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# JOHN PARKYN, FELLOW OF TRINITY COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE

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THE documents printed herewith concern John Parkyn, a foundation fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, but they were encountered during an investigation of the literary pursuits of his brother, Robert Parkyn, curate of Adwick-le-Street, near Doncaster. This latter cleric compiled during the middle years of the sixteenth century a series of manuscript books, several of which have survived. From the most interesting of these<sup>1</sup> the present writer has extracted and printed a hitherto unknown prayer of Sir Thomas More<sup>2</sup> and a violently Marian narrative of the Reformation.<sup>3</sup> In addition it contains some original poems, some imitations from Lydgate, various historical and scriptural memoranda, and three treatises of Richard Rolle, still apparently a cult in this Hampole district. A second manuscript book<sup>4</sup> by Robert Parkyn comprises an original concordance of both Testaments, some minor homiletic writings influenced by Rolle, and extracts from known works by More<sup>5</sup> and Thomas Stapleton.<sup>6</sup> A third contains a metrical life of Christ extending to more than 10,000 lines; it has very recently been acquired by the Bodleian Library from a private collection.<sup>7</sup> A fourth manuscript, in part related to this last, will demand consideration below.

Their respective wills<sup>8</sup> indicate that John and Robert Parkyn were born of substantial yeoman stock in Owston parish, also near Doncaster. In all likelihood they learned their Latin in the chantry school of Owston, one of four local schools, which, falling on evil days as a result of the Edwardian changes, were ultimately incorporated into Pontefract Grammar School.<sup>9</sup> I observe no evidence that Robert ever attended the university; his inelegant Latin, his rugged northern English, the deep-rooted provincialism of his approach and interests combine to render the possibility

<sup>1</sup> Bodleian MS. Lat. th. d. 15. A full list of its contents is printed in *Eng. Hist. Rev.*, LXII, 58-60.

<sup>2</sup> *Church Quarterly Review*, July-September 1937.

<sup>3</sup> *Eng. Hist. Rev.*, LXII, 64-83.

<sup>4</sup> Aberdeen University Library, MS. 185, described by the present writer in *Notes and Queries*, 19 Feb. 1949, pp. 73-4.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.* fols. 217-220, has More's *Treatise to Receive the blessed Body of our Lorde*, copied by Parkyn in 1555. It was unprinted until Rastell's edition of 1557.

<sup>6</sup> Fols. 228v-251v contain the first two books of Stapleton's translation, *The Apologie of Fridericus Staphylus* (Antwerp, 1565).

<sup>7</sup> It was in the Thoresby, Heber and Phillipps collections; the best description being in Sotheby's catalogue of the last-named, dated March 1895. The present writer has not yet had opportunity to inspect this MS, which only reached the Bodleian at the end of December, 1949.

<sup>8</sup> John Parkyn's is printed *infra*; Robert Parkyn's is in York Probate Registry, XIX, fols. 54v-55.

<sup>9</sup> *Early Yorkshire Schools*, II (*Yorks. Archeol. Soc. Rec. Series*, XXXIII), 34, 40, 45-47.

remote.<sup>1</sup> Concerning John Parkyn's academic career, university and college records yield the customary bald minimum. The Grace Books show that he took his B.A. in 1539-40,<sup>2</sup> his M.A. in 1545-6<sup>3</sup> and B.D. in 1556-7.<sup>4</sup> Meanwhile his name appears in the patent by which Henry VIII in December 1546 nominated the foundation fellows of Trinity.<sup>5</sup> In the college records he figures as Junior Bursar in 1552-5.<sup>6</sup> It is now, however, possible to add some significant information to these mere dates, degrees and offices, which so often constitute the sole memorials of our minor academic notabilities of the sixteenth century.

The fourth manuscript of Robert Parkyn, now Bodleian MS. Eng. Poet. B. 1, is a collection of seven detached leaves, used principally by this indefatigable rural priest to draft what is probably a sequel to his metrical life of Christ:—a narrative in rime royal recounting the events of sacred history from the Passion to the early acts of the apostles.<sup>7</sup> For these rough versions he economically used the backs, margins and interlinear spaces of his correspondence, a happy chance which has preserved five letters much exceeding in interest the stiff-jointed, pietistic verses of their recipient. Three are from his close friend and neighbour William Watson, curate of High Melton; two from his brother John, doubtless writing from Cambridge. All are fugitive, ephemeral letters of a type occurring all too infrequently amid the enormous mass of Tudor official and semi-official correspondence.

