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contains a number of annotations (some of them scratch glosses) in French; and further detective work reveals the English career of a French scholar, Herbert of Fleury, who is known to have sojourned at Abingdon in the time of Abbot Wulfgar.

One area of Anglo-Saxon studies which for a long time had been inadequately explored, but which is receiving increasing attention in recent years, is the liturgy. Two contributions to the present volume show how much is still to be learned. One of these contributions provides a valuable sketch of the origin and development of the Office of the Trinity together with a fully annotated edition of a previously unprinted text of that Office from an eleventh-century Anglo-Saxon psalter. The other contribution is a compendious treatment of gospel-lections as they are marked in Anglo-Saxon biblical manuscripts; such treatment helps to compensate for the fact that (astonishingly) no gospel-lectionaries have survived from the pre-Conquest period.

Much may still be learned from close reading and attentive study of surviving sources, as a microscopic analysis of the Thorkelin transcripts of *Beowulf* demonstrates. A fresh examination of documentary records from Flanders throws new light on the early career of Hereward the Wake, the notorious outlaw of the immediately post-Conquest period. And a close reading of the *Lives of Saints* helps to explain the seemingly inexplicable nature of Ælfric's anti-Semitic sentiments. In short, the volume as a whole is an example of the vitality of Anglo-Saxon studies today.

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