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The seventy-three manuscripts briefly described here have been acquired by the College at different times and in different ways, but they have one thing in common: they were none of them described by M. R. James in his Descriptive Catalogue of the Manuscripts in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (2 vols. 1912). Some have been in the possession of the College for many years, escaping James because at that time they were either not kept in the library or were not thought worthy of inclusion in a published catalogue of manuscripts. Thus James does not describe the group of manuscripts connected with Matthew Parker, Master of the College and archbishop of Canterbury, four of which have certainly been in the College since soon after his time (576, 581, 582, 583); nor the two library shelf-lists included here (576, 577); nor even the fine illustrated Arabic manuscript given to the College in the late eighteenth century (578). He missed, too, part of the collection of so-called 'Parker Certificates' which had somehow found their way into the College Archives (580), as well as a number of single-leaf manuscripts mounted in glass (571, 572, 574). Two other manuscripts are not in James because in 1912 they still formed part of the printed books from the bindings of which they have only recently been removed (557, 559).

With the notable exception of a fine illuminated book of Hours given by Lord Queenborough (540), the manuscripts acquired since 1912 are associated in some way with the College. Some were written by or closely concern former Fellows or members of the College: Matthew Parker (561), John Greenwood (547), Nicholas Bacon (543), Robert Moss (563), William Stukeley (544, 550, 552, 553, 556), Robert Masters (562), and Thomas Herring (565, 566, 572). To these we may add the diaries of three Fellows of the College: John D'Oyly (558), James Bowstead (555) and J. J. S. Perowne (560). Other manuscripts are illustrative of the history of the College (551, 564, 567, 571, 573, 574), and in this category may be included the large collection of (mainly) eighteenth-century letters contained in MSS. 584–611, though they have a much wider interest. A few of these manuscripts can claim no other connection than that they were given to the College by a Fellow (545, 546) or a member (554, 568, 569, 570). It may be noted that

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only a handful of the books listed here are medieval: 540, 544, 551 (6), 557, 559 and 578.
The aim of this list is to make the contents of these manuscripts more easily available to students. It is planned on the lines that published in this journal (vol. i, parts 1–5 and vol. ii, part 1) by F. Wormald and P. M. Giles entitled 'A Handlist of the Additional MSS. in the Fitzwilliam Museum', and, like it, is designed as a list rather than an exhaustive catalogue. The numeration continues from that of Dr James, the last manuscript described by him being numbered 538.
We are much indebted, for help in the preparation of this list, to Professor C. R. Cheney, Canon Charles Smyth and Messrs H. L. Pink, J. P. T. Bury and J. P. C. Roach.
539. A copy of the Chamberlain’s accounts of the City of Bath from 1569 to 1725, with a list of Honorary Freemen and other material relating to the history of Bath, made by the Rev. C. W. Shickle, Master of St John’s Hospital. Typescript, 2 vols., boxed. Given by the editor in January 1921.
542. A book of prayers. English, c. 1570–9. Vellum, ff. 82, 24 × 2". Decorated border, initials. Contemporary (?) cloth binding, embossed. Made for Matthew Parker, the archbishop’s second son, and given to him by his wife Frances as a New Year’s Gift. Lot 5571 in the sale of Huth MSS. at Sotheby’s, 13 July 1917. Given by Lord Queenborough.
543. Copies of letters and speeches, &c. entitled ‘The letters and other passages of state written by Sir Nicholas Bacon...’. Bacon to Queen Elizabeth (n.d., 26 November 1577, 6 May 1578) and Francis Walsingham (24 July 1578), speeches of Bacon in Council (2) and Parliament (4); Petition of the Lords to the Queen, 1571; letter of William Cecil to a councillor (12 May 1589); Nicholas Throckmorton’s memoranda to the Queen (1588). 17th cent., early. Paper, ff. 143 (35 used), 114 × 74". Contemporary calf binding, gilt-tooled. Given by Lord Queenborough in 1923. The petition, and Bacon’s speeches in Parliament, printed by S. D’Ewes, A compleat journal of...the House of Lords and House of Commons throughout the whole reign of Queen Elizabeth (1703), pp. 105–7, 151–4, 252–5; Throckmorton’s memoranda by J. B. Neale, English Historical Review, Ixv (1909), pp. 91–8.

