296. Tracts by Wyclif.

A parchment book in 4º, written in the xivth century, containing,

Several treatises written by Wickliff.

"In this booke be gathered together all the sharpe treatises concernyng the
errores and defaults which John Wickliff did fynde in his tyme specially in the
clergie and religiouse and in other estates of the worlde."

The titles of the several treatises are as follows:

1. Attendite a fermento phariseorum quod est hypocrisis, p. 1.
   A discourse in xii chapters against the hypocrisy of the clergy.
2. Hou men owen obesche to prelatis drede curs and kepe law, ch. iii, p. 23.
3. The reule of seynt Fraunseis, p. 29.
4. The testament of seynt Fraunseis, p. 34.
5. Objections against the Franciscans for not observing this testament under
   pretence of their having a papal dispensation, p. 36.
6. Articles against the friers, p. 39.
7. Articles against prelates, p. 65.
8. How Anticriste and his clerkis feren trewe prestis fro prechynge of Cristis
   gospel bi foure discetics, p. 103.
10. Hou the office of curatis is ordeyned of God, p. 123.
11. For the ordre of presthod, p. 136.

Vellum, 10½ x 7⅞, ff. 3 + 150, double columns of 40 lines. Cent. xiv late, clearly written.

Collation: (3 flyleaves) a²-r⁸ s³⁰ t⁴: old pagination incorrect but used here.

i ⁶. Extract from letter of Melanchthon to Fred. Miconius: Inspexi
   Wiclefum sed deprehendi, etc. (cf. 108. 5).
ii. List of contents (xvi). iii ⁶. Note given by Nasmith.

The volume is a leading authority for many of the Wycliffite tracts, and
was extensively used by F. D. Matthew, English Works of Wyclif (E. E. T. S.
1880) and by T. Arnold, Select English Works of W., vol. III.

Contents:

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1. Matthew, p. 2 . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . p. 1
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15. Thre thingis distroien this world false confessoures false men of lawe and false mercantins, p. 160.

16. Of feyned contemplatif lif, of song, of the ordynal of Salisbury and of bodely almes and worldlyt bysnesse, of prestis hou bi thes foure the fend lettith hem fro prechemyng of the gospel, p. 165.

17. The pater noster expounded, p. 172.

18. The Ave Maria expounded, p. 175.

19. Hou Sathanas and his children turnen werkis of mercy up so dom(!) and diceuyen men thereinne and in here five wittis, p. 179.

20. Hou religious men shoulde kepe certayne articles, p. 185.


22. Whi pore prestis have none benefice, p. 203.

23. Hou anticrist and his clerkis travelen to destroie holy writt and to make cristene men unstable in the feith, and to sette here ground in develis of helle, p. 209.

24. Hou sathanas and his prestis and his feigned religious casten bi thre cursed heresies to destroie alle good lyvynghe and meyntenyinge alle manner of synne, p. 213.

25. For thre skillis lordis schulden constreyne crelis to lyve in mekenesse wilful povert and discrete penaunce and gostly traveile, p. 221.


29. The grete sentence of curs exponed, p. 239.

30. Articles presented to the king and parliament.

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14. , p. 204.


17. , p. 197.

18. , p. 203.


22. , p. 244.


24. , p. 263.

25. Arnold, p. 213.

26. , p. 188.

27. Matthew, p. 275.

28. , p. 281.


30. Plese it to oure most noble.

—and bewar of sathanas discuisitis. Amen

Pleaute at the bottom of this column is an erasure: This is the worke of .... It is only of cent. xvi.