Text. Outline initial  
Expl. qui grece dicitur deuteronomii v. cc. dc (sic).
Inc. prephatio iesus naue et iudicum.
Tandem finito pentatheuco  
Inc. capitulatio libri iesus naue (33).
Text. Outline initial  
Iosue benun expl. v. j. dccj.
Inc. capit. iudicum (18).
Text. Large outline initial  
An odd marginal sketch on 139 b.
Expl. lib. sopthim idest iudicum V. I. dccl.
Inc. lib. ruth. Good outline initial  
Capitula of 1, 2 Regum without title (98).
Expl. capit. regum libri primi et secundi.
Inc. capit. regum libri iii et iii (91).
1 Reg. Outline initial  
Expl. Samuhel lib. primus V. II. cc.
Inc. Samuhel liber II  
Expl. lib. secundus Samuhelis. habet versus II. cc.
Inc. malachim idest regum lib. III.  
Expl. malachim idest regum lib. III. habet versus V. II. d (sic).
Inc. eiusdem libri IIII  
Original hand breaks off at 4 Reg. xvii 24 (f. 225 b) et de thutha et de aiath.
Quire 29 is a supply of cent. xv, as quires 1, 2.
The leaf that should follow 225 is now bound as f. 236, ending in xviii 27 ut loquerer sermones hos. et non.
The supply completes 4 Reg. and continues with Prol. in libro paralipomenon (Si septuaginta) and 1 Par. i-vii 2 et raphaia et ierihel ema et iepsem et (Samuel).
The last leaf is, like f. ii, a part of a document much effaced:
Line 1 vulgare. Regina prouincie pr... alqa... ii ac pedimontis comitissa...
Lower down: Abbas monasterii S. Johannis de pr... dioc. poli castriensis is mentioned.
The notary's signature contains the words Insula sicilie.

484. BIBLIA.

Vellum, 6½ × 4⅓, ff. 4 + 670, double columns of 39 lines. Cent. xiii, in excellent small hand.

Purchased in August, 1890, by the Rev. S. S. Lewis of Mrs Augusta Boyes. It was formerly in the library of a Mr Foster, of Springhead, in Yorkshire. Letters relating to the purchase are in the book.

Old binding rebacked: clasps gone.

Collation: 4 vellum flyleaves, 130–3130 3210 | 3330 3430.

Contents:

Proll. a, Frater Ambrosius.  
  b, Desiderii mei.

Genesis—2 Par., no prayer of Manasses. Proll. to Jos., 1 Reg., 1 Par.

C. C. C. II. iii.
Esdr. (Pr.), Neh., Tob. (Pr.), Judith (Pr.), Hester (Pr.).
Job. (Proll. Cogor and Si aut).
XII Prophets (Proll.), 1, 2 Macc. (Pr.).
Cath. Epp. (Pr.).
Acts (Pr.), Apoc. (Pr.).
Psalter Gallican.
Interpretationes nominum (Aaz—Zuzim): triple columns.

The books have fine decorative initials for the most part: distinguished by beautiful green leaves in the ornament. The Epistles have initials alternately in colour and in red pen-work.

Figured initials are as follows:

Prologue. Man writing.
Genesis. Days of Creation, and Crucifixion.
Proverbs. Solomon instructing Rehoboam.
Isaiah. Isaiah holding a frame-saw.
Romans. Paul with sword.
1 Peter. Two apostles.
Psalter. David playing the harp.

All these are of very good execution, but the colour has suffered.

BIBLIA.

Vellum, 108 x 64, ff. 3 + 379, double columns of 54 lines. Cent. xiii, in a very good small hand.

Brown leather binding with later stamp in gold of crest: a stag's head and neck erased, surrounded by garter and surmounted by baron's coronet.


Collation: a4 (1 lining cover, 4 gone), 118–1216 (16 canc.) | 1316–2416
(wants 15, 16).

The flyleaves supply some interesting records.

In the cover is written (xiii):

Hunc librum fecit scribi Robertus de Aldeswyth (Aldsworth is near Gloucester).
Sum de communi. nolo fieri specialis
Tradar sic uni quod cunctis sim generalis.
qui me furatus fuerit aut alienauerit. sit ille maledictus.
Plectatur pena tali quod sit anathema.

Then in a xvith cent. hand, with a thick line drawn through it:

Sum Richardi Mirre emptus de Wille/mo Davis Clerico.