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549. 'An essay...on the relation of the Missal of St Augustine’s Abbey, Canterbury, preserved in the Library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge (MS. 370) to the Missales Libri brought to England in the year 1197; and on the claim of that document to embody the classic and authoritative text of the Missal of St Gregory the Great...', by Martin Rule. Paper, ff. 20 × 459, 11 × 94". Given by the author in 1903. See M. Rule (ed.), The Missal of St Augustine’s Abbey, Canterbury (1896).

550. 'Obit of Antiquaries' (1623–1671), by William Stukeley; with additions, annotations, and 'A list of Doctors of Law admitted at Drs Commons taken from the Treasurer’s Book Aug. 1 1733', by A. C. Ducarel. Handwriting of Stukeley and Ducarel. Paper, ff. 19 (9 blank), 8 × 64". Given by Stukeley to Ducarel in 1762; A. E. Vicars; bought from Quaritch in 1918.


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556. Autograph note-book of William Stukeley entitled on the outside cover 'Cambridge, Ely, Cottenham, Diary, 1736' and, on the inside, 'Cambridge Antiquities'. Contains miscellaneous material of all kinds, including diary fragments for May, September 1736, June, July 1738 and August 1747, recipes, medical notes, personal memoranda and drawings, 1717--47. Paper, ff. 67, 5 x 3". Contemporary vellum binding, blind-tooled. Bought from G. David, Cambridge, through the courtesy of M. J. Gillingham and Professor Bruce Dickens, July 1952.


559. Fragmentary material concerning legal cases: Maitres Pierre Assailly and Jehan Barbarin v. Jehan l'Auxerrois; Charles, seigneur de Gaucourt, &c., v. Jehan Dandines, 1480; Abbey of Notre-Dame, Ivry-la-Bataille (dioc. Evreux) v. Maitre Jehan Benoist (transcripts of documents, some 13th cent.), 1480, &c. Much of it consists of depositions of witnesses. It seems to have been collected and partly copied by Pierre Assailly, annotateur at the Châtelet (but not in G. Dupont-Penier, Gallia Regia, iv (1914), pp. 336--40, list of annotateurs at the Châtelet), and he takes an active part in this capacity in at least one of the cases. Probably written in Paris in 1480. Paper, ff. 21, 10 x 7". Removed from the boards of Small Parker Book 16 (Lyons, 1497, early binding) in 1952.


562. Notes and extracts concerning Waterbeach, &c., by Robert Masters, Fellow of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, vicar of Waterbeach and rector of Landbeach 1759--84, including part of a letter to Masters from William Cole, 23 January 1766, 8vo. Paper, ff. 162 (only the first 65 used) + 32 inserted

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562. Rough notes for a sermon said to be by Thomas Herring. Paper. 94 x 75", mounted in glass.

563. Part of a Latin exercise addressed to Henry Butts, Master of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, 1626–33, by John Baker; and, on the verso, the words 'Sweet Miss Elizabeth, my love being remembered unto you I have sent you these songs to be written over again', heavily cancelled. 17th cent. Paper. 13 x 8", mounted in a transparent folder. Found in a cavity in the wall of R staircase, Old Court, Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, in 1795.

564. Signed letter of King Charles I to the Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, on the occasion of the suicide of the Master, Henry Butts, advising them to elect Richard Love in his place, 2 April 1632. Paper. 143 x 110", framed in glass. Printed by R. Masters, History of the College of Corpus Christi (1751), Appendix, p. 71 (Lamb, p. 170).


