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De *Collectio Cheltenhamensis* is an English collection of 400 undivided Decretals, handed down through the manuscript British Library Egerton 2819 (fol. 17–102). These Decretals are arranged in 19 titles and date from between 1185 and 1193, the latter year being the *terminus post quem* of the compilation. On the one hand, the collection is still primitive, as for the greater part it derives the Decretals from the archetype of the ‘Worcester’ group, but on the other hand, due to its systematic design, it is cognate to the continental ‘Bamberg’ group.

The present volume contains an analysis of the *Collectio Cheltenhamensis*. In the introduction attention is paid to the state of scholarship, palaeographical and codicological aspects of the manuscript and the structure of the compilation. The author also attempts to reconstruct the gradual genesis of the compilation. The actual analysis is restricted to the identification of the individual Decretals, considered to belong to the collection, including references and some concise commentaries. The texts themselves are only reproduced, if not accessible in printed form elsewhere. Glosses from the three strata of glosses, which the compilation contains in the manuscript, are only occasionally reproduced in the present volume. For references to the Decretals in printed form, the author uses abbreviations which she has taken from Holtzmann. Unfortunately, these do not correspond very well with the list of printed sources. Accordingly, sorting out where the actual text of a Decretal is edited, is somewhat puzzling. Moreover, not all abbreviated literature can be found in the bibliography.

The interest of publications like the present volume consists of the fact that analyses of the various compilations of Decretals are a necessary aid for making accessible all Decretals from the second half of the twelfth century in the shape of *regesta*. Through the present analysis of the *Collectio Cheltenhamensis*, the realization of the ultimate goal of a *Corpus decretalium seac. XII*, which scholars such as Walther Holtzmann (1891–1963) and Stephan Kuttner (1907–1996) had in mind already many decades ago, has been brought a step closer.

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