Of John Parkyn's two letters, the first lacks a concluding passage and hence, despite some tantalizing half-clues, cannot be precisely dated. It belongs to the years 1554-5, more probably to the former, and illustrates the close local ties preserved both by John Parkyn and by his undergraduate friend Thomas Metham, whose family then occupied a notable position in South Yorkshire society.<sup>8</sup> Again, like the subsequent letter, it shows the good fortune of a studious country clergyman who had a brother at the university, where both learned works and copies of recent parliamentary enactments—these latter very vital amid religious vicissitudes—could readily be obtained.

<sup>1</sup> He first appears in January 1541, already a priest and in the service of Humphrey Gascoigne, a well-known northern pluralist (*York Diocesan Registry*, R.I. 28, fols. 182v-183v).

<sup>2</sup> Grace Book F, ed. W. G. Searle, p. 342.

<sup>3</sup> Grace Book Δ, ed. J. Venn, p. 32. The christian name does not appear, but other possibilities seem to be excluded.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.* p. 120. 'In primis conceditur magistro Parkyn ut studium 7 annorum in theologia postquam rexerit in artibus cum duobus sermonibus uno ad clerum altero ad crucem Pauli et cum una responsione vel pluribus si exigantur sufficiant ei ad intrandum in libris sententiarum sic quod admittatur ad opponendum citra festum omnium sanctorum et stet opponens usque ad festum Barnabe.'

<sup>5</sup> *Letters and Papers of Henry VIII*, XXI (2), p. 340. His bequests (*infra*) make possible an earlier connection with St John's.

<sup>6</sup> *Admissions, Trinity College*, ed. Rouse Ball and Venn, 1, 43.

<sup>7</sup> Some 131 stanzas, a few imperfect, are preserved on these sheets, but this extant portion covers only the respective last chapters of all four gospels and the first two of Acts. This work will be discussed in detail by the present writer in a forthcoming number of the *Bodleian Library Record*.

<sup>8</sup> Cf. *infra*, p. 23, note 3. One of William Watson's letters ends (fol. 8v): 'I have hade yow comendyd to Mr Vicare of Cunysbrughe and also gyffen unto Mr Metham and his wyffe heighe thanks for owre pygeons and other owre cheare, as knoweth our Lorde, who have yow allway in his keppying.'

I. JOHN PARKYN TO ROBERT PARKYN, ? 1554<sup>1</sup>

⟨Bodl. MS. Eng. Poet. B.1, fo. 10⟩

As concernyng the vicaredge of Darfeylde, for soo yt ys cawled, I trow, I perceyve that ye have no grett affectyon therunto. I pray you remember what cawse ye had justlye with me, because that I dyd not desyre Camsall<sup>2</sup> and make sute and labour for the sayme. I cowyth (peradventure) give unto yow the vicaredge of Darfeyld (by my frend) but ye byd me let that matter rest, and because ye are soo myndyd, soo I shall dooy.

Ye say that ye dyd receyve no letter from Mr Mettam<sup>3</sup> unto hys frendes, whereupon I dyd requyre of him to know the cawse, and he mayd unto me this answe: that neyther he durst, neyther he wold or cowlde be so bowld upon yow to put yow unto any suche payn, seing that ye mayd unto hym soo flatt and earnest a denyall in a matter of lesse import: hys most [ern]est and desyrusse requ[est] unto yow that y[ow w]old visett and see [? hys] father's hows[e], when he wold most gladlye that wold have pleased yow soo to have doyne. Unto this I dyd make but smayll answer, but sayd unto hym, 'Lett all suche tryfflyng matters passe.'

⟨fo. 10 v.⟩ I thanke yow, good brother, for the dystributyng of suche thynges as I dyd send over in a fardell by a Kendall man named Atkynson and I am glad that ye have ordred the matter according unto my desyre and wrytting. But as for to pay and send over unto me for any partt theroff, I am not content therewith, for and yf ye shuld send over unto me any money therefore, I shuld but send yt over unto yow agayn, and therefore send over noo money unto me for that matter, for I wyll not take any therefore. I dyd send all those thynges unto yow frelye—sic etenim stat sententia.

As for the bellowys, thei are myne owne, and ye shall have them of me by the way of borowyng. All other thynges in the fardell I have gyven unto yow and emongst yow frelye with the carryedge therof also.

