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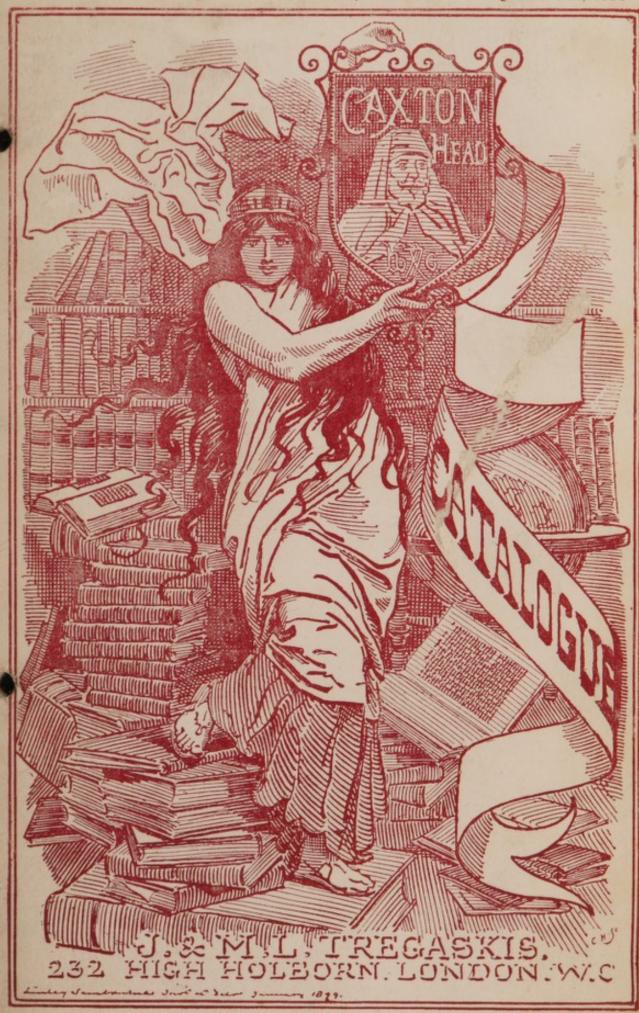


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LONDONIENSIS eiusdem ordinis pro venerabili patre d. Radulph / Tracy tunc priore dicte domus de scheene, ad instancias Reuerendi patris & dni

dni J. yngylby tunc episcopi Laudauensis, qui

etiam quondam fuit prior de scheene & predec-

cessor immediatus prædicti patris Radulphi Tracy.

The date here given coincides with the elevation of Father John Ingleby to the See of Llandaff, and it may be presumed that this volume of Chrysostom was a parting gift to his successor in the office of Prior of Sheen. The scribe's final words on finishing the volume were "Trinitati laus. scriptori præmiumæternum." Immediately following comes the inscription in large red gothic character "Orate specialiter pro anima d. J. Whetham qui hunc librum scripsit anno di Mo iiijo lxxxvj ipsum inchoans in medio qdragesime cuius finem fecit circa festum sci Mathei Apli eodem anno pro cuius labore præmium sit

ipse largitor bonorum omnium."
On the fly-leaf are inserted some notes from contemporary chronica on the invention of printing. The second runs thus : Aboute ye yeare of our lorde 1456 ye crafte of enprintinge was firste founde in mayounce in Almayne, policronicon

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freshness, for time has handed it down mellowed indeed but unsullied. The neatness of its text, its brilliant scheme of decoration, and the perfection of its arrangement seize the attention at once. The graceful tendrils woven into border spaces, the glint and glow of saintly aureoles, and the gilded lines on angel's wings; the soft suggestions of distant landscapes, the pose of the figures, and the beauty of devout scenes—these make a feast of colour, dainty for all its magnificence, and will on a spare page or two later on.

This charming book still rejoices in virgin | spread on creamy sheets of the most delicate vellum. Beautiful too is the old binding stamped in columns with "Agnus Dei" and bordered with small floral panels, the whole in rich russet brown leather. And to add yet another attraction, the book bears traces of long ownership by a certain Parisian family whose head was Raymond Bourgeoys, procureur en parlement, marchant et bourgeois. The fly-leaves have served as a family register, and a younger Raymond has written his

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Arabic, Greek, Latin, English, French, and Armenian Manuscripts-Continued.

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. . . Cartusienses ibi . . .", and this reminder
of ownership is repeated half-a-dozen pages further on. Dugdale names William 'Tinbigh' as being prior of the London Charterhouse from 1499 to belonged to the same order which, founded in A.D. 1080, was into England about a century later. The London Charterhouse was established A.D.

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