

Scrivener's account of this Ms. in his book "A full and exact collation of about twenty Greek Manuscripts of the Holy Gospels", 1853, pp.xliiif, is as follows :

"Codex Wordsworth. All the preceding MSS. contain only four Gospels, but that now before us comprises the whole New Testament except the Apocalypse; the Catholic Epistles preceding the Pauline, as in many more ancient copies. Codex l belongs to the Rev.Christopher Wordsworth, Canon of Westminster, to whose courtesy I am indebted for the opportunity of collating it. It was bought by him in 1837 of a London bookseller who seems to have known nothing of its history: it bears the stamp "Bibliotheca Suchtelen". This is a small quarto, beautifully written on vellum, and is said to be of the beginning of the 13th century; its text, however, bears a very strong resemblance to that of Codices m and n, whose dates are ascertained to ~~th~~ be late in the 14th. In handwriting it much resembles Codex b, and is in good preservation. So careful was the scribe, that I have remarked only one omission by ὁμοιοτελευτον John x,9. Before each Gospel is a table of κεφαλαια majora, and a slight illumination; in the margin are the Ammonian sections, contents of the κεφαλαια marks at the beginning and end of the Church lessons, and capitals in rubric at the commencement of each. In the margin of the Gospels are many scholia by Ammonius, Chrysostom, etc. There is no ascriptum nor subscriptum except ἡ δει John xiii.11: breathings and accents are given with remarkable correctness, nor have I noticed one instance of νεφέλκυβτικον. There cannot well be fewer itacisms in a document of that age; I have detected but 61 in the whole Ms., and those of the most ordinary character, the common interchanges of ο and ω, α and ε, η ει and ι. At the end of St. John is a table of lessons both in the Gospels and Prax-apostolos throughout the year, followed by a synaxarion or menology. Other tables are appended relating to the Acts and Epistles, to each of which is prefixed an ὑποθεσις of its own. Throughout the whole volume are many erasures and alterations, made with great neatness by a later hand. The text of this Ms. approaches more closely to the received editions than any I am acquainted with except its kindred m and n; in fact it almost gives us the standard text, with the exception of those few places in which the Elzevir New Testament differs from the vast majority of documents of every kind. Hence I regard the Codices l, m, n as representatives of the ordinary Greek copies in general use for two centuries before the invention of printing. Codex l stands alone, or nearly so, in Matth.xi.21; Luke xii,7; xxii.56; John xix.3. It deserts mn for the Elzevir text Matth.ix.36. The united readings of these three Mss. which present any peculiarity will be given under Cod.n."

Suchtelen was one time Russian Ambassador at Stockholm.

Scrivener's collation of the Acts and the Epistles is in his "Codex Augiensis" 1859, under the letter g.

Gregory's account is in his textkritik des Neurn testaments, pp.193f, 1107. It adds the facts that the Ms. has the pericope adulterae obelised and that at an early date it belonged to the monk Gerasimus.

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In Scrivener's Introduction its number is 542, in von Soden d359, and its earlier numbers in Gregory e479, al93, p.249.

On the death of Christopher Wordsworth it passed to his son John, Bishop of Salisbury, who died in 1911.

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