As for Harding Cronicles<sup>4</sup> whytch I have provided for you, when I shall send them over, then ye shall send to me for them iiij s., for soo thei have cost me. And soo lykewysse what as the Actes of the Parlemtt<sup>5</sup> shall cost after thei be cumyd furth that I may provide them for you,

<sup>1</sup> The offer of the vicarage of Darfield suggests a date early in 1554, when the two Protestant incumbents had been deprived. One moiety belonged to Trinity and a presentation was made to it on 5 May 1554. The other moiety was presented to by John Drax of Woodhall on 3 November 1554 (*Fasti Parochiales, Yorks. Archeol. Soc. Rec. Series*, 1, 78, 80). Obviously the former of these two occasions would seem the likelier, in which case the subsequent allusion to forthcoming acts of parliament would probably apply to the session 2 April–5 May 1554. Nevertheless, the Darfield passage could conceivably refer to a surmised vacancy which did not in fact occur. Parliamentary sessions also ended on 16 January and 9 December 1555. The final reference to a letter left for the writer before 1 November scarcely clinches the issue, but supports a date either very early in 1554, or late in 1555.

<sup>2</sup> A vacancy had occurred not long before. John Lommas, A.B., was presented by the University of Cambridge to the living of Campsall 16 July 1552 (*Fasti Parochiales*, 1, 63).

<sup>3</sup> Thomas Metham matriculated from Trinity in 1551, was elected fellow in 1555, and will appear *infra* as a beneficiary under John Parkyn's will. He has been tentatively identified (Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses*) with the Yorkshire Thomas Metham who was admitted to Douay in 1574 and died at Wisbech after 17 years' imprisonment in 1592 (cf. Foley, *Records of the English Province*, II, 608). If the seminarist identification be correct, the Cambridge man cannot have been the son of Sir Thomas Metham, as usually stated, but may have been a younger son of the Cadeby branch, also very close neighbours of Robert Parkyn and William Watson in Yorkshire (cf. *Visitations of Yorks.*, 1584–5 and 1612, ed. J. Foster, pp. 253, 364).

<sup>4</sup> Hardyng's chronicle as printed, with a continuation, by Grafton in 1543.

<sup>5</sup> For a list of contemporary editions of session-laws cf. J. H. Beale, *Bibliography of Early English Law Books*, pp. 40–43.

what as thei shall cost me I wyll regreytt agayne of yow. Mr Redmayn<sup>1</sup> dyd bryng your letter unto me, whytch ye left at myn ost Shawys<sup>2</sup> for me before the fest omnium sanctor[um].<sup>3</sup>

With fair confidence we may date John Parkyn's second letter 24 April 1555.<sup>4</sup> It again affords information on the transfer of books from Cambridge to Yorkshire. More strikingly it shows the warm and affectionate interest maintained by the writer in the affairs of his Yorkshire relatives. The sister Isabel to whose unhappy married life he alludes was married to one Ambler: their children, here thought to be 'trubled with suche terrible visiones' nevertheless attained maturity and appear in 1569-70 as beneficiaries under the will of their uncle Robert Parkyn.<sup>5</sup>

## II. THE SAME TO THE SAME, 24 APRIL 1555

(Bodl. MS. Eng. Poet. B I, fol. 17)

Ye dyd ones wrytt a long lettèr unto me, and whether the children in the howse have att any time bene trubled with suche terrible visiones or not. I pray yow of all those matters, wrytt unto me fullye.

Often tymes yt comyth to passe that where as the husband ys soo malyschuslye bent agaynst hys owne wiffe, that ther nothing can well gooy fore ward, but all thinges to rowle in truble, miserye and wretchednesse. I pray God yt may be better with them booth. I reckyn hym (that villayn hyr husband, I mean) to be in a mutche worse case and takyn, then she ys in—but I render upp all those thinges unto the mercye of God.

Also and yff ye shall thinke yt soo meytt and convenient, I wole ye shuld reyd this my letter unto owr good mother, that she may know my desyre that she doo not hurtt hyr selfe with to mutche care and sorowy[ng] as concernyng this matter.

