

Xth. Century Manuscript of the Venerable Bede.

"EXPOSITIO SUPER SEPTEM EPISTOLAS CANONICAS."

Written on 84 leaves of vellum, 26 lines to a page, in a neat, rather narrow and sloping hand. Decorated with seven finely designed large initials of interlacing spiral work with foliage, the designs outlined in red or brown and the background filled in with delicate blues and greens; on f. 78b is a fine initial S of a monster with a dragon's head and tail and a bird's body and legs. The headings throughout are written in red. On the verso of the last leaf, is written a Latin hymn of 29 lines beginning;

"In Sapiencia disponeas omnia superna deitas
Nobis conduluit quos diu tenuit dura calamitas";

Folio. In a mediæval binding of red doeskin over wooden boards, with traces of clasps and bosses.

On the recto of the last leaf is the copy of a deed in a 12th century hand, relating to a gift from a lady Irmgarth (*femina irmgarth*) to the Church "Sancta Maria ad richinb" (?Reichenberg); among the witnesses is Comes Gebhard de Sulcipach (a Graf Gebhard von Sultzbach was in 1176 "advocatus Ratisponensis Ecclesiae").

certa apio indice mercede consequet. **E**xpliet expositio uen-
rabilis s. de pbr̄i sup eptam s. ci iacobi apli.
Incipit expositio eide sup eptam s. ci petri apli.
ET RVSA PL̄S I HV XP̄I electis.
aduenus dispsionis. ponti. galatie. cappadoce. asie. & bi-
thinie. Aduenus latine. grece dicunt psalmi. Quo nomine
appellabant iudei eos q̄ de gentib; nati in dñm credere. & circū-
cisione accepta iudaico more iuxta dñi legē uitā ducere uoluerūt.
Sed & quæ numero fuere q̄dā eorū q̄ in die s. ci pentecostē q̄ apli sp̄m s. ci
in uigul uisione p̄ceperunt. ad p̄dicationē eorū xp̄o crediderunt. dicen-
te scriptura q̄d iudei q̄q̄ & psalmi ad tē. Electos ḡ aduenas dicit.

Expliet expositio venerabilis bede pbr̄i sup eptam s. ci
ioh̄is. n. Incipit explanatio eide super tertia or;
ENI OR. G. ALO. C. ARIS SIMO.
QVEO EGOD IZIGOI HV ERITATE. Qui uel qualis fuerit
iste gaudis in p̄cessu eptę monstrat. q̄ uidelicet fide xp̄i quā
p̄ceperat. bonis actib; accumularat & si ipse ad p̄dicandū uerbū minime
sufficiebat. eos tam q̄ p̄dicarent. de facultatib; suis sustentare gaudebat.

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