mouth*: ds. *mowth*, 171.  
\*i\*multipli(e)\*, wv., trans., *multiply, increase*: 3 sg. *multiplise*, 133.  
*my-self*, refl. pron., *myself*: ns. 83, 90.

## N

**na**, see *no*).  
**name**, sb., *name*: ds. name, 394, 452.  
**ne**, conj., *nor*: 217, 317.  
**nec**, sb., *neck*: as. nec, 428.  
**nere**, adv., *near, close by*: ns. 43.  
**neuer**, adv., *never*: 16, 252, 253.  
**neuyn**, wv., trans., *set forth, recount*: inf. 116, 171, 376.  
**new**, adj., *new*: ds. new, 112.  
**next**, adj., *next, against*: ns. 34.  
**night**, sb., *night*; in compo. with day, *continually*: gs. night, 335, ds. 16, 64, 137, 420.  
**no**, adj., *no, not any*: as. no, 33, 76, 316; na, 317.  
**nobill**, adj., *noble, illustrious*: ds. nobill, 26.  
**noght**, adv., *not*: 50, 62, 77, 93, 94, 141, 144, 152, 266, 343, 351, 432, 441.  
**no-man**, ind. pron., *no one*: ns. 95.  
**nomare**, adj., *no more*: ap. nomare, 436.  
**none**, adj., *not any*: as. none, 29, 216.  
**none**, pron., *not one; not any*: ns. 430; as. none, 142.  
**no-thing**, sb., *nothing*: ns. 217; as. 28, 177.  
**now**, adv., *now; at this time*: 61, 80, 131, 139, 233, 257, 271, 277.  
**nowþer**, pron., *neither*: ns. 89.  
**noyis**, sb., *sound*: ap. noyis, 43.

## O

**o**, prep., *on, in the process of*: 176.  
**obout**, adv., *on every side*: 416.  
**of**, prep. w. gen., *of*, (denoting possession); w. dat., *in, from, out of, concerning*: w. gen., 28, 251<sup>2</sup>, 335, 461; w. dat., 1, 2, 10, 22, 25, 33, 44, 63, 77, 100<sup>2</sup>, 115, 117, 119, 132, 142, 150, 189, 209, 211, 234, 242, 246, 287, 324, 336, 384, 399, 400, 459.  
**of**, adv., *off*: 354, 424.  
**of[t]-sithes**, adv., *oft-times; frequently*: 4.  
**ogains**, prep. w. dat., *against; toward*: 138, 152, 299.  
**ogayne**, adv., *again*: 186, 264; ogain, 183.

**omang**, adv., *meanwhile, at the same time*: 45.  
**omang**, prep. w. dat., *among, surrounded by*: 302, 362.  
**omanges**, prep. w. dat., *amongst*: 250.  
**on**, prep. w. dat., *on, in, upon, up to, against*: 47, 71, 121, 150, 161, 309, 333, 371.  
**onclene**, adj., *unchaste, morally impure*: as. onclene, 69.  
**opon**, prep. w. dat., *on, upon*: 199, 244, 437.  
**or**, conj., *or*: 69, 302.  
**organ**, sb., *organ, a reed instrument*: dp. organs, 44.  
**oþer**, pron., *other*: as. oþer, 198.  
**oþer**, adj., *other*: ds. oþer, 20; as. oþer, 29, 87; np. oþer, 380.  
**\*ouer-cum**, sv., trans., *overcome, win*: pp. ouer-cumen, 339.  
**out**, adv., *out, forth, from*: 234, 400.  
**outward**, adv., *externally, as regards appearance*: 35.

## P

**paines**, sb., *pain, torture*: ds. paines, 352, 434.  
**pape**, sb., *pope, priest*: ds. pape, 17, 443.  
**paradis**, sb., *heaven*: ds. paradis, 203.  
**parfitely**, adv., *perfectly, acceptably*: 223.  
**\*pay**, wv., *pay, satisfy*: pp. payde, 77.  
**pete**, sb., *pity, compassion*: ds. pete, 1.  
**place**, sb., *place*: ds. 160, 204, 286.  
**pouste**, sb., *power, dominion*: as. pouste, 3. [Mn. F. pousser.]  
**power**, sb., *authority, ability*: as. power, 316.  
**pouer**, adj., *poor, needy*: dp. pouer, 408.  
**\*pray**, wv., intrans., *pray, supplicate*: pt. 1 sg. praið, 447; pr. pp. prayand, 15, 421.  
**praier**, sb., *prayer, supplication*: as. praier, 145; dp. praiers, 191; ap. prayers, 427.

\***prech(e)**, wv., intrans., *to expound religious matters*: pt. 3 pl prechid, 298, 315; pr. pp. precheand, 308.  
**present**, sb., *presence*: ds. present, 314.  
**preste**, sb., *priest*: ap. prestes, 326.  
**pride**, sb., *inordinate self-esteem*: as. pride, 33.  
**prince**, sb., *prince*: ns. 307, 316, 329.  
\***puruay**, wv., trans., *purvey, provide*: pp. puruayd, 36, 205.  
\***put**, wv., trans., *subject*: pt. 3 sg. 352.