Item I pray yow seayll yowr letters well unto me, for this yowr letter as concernyng owr suster Isabell was openyd before that yt came unto my handes. Ye shall receyve with this letter (God willing) Dio. Carth.<sup>6</sup> and thactes of this last parlyament wrapped in a kanvest cloth. I pray you let

<sup>1</sup> The various Yorkshire branches of the Redmans had several connections with Cambridge about this date; the family was always remarkable for its adherence to the old religion. The present reference is probably to Thomas Redman, later Master of Jesus; he was a beneficiary under Parkyn's will and receives further notice *infra*.

<sup>2</sup> John Shaw appears in the endorsement of the subsequent letter as the intermediary in Doncaster to whom John Parkyn sent his letters for onward transmission to Adwick. Reference to him occurs with extreme frequency in the Doncaster borough records between 1531 and his death early in 1556. His will indicates a substantial burgess (*Calendar to the Records of Doncaster*, II, *passim*, IV, 73).

<sup>3</sup> The letter is unsigned, but in the same hand as John Parkyn's signed letter which follows. It may have been continued on another sheet, though room remains for several more lines on this sheet. A mere physical examination of the two sheets might indicate that both sheets formed part of one letter, but several pieces of internal evidence—especially the lack of harmony between the two passages on the despatch of books—renders this unlikely.

<sup>4</sup> It is dated 24 April and records the despatch of 'thactes of this last parlyament'. This could not refer to the 1554 session, which ended 5 May, but would admirably suit the session ending 10 January 1555.

<sup>5</sup> Robert Parkyn includes as major legatees and specifically mentions as his sister's daughters, Isabel, Margaret and Alice Ambler, the first being his executrix. Christopher and John Ambler, who also occur, were probably their brothers.

<sup>6</sup> Robert Parkyn subsequently bequeathed seven large volumes of 'Dionisius Carthusianus his worke upon the Byble'. An elaborate 20-volume series, without collective title, but consisting mostly of the scriptural commentaries of Denis the Carthusian (1394-1471) had been published at Cologne between 1534 and 1540. In addition certain volumes of commentaries appeared at Paris in 1542-4-7.

mee be commendyd unto all my good brethren and syst[ers] with all other my good frendes there.

Scribelid in haist this present 24 Aprill by yowr

Jo. Parkyn.

<Endorsed:> To hys loving frend John Shaw be this delyveredd in Doncaster, desyryng hym to delyver yt unto Robert Parkyn, Aythwick by Strett.

The last and most important of our three documents comes from the V.C.C. Wills at Peterborough, a collection of great interest but hitherto little utilized by college and university historians. Certainly when we develop a wider and more penetrating attack on the mid-Tudor phase, we should derive from such documents as the following a wealth of information extending beyond individuals to build a broad picture of contemporary intellectual and social life. John Parkyn's will provides an unusually copious account of a don's working library. Taken in conjunction with the even better-known activities of Robert Parkyn, it suggests some instructive contrasts between the brother who stayed at home in Yorkshire and the one who attained a fellowship at Cambridge. The latter's interests are primarily philosophical and theological. His books are all published on the Continent; they are strongly Thomist and strongly, though intellectually rather than polemically, anti-protestant. If he shared his provincial brother's taste for English poetry, history and local traditions, this extensive book-list betrays no sign of the fact. His expression seems plainer and more lucid than that of Robert, to whose mind we might almost pardonably apply the abused word 'medieval'. John Parkyn would perhaps have felt more at home in that Counter Reformation world, the rigours of which several of his Marian colleagues at Trinity survived to experience. His loyalties range widely between family, parishes, colleges and university associates. On the one hand he maintains a poor scholar, on the other he acknowledges as his 'master' the distinguished Henrician and Marian diplomat—prelate Thomas Thirlby, Bishop of Ely, who had in 1557 presented him to the rectory of Shipdham in Norfolk. He shows signs of discipleship to the memory and opinions of that great Cambridge conservative John Fisher and altogether stands clearly amid the ill-fated papalist group at Trinity.

John Parkyn did not long survive either to enjoy his rich benefice or—with more probability—to follow his patron Thirlby and his friends Sedgwick, Godsalve and Metham into imprisonment, exile or obscurity. He was unwell when drafting this will in September 1558 and must have died very shortly afterwards, since it was proved in January 1558–9. Its personal element includes a distinct impression of heartfelt, unaffected piety passing beyond the normal testamentary forms, a piety marked by the utmost reverence for the eucharist, yet by none of the traces of saint-veneration which so commonly reappear in Marian wills. As often elsewhere, we are forcibly reminded that the cultured elements of mid-Tudor conservatism are very unfavourably represented by the unattractive figures of Mary Tudor and Edmund Bonner.

