Erat temporibus Diocletiani.
(Divided into 3 Interrogationes each with rubric)
—annorum xiii" sub imp. dioclitiano viii kal. aug. Expl.
pass. sancta cristina. Cf. BHL. 1756, 7.
Inc. aduentus exceptione corporis b. Benedicti et scolastice sororis
eius. in agro floriacensis . . . . . . . . . f. 455
Cum diu gens langobardorum.
Ends imperfectly p. 458
—salubriter tamen tanto confecto itinere in prediolum quoddam
diuenterunt. (Acta SS. Mart. iii, 302 (300). BHL. 1117.)


Vellum, 17 x 11 1/2, ff. 363, double columns of 55 lines. Cent. xii–xiii, in a very fine hand.

Collation: 1a (wants 1–3) 2a (wants 7, 8) | 3a–46a (8 a fragment).

Contents:

Gratiani Decretum.
f. 1. Table of tituli.
In prima parte agitur de justicia.
A title has been erased, and one of cent. xvi inserted:
Decretum abbreuiatum sigillatim cuncta attingens.
A fine initial I in gold and colour on blue.
Ends f. 11 a on Causa XXXVI. 11 b blank.
Text begins f. 12. At the top a xvith cent. title Concordantia discordancium
Canonum, written over erasure.
Humanum genus duobus regitur.
There is a splendid initial mostly in blue and vermilion on gold: it contains the small white lions which often mark the work of Christ Church, Canterbury. The whole is edged with green. Smaller initials alternately blue and red. Each Causa has a fine initial; some are decorative, some figured. The latter shall be specified.
Causa I, f. 92. Abbot in purple with crosier, throned on L. Bearded man on R. presents a small boy in red tunic and a bowl full of silver: gold ground.
Causa II, f. 113; III, 130 b; IV, 138; V, 140.
Causa VI, f. 142 b.
Causa VII, f. 145 b. Bishop in white seated between two litigants.
Causa VIII, f. 152. (Medallions of beasts); IX, 154 b; X, 157; XI, 160 b; XII, 171 b.
Causa XIII, f. 181. In C. two men one with sheaf, the other with lamb. On R. and on L. four tonsured clerics, two and two, those on R. hold out hands to receive offerings, those on L. point back to L. The men in C. have been driven from their old diocese and moved to another, but still cultivate their old lands. Tithes are claimed by both churches.
Causa XIV, f. 185; XV, 187 b. A tonsured man in short tunic smites one on R. on the head with a club: a woman stands with arms out in consternation.

Causa xvii, f. 204b; xviii, 288; xix, 210b; xx, 212. Abbot with crosier throned on R. On L. kneel two tonsured boys, one in blue cowl (a willing novice), the other looking back at his father on L. (unwilling).

Causa xxi, f. 214; xxii, 216; xxiii, 224; xxiv, 246; xxv, 258; xxvi, 261.

Causa xxvii, f. 268. A maiden in red in C. (who has vowed not to marry, and repented). A youth on R. holding sword puts his arms round her neck to lead her away. A bearded man (former betrothed) on L. protests, holding her hand.

Causa xxviii, f. 275; xxix, 279; xxx, 280; xxxi, 283b. Man and woman on R. embrace. Man in C. lays hands on woman and looks back at older man on L. (a daughter promised by her father to one, and given to another).

Causa xxxi, f. 285; xxxii, 294; xxxiv, 325b; xxxv, 326b. Above a man at table, a woman in blue on L. (his wife) hands him a dish. Below two men lay a shrouded corpse (the first wife) in the grave. A cross in C. All the figures are half-length.

On f. 330b is a full-page painting of a man with white beard and hair in purple-grey robe over white, red hose, and black shoes, both patterned: on patterned blue ground: coloured frame. In front of his body is a tree of affinity formed of (blank) white medallions set in a gold frame.

Causa xxxvi, f. 333b. Above, youth and maid at table, servants on R. and in front. Below, youth and maid in bed.

Ultima pars, f. 335. Ends f. 363a nisi uiderit patrem facientem. Three quarters of the leaf is cut away.

On 26b, opposite a sentence about the bad pronunciation of readers, is a sketch (xiv?) of a monk’s head: with book on desk, inscribed In principio erat verbum etc.

11. RABANUS DE NATURIS RERUM.

Vellum, 16.8 × 11.4, ff. 223, double columns of 39 lines. Cent. xii, in a fine clear hand.

Collation: 1º–28º (wants 8).

Contents:

Rabanus de uniuerso uel de Naturis rerum (P. L. cxii),

Domino excellentissimo et omni honore dignissimo hluduuico regi

—gaduio beatificet sempiterno.

Ad haymonem episcopum.

—intra in gaudium domini tui.

Capitula lib. primi.

Text. De Deo. Primum apud hebreos dei nomen ely.

Lib. ii, f. 9; iii, 15; iv, 22; v, 33; vi, 46b; vii, 62b; viii, 77b; ix, 92; x, 101b; xi, 110b; xii, 118b; xiii, 129b; xiv, 135b;