**R**

**rathe**, adv., *quickly, soon*: 199.  
**rebell**, adj., *rebellious*: ns. 137.  
**reches**, sb., *riches*: dp. reches, 384, ap. reches, 387.  
**rede**, sb., *counsel, course of action, resolution*: as. rede, 312.  
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## ERRATA.

- P. 23, n. 3, for ‘Origin’ read ‘Origen.’  
P. 27, l. 27, for ‘layed’ read ‘laid.’  
P. 35, l. 17, for ‘Ashmolian’ read ‘Ashmolean.’  
P. 41, l. 20, for ‘dependant’ read ‘dependent.’  
P. 68, l. 15, for ‘Cicill’ read ‘Cecill.’  
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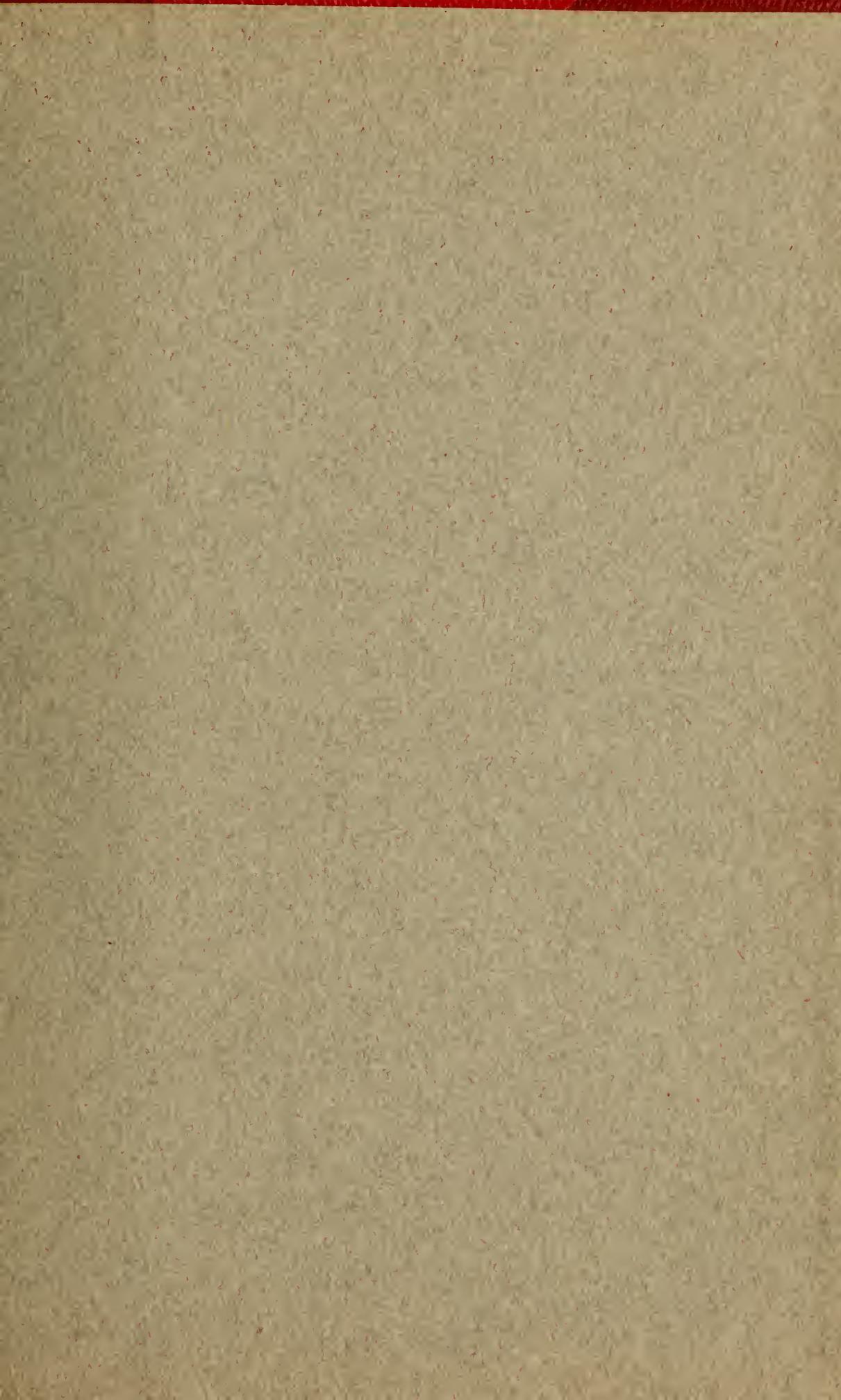












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