## III. WILL OF JOHN PARKYN, 21 SEPTEMBER 1558

⟨Peterborough Probate Registry; *Wills proved in the Vice-Chancellor's Court of Cambridge*, vol. 2, fol. 5⟩

Anno domini 1558, Die autem mensis Septembri 21.

JOHN PARKYN  
PRIEST

In nomine patris et filii et spiritus sancti Amen. This is the last wyll and testament of me John Parkyn, prest and Fellow of Trinitie Colledge in Cambrydg, thankes be to Almightye God at this present somethynge diseasyd in bodie, but whole in mynde. First my self wholye, bodye and solle, I put in to the handes of our Saviour Jesus Christ in whoes mercye I trust to atteyne everlastyng salvacion. Also concernyng such worldye and temporall goodes as God hath sent me in thys worlde of his bountifull goodnes, for the mispendyng wherof and other his benefittes I crave hym hartelye mercye, first I wyll that myne exequutors paye all my debtes.

Item I bequeth unto Trinitie Colledge in Cambrydg fyve powndes, that it maye be bestowed about the hie aulter, ayther a challess, vestiment, coope or some good ornament for the better mayntaynyng of God his service in that place. Item Petrus Lombardus his Exposition upon S. Paulis Epistles being wrytten in one large volume in parchement.<sup>1</sup> Item the Bible in Englishe, the which Bible I did receyve it of the colledge.

Item I doe bequeth unto S. John's Colledge in Cambridge to be bestowed about the hie aulter fortie shyllynge.

Item I doe bequeth unto the hie aulter in the churche of Shipdham<sup>2</sup> xxs., and also, to be bestowed amongst the power people of the same parisheners of Shipdham, I give and bequeth xiijs. iiijd.

Item I do bequeth unto the hie aulter and queer in Auston<sup>3</sup> churche where I was borne and christened, for the better mayntaynyng of God his service there, xls. And secondarielye I bequeth xxvjs. viijd., that there maye be dirige and messe doon in the same churche of Auston for my sowlle, for my father and mother sowllis, for my bretherne and sisters' sowllis and that the vicar and curet then being present have xijd. a pece and every other prist then there being present to have vjd., everye scoller of the parishe of Auston that can syng to have iiijd., and thother younger scollars of the same parishe of Auston to have every one being then present ij. And if so be that eny of this afore sayed xxvjs. viijd. then be remaynyng, I wyll that that remayneth be bestowed in like sorte, so far as it wyll goe, at the same tyme in the yere nexte folowyng that there maye be messe doon, etc. And thyrdlye I doe bequeth unto the ⟨fol. 5v⟩ poore people within the sayed parishe of Auston, to be gyven and distributyd unto them at their owne houses, xls. accordyng as my brother Sir Robert, my brother Edward and my brother Christopher<sup>4</sup> shall thynke mete and convenient, some more and some lesse accordyng unto their necessitie, so that the whole summe of xls. therin be bestowed and distributed.

<sup>1</sup> Though the output of printed editions declined markedly as the century advanced, the active use of Peter Lombard in mid-Tudor clerical and academic circles is indicated in many wills and other documents.

<sup>2</sup> The rectory of Shipdham, Norfolk, had a gross value of £33. 8s. 2d. in 1535 (*Valor Ecclesiasticus*, III, 324). It seems, however, to have been held by Parkyn only during the last months of his life. Blomefield mistakenly writes (*Norfolk*, x, 247) that John Parker, S.T.B., prebendary of Ely, was presented by the Bishop of Ely in 1557. He doubtless confused John Parkyn, who does not appear in the lists of Ely prebendaries, with John Parker, rector of Fen Ditton, who was a prebendary 1565-1592 (cf. J. Bentham, *Hist. and Antiq. Ely*, p. 241).

<sup>3</sup> Owston, near Doncaster, a parish with which several wills connect the Parkyn family.

<sup>4</sup> Will of Christopher Parkyn of Owston, proved 8 June 1560 (York Probate Registry, xvi, fol. 81).

