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quii uenustate sed uoluntate  
in uos animi gratissimi uobis  
et legentibus placere desideras  
**purgatio infini p[ro]bri lib[ri] per**  
**S**cio quoniam plurimum archa  
mos fratrum scientie  
scripturarum Desiderio puoca  
tos populo ab aliquantis  
euidis uiris et grecorum p[ro]p[ri]is  
ut origenem romanum facerent  
et latinis auribus eum dona  
rent. In quo etiam frater i colle  
ga n[ost]r[us] ab ep[iscop]o damaso depre  
catus ut omelias duas de ca  
ntico cantorum in latinum tras  
tulisset ex greco. ita in illo o  
p[er]e ornatu[m] magnificeq[ue] prefa  
tus. et cuius uis legendi ori  
genem et auidissime p[er]qui  
rendi desideriu[m] comoueret di  
cens illius anime conuenire  
quod dictu[m] est quia introduxit  
me h[ec] in cubilem suu[m] alle  
rensq[ue] eum quod cum in ