

## AILRED OF RIEVAULX AND HIS BIOGRAPHER WALTER DANIEL.

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**A**MONG the manuscripts recently acquired by the John Rylands Library is a volume which was written at the end of the twelfth century in the Cistercian Monastery of Rievaulx, in the North Riding of Yorkshire. The first few pages are missing, though the manuscript is still protected by its mediæval covers of board joined by thongs of leather. When he came to catalogue it M. Robert Fawtier found that it was the *Centum Sententiae* of Walter Daniel, monk of Rievaulx, a prolific writer whose works, known to Leland and Bale, have almost entirely disappeared. After the dissolution of the monasteries, when monastic libraries were scattered, the manuscript came into the hands of the Thorntons of East Newton, a manor not far from Rievaulx. In the reign of Charles II. it passed, with East Newton, to the family of Thomas Comber, Dean of Durham. Nearly a century later it was presented by another Thomas Comber to Thomas Duncombe, on whose estate at Helmsley the ruins of Rievaulx lay.<sup>1</sup> During 600 years this book, written at Rievaulx by a monk of Rievaulx for the edification of his brethren, never wandered more than a few miles from home. Other Rievaulx books went further afield. The Rievaulx copy of the Sentences of Peter the Lombard, came to University College, Oxford.<sup>2</sup> A twelfth century manuscript of the Apocalypse, glossed, is in Lincoln College, Oxford ;<sup>3</sup> Rabanus Maurus on St. Matthew, also in a twelfth century copy, is

<sup>1</sup> Rylands Latin MS., 196.

<sup>2</sup> University College MS., 113.

<sup>3</sup> Lincoln College MS., 15.

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et vetera transierunt. et noua in nouo salubriter  
subsecuntur. Ad uetus testamentum pertinet  
sanguinum effusiones. pecudum immolationes.  
bellop cruciationes. hominum occisiones. et  
humodi. Hec ueteri testamento transiente sunt  
transierunt. Unde supuente nouo. facta sunt  
omnia noua. Noua uidelicet. scilicet noua plebs. noui  
rex. nouus pontifex. nouum sacrificium. nouum  
sabatam. nouum pascha. et nouum alleluia. Sem-  
pe lege deficiente corporaliter. defecerunt ephod et  
cheraphim. cuiusmodi uero subsequente. spiritaliter pre-  
uerant cherubim et seraphim. qui deum sine fine  
laudare non cessant. *2y 14. III.*

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**O**no maxime animam negantur iniquitate spura  
li. uita uidelicet. et uoluntas bona. Vita sine uolunta-  
te labes est. uoluntas sine uita uanitas est. Vita cum  
bona uoluntate. iusticia plena est. Uita diuisa debet  
habere res. exortationem scilicet operum. et feruorem  
deuotionis. Sempe opus sine exortatione. nec ca-  
lidum est. nec frigidum. sicut tepidum. et omnino non  
necessarium. Deuotio uero sine feruore tepida est.  
ad modicum parat. et abono tempore deficiens.

**E**ane uoluntate duo sunt necessaria. rectitudo  
intentionis. et affectus dilectionis. Summum in  
pactio sine rectitudine. petra est inuidens. et  
affectus sine dilectione. intentionum est carnalis  
incontinentia. **V**ergit uita bona uoluntate in gerit  
hanc innocentiam in demeritis habere studeat.  
quamuis innocens manibus. et mundo corde. unus

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*Handwritten notes at the bottom of the page, including a reference to 'Nate' and 'Sicut'.*

RYLANDS LATIN MS. No. 195, Fol. 19.