Item I bequeth unto my brother Sir Robert Parkyn a soverayng of goldē in valewe xxs., a silver spoon with an antique face upon it, a new featherbedde and bolster edgyd with a red silke lace, a pillowe and pillowe beer with a blew coveryng, my best gowne, Opera Dionisii Carthusiani in 7 voluminibus,<sup>1</sup> item Dionisii Carthusiani de 4<sup>or</sup> Novissimis,<sup>2</sup> Epitome Divi Augustini in uno volumine,<sup>3</sup> my Calepine<sup>4</sup> and Concordantia Biblie<sup>5</sup> with a payr of gret wood beades.

Item I bequeth unto my brother Edward Parkyn a duple duckett with a Frenche crowne booth of them in valewe xxs. or there aboutes, a sylver spoon, a feather bed, a bolster edgyd with a blew sylke lace, a pillowe and pillow beare with a coverlet, a blanket and also my best dublet. Item I bequeth unto my brother Christopher Parkyn twoo old angells of golde in valew xxs., a silver spoon, a feather beadd and bolster edgyd with a partie cooloure lace, a pillow and pillowbeere, a coverlet with a blanket, a payr of shetis and also my best cote with a dublet. Item I bequeth unto my god dawghter Margret Amler xxs. in gold, a silver spoin, one of the best mattressis with a coverlet, my best hed kercher, my twoe best candlestyckes, and I desier of my brother Sir Robert Parkyn that if she shall survive hym, that he wyll bequeth a feather bedde unto her with a bolster at my desier.

Item I do bequeth unto my good master, my lorde of Elye, byshoppe Thurlbye<sup>6</sup> my <fol. 6> picture and table<sup>7</sup> of S. Jerome with the cost for the cariage of the same. Item I doe bequeth unto Mr. Thomas Redmayn<sup>8</sup> my best sarcenet tippet. Item I bequeth unto Mr Richard Burton<sup>9</sup> one soverayne of gold in valew xxs. and I bequeth unto Mr George Redmayn one sylver spooyne. Item I bequeth unto Mr Metham<sup>10</sup> an old angell in valewe xs., my Greke Dictionarye, Thomas Aquinas Super Epistulas Pauli et Canonicas,<sup>11</sup> Assertionis Lutherane Confutatio per Johannem Roffensem.<sup>12</sup>

Item I do bequeth unto Mr Hudson<sup>13</sup> an old angell in valewe xs., Cathena Aurea,<sup>14</sup> Thomas Aquinas Super Evangelium Johannis, Roffensis Adversus Ecolampadium de Veritate Corporis

<sup>1</sup> Cf. *supra*, p. 24, note 6.

<sup>2</sup> Probably the Paris edition of 1551, though this treatise had been printed at Antwerp as early as 1486. Cf. *Brit. Mus. Catalogue of Printed Books*, s.v. 'Leuwis'.

<sup>3</sup> *Epitome Omnium Operum A. Augustini*, Cologne 1549.

<sup>4</sup> The Latin dictionary of Ambrogio Calepino (1435-1511), gradually improved and made polyglot in successive editions, was in universal use throughout the century. The Aldine press published eighteen editions, 1542-1592.

<sup>5</sup> Robert Parkyn had himself compiled a manuscript concordance of both Testaments, finishing it on 18 April 1551 (Aberdeen University Library, MS. 185, fol. 210). It is in Latin, covers 418 pages and contains more than 26,000 entries.

<sup>6</sup> Thomas Thirlby (c. 1506-1570) had been translated from Norwich to Ely in 1554. Though not an active persecutor in his diocese, he presided at some important heresy trials, went as special ambassador to Rome in 1555 and was deposed in 1559 for refusing the oath of supremacy (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*).

<sup>7</sup> Commonly used for the board on which the picture was painted and also extended to mean the picture itself (*New Eng. Dict.*, s.v. 'table (3)').

<sup>8</sup> Thomas Redman, B.D., original fellow of Trinity and Master of Jesus 1559-60. Deprived as a papist, he was limited in 1561 to the counties of York, Westmorland and Cumberland (Venn, *op. cit.*; Strype, *Annals*, I, i, 413). He was a member of the Twisleton branch of this complicated family, his elder brother John a distinguished scholar and first Master of Trinity, his younger brother George mentioned immediately *infra*. They were nephews of Cuthbert Tunstall (W. Greenwood, *The Redmans of Levens and Harewood*, pp. 196, 202).

<sup>9</sup> Almost certainly Richard Burton of Kinsley in Hemsworth parish and hence a neighbour of the Parkyns (*Visitations of Yorks.*, 1584-5 and 1612, p. 7). This executor and trusted friend was probably an earlier Cambridge associate of the testator; one of this name was B.A. in 1538-9 and M.A. in 1542 (Venn, *op. cit.*).