566. Shelf-list of manuscripts and two shelf-lists of printed books (1. 'Catalogus librorum, in inferiori biblioth. ' and 2. 'A catalogue of the pr. bks. bound in vellum') in the library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. Three loose sheets of paper, 18 x 6 1/2", contain a rough draft of 1. Late 17th or 18th cent. Paper, ff. 177, 74 x 64", Contemporary rough sheep binding, blind-tooled.

567. Shelf-list of printed books (AB to KC) in the library of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, c. 1698, with 18th-cent. additions. Paper, ff. 122, 8 x 6 1/2". Contemporary calf-binding, blind-tooled.


569. A list of English and Welsh benefactions with their values. 17th cent. Paper, ff. 79, 174 x 115".

570. So-called Parker Certificates: tabulated copies of the returns from the dioceses of Canterbury and part of Lincoln (Bedfordshire), and original return from the diocese of Ely, accompanied by a letter from Richard Cox, bishop of Ely, to Matthew Parker, 24 January 1560/1. These return gives details of each incumbent and were sent in answer to Parker's request of 1560 and 1561 (see J. Bruce and T. T. Perowne, Correspondence of Matthew Parker, 1533, xcii and cxii). They are part of the hitherto missing portion of the collections of returns in Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, MSS. 97 and 122 (see James, Catalogue of MSS.). Paper, ff. 31, 162 and 18 x 15", wrapped in vellum, rolled, and boxed. Transferred from the College Archives in December 1959.

582. Formerly known as the Black Book: 1548–9 statutes of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, confirmed and signed by the ecclesiastical commissioners, 20 and 31 January 1573/4; Richard Billingford's statute concerning the Master, 1416; grant of new arms to the College by Robert Cook, Clarenceux King of Arms, 23 December 1570; charter of Edward VI introducing new statutes for Cambridge University, 8 April 1549/50; commission of Queen Elizabeth I for the visitation of the University, 20 June 1599; 'The testimony of the guests of Matthe Archb. de Cant.', drawn up by the Masters and Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Gonville and Caius College and Trinity Hall, recording Parker's gifts and goods deeds to themselves and others, and listing the books he gave to the University Library, the books and furniture he gave to Corpus Christi College for the use of the Norwich scholars, &c. The book was compiled by Parker, probably in 1574. Vellum, ff. 2a, 104 x 78. Three painted leaves, the first and last now glued to the boards. Contemporary Lambeth binding, gilt-tooled (reproduced in G. D. Hobson, *Bindings in Cambridge Libraries* (1929), pl. xxxiv). Seal of the Court of High Commission, broken, formerly attached to the single blue and silver sewing cord. Statutes printed by J. Lamb, *Masters' History of Corpus Christi College* (1831), pp. 270–93; Edward's charter and Elizabeth's commission in J. Lamb, *A collection of letters, statutes and other documents. Illustrative of the history of the University of Cambridge during the period of the Reformation* (1838), pp. 122–3 and 275–8; list of books and furniture for Norwich scholars, H. P. Stokes, *Corpus Christi* (1898), pp. 68–9, note.


584–611. Correspondence of members of the families of Rogerson, Postlethwayt, Gooth, and Kerrich, with a few letters from 1675 to 1828, with a few letters from 1675 to 1833; particularly of Robert Rogerson (1675–1704), John Postlethwayt (1651–1711), Samuel Kerrich (1713–67) and Thomas Kerrich (1767–1828). Some 7000 letters in all. Among the correspondents, some of the best known are (for the numbers of the MSS. in which their letters occur, see Index): Edward Balme, Nicholas Carlisle, Edmund Edington, John Chamberlayne, Alured Clarke, E. D. Clarke, Robert Glynn Clobreby, William Cole, Roger Cotes, J. S. Corman, Alexander Croke, John Denne, Francis Douce, John Evans, John

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612. Letter of Charles II to the Vice-Master and Fellows of Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, directing them to elect Francis Wilford Master in place of Peter Gunning, 11 June 1661. Paper, ff. 2 (one being address leaf with paper seal), 12 x 74. Dr Octavia Wilberforce; bought, Sotheby's, 19 July 1960.

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