<sup>10</sup> Cf. *ante*, p. 23, note 3.

<sup>11</sup> The *Brit. Mus.* has six printed editions, 1481-1548.

<sup>12</sup> John Fisher's work, first printed at Antwerp in 1523 and in at least seven other editions, the last in 1564.

<sup>13</sup> William Hudson matriculated from Trinity in 1550 and was elected fellow in 1555 (Venn, *op. cit.*).

<sup>14</sup> The commentaries of St Thomas on the Gospels. The *Brit. Mus.* has nine printed editions, 1475-1532.

et Sanguinis Christi in Eucharistia.<sup>1</sup> Item I do bequeth unto Sir Longe a noble, hoc est vjs. viijd., Titelmanus Super Evangelia Matthei et Johannis,<sup>2</sup> Thomas Aquinas Super Apocalipsim,<sup>3</sup> Roffensis Contra Lutherum de Captivitate Babilonica.<sup>4</sup> Item I do bequeth unto Richard Thornton<sup>5</sup> an noble, vj. viijd., Anselmus Super Epistulas Pauli,<sup>6</sup> Secunda Secunde Thome Aquinatis,<sup>7</sup> Roffensis de Fiducia et Misericordia Dei.<sup>8</sup>

Item I do bequeth unto Riplay my pooer scolar vs. in money, Tully his Familier Epistles with a payr of my hose and one of my dublettes. Item I bequeth unto Mr. Dr. Sedgewicke,<sup>9</sup> Mr Pember,<sup>10</sup> Mr Rudde,<sup>11</sup> Mr Godsalfe<sup>12</sup> and unto Mr Atkinson,<sup>13</sup> every one of them in their senioritie to chuse fourthe and take one boke, not breakyng eny whole wourke therfore, of thees my bokes (I meane) which be not bequethed. Item I bequeth unto Mr Wylson Eusebius, being in three litle volumes.

Item I wyll that the red hangynges in my chambre be there styll remaynyng and belongyng unto the chambre, the which hangyngs I did receyve of the colledge. And if so be that eny thyng shalbe founde in my chambre that is belongyng unto the colledge, as ayther anye bourdes, naylis, lock and keye or eny huynges of yron for doores, I wyll that all suche be restored unto the colledge agayn. Item I wyll that what so ever thyng shalbe founde in my chambre and knowen to be belongyng unto eny other man, that it be diligently restored unto thoner.

Item I <fo. 6v.> doe bequith unto Matthew Matthew<sup>14</sup> vjs. viijd. in money, Prima Secunde Thome Aquinatis,<sup>15</sup> Welcurio,<sup>16</sup> my psalter bownde with Salamones Proverbis and apayr of my hose.

<sup>1</sup> Fisher's work published in three editions at Cologne, all in 1527, and in German translation, probably at Mainz, in 1528.

<sup>2</sup> Commentaries by the Capuchin Franciscus Titelman of Hasselt, d. 1537. His *Elucidationes* of St John and St Matthew were published respectively in 1543 and 1545 (*Allgemeine Deutsche Biog.*, xxxviii, 377).

<sup>3</sup> Florence, 1549.

<sup>4</sup> Cologne, 1525.

<sup>5</sup> Probably a pupil or undergraduate friend. A Richard Thornton matriculated as pensioner from Trinity in 1557 (Venn, op. cit.) and a possible identification occurs in the pedigree of the Thorntons of Tyersall, Bradford (*Visitations of Yorks.* 1584-5 and 1612, p. 579).

<sup>6</sup> Editions at Paris 1533, 1544, 1549; Venice, 1547; Cologne, 1533, 1545 (Graesse, *Trésor de Livres Rares et Précieux*, I, 140).

<sup>7</sup> The *Secunda Secundae* had been published, separately, in at least fourteen editions previous to this date.

<sup>8</sup> *Opusculum de fiducia et misericordia Dei* (Cologne, 1556).

<sup>9</sup> Thomas Sedgwick, D.D., fellow of Trinity and Lady Margaret Professor of Divinity 1554; one of the divines selected to dispute with Cranmer, Ridley and Latimer at Oxford, and a commissioner for the examination of heretical books. Under Elizabeth he was confined to the vicinity of Richmond, Yorks, where his relatives were also recusant (Cooper, *Athenae Cantab.*, I, 213, 553; Strype, *Annals*, I, i, 412; J. J. Cartwright, *Chapters in the Hist. of Yorks.*, p. 41; York Diocesan Registry, Visitation Book R. vi, A. 8, fol. 82).

<sup>10</sup> Robert Pember, the tutor of Ascham; original fellow of Trinity and reader there in Greek 1546-60 (Cooper, op. cit., I, 208; *Dict. Nat. Biog.*).

<sup>11</sup> Along with Godsalve and Atkinson who follow, Richard Rudd was also an original fellow of Trinity. These three, together with Thomas Redman, were all ordained in December 1553 in the London diocese (Frere, *Marian Reaction*, pp. 254, 261, 268, 269). Rudd was a Cumberland man; B.D. in 1554 and probably vicar of Ashwell, Herts, dying in 1559-60 (Venn, op. cit.).

<sup>12</sup> Edward Godsalve, prebendary of Chichester 1558; deprived under Elizabeth, he retired to Antwerp, where he was professor of divinity at St Michael's monastery (*Dict. Nat. Biog.*). Cf. the previous note.

<sup>13</sup> Thomas Atkinson; B.A. 1541-2; M.A. from Trinity 1547; fellow 1546; B.D. 1554 (Venn, op. cit.). Cf. note 11, *supra*.

<sup>14</sup> Mathias Mathew, matriculated as sizar from Peterhouse 1556; subsequently fellow of Clare (Venn, op. cit.).

<sup>15</sup> Published separately in at least seven editions by this date.

<sup>16</sup> Welcurio or Velcurio was the pseudonym of Johannes Bernardi of Feldkirch, who is so frequently confused with the Lutheran theologian Dölsch and with other natives of his town. Cf. on these distinctions F. Kropatscheck, *Johannes Dölsch aus Feldkirch* (Greifswald, 1898), especially pp. 12-13. The present reference is probably either to his epitome of Aristotle's *De Anima* (Basel, 1537) or to his commentary on Aristotle's *Physics* (Tübingen, 1553).

Item I desier most earnestlye of myn exequutors that they wyll so faythfullye provide for me that I maye be buried in the queer of Trinitie Colledge Chapell betwixte the standyng of the lectron and the first greceyng<sup>1</sup> and step which makyth towards the blessyd sacrament of the aluter, yf so be that it shall please Almightye God to call me unto his gret mercie here within thuniversitie of Cambrydg. And then I wyll that my exequutors bestowe emonge the poore people xiijs. iiij*d.* and the same daye xs. to be bestowed at the dyner in Trinitie Colledge to amende the fare of the felowes and scolars that daye and all other studentes in the same colledge. Item that xs. be gyven and distributed emongst 20 of the most poorest students of this same Trinitie Colledg in Cambridge.

And if so bee that eny good man wyll take so muche paynes as that daye of my buriall to make a sermone exhortyng the people to remembre deathe, where unto wee be all subiecte propter peccatum (mors enim peccati est stipendium), then I wyll that that preacher have for his paynes xs. in gold.

Item for to see the iust perfourmannce of this my last wyll and testament I wyll that my trustie freend Mr Richard Burton, my brother Sir Robert Parkyn and my brother Edward Parkyn be myne exequutors to provide and see that every thyng in this my will and testament be perfourmyd and doon iustlye and trulie so neare as may be, accordyng as I have here declaryd in wrightyng. I do desier and pray yow three to satisfie this my wyll and testament, for yow threee in especyallye I do trust, as knowyth Jesus Christ my Savior and Redemer, unto whom be all honor and glorie world without ende. Amen.

<fol. 7> In manus tuas commendo spiritum meum: redemisti me Domine Deus veritatis, amen.

Ego Johannes Parkyn sacerdos et socius Collegii Sancte Trinitatis Cantabrigiensis hec scripsi manu mea propria anno Domini 1558, die autem mensis Septembris 21.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Steps in a flight. Cf. *New Eng. Dict.*, s.v. 'grecing'.

<sup>2</sup> A subsequent note records probate on 27 January 1558-9 before John Pore, S.T.P., Vice-Chancellor of the University, administration being granted to the three executors through their proctors Thomas Metham and William Hudson; Masters of Arts. An inventory to the sum of £60. 7*s.* 7*d.* was exhibited, but its details are not included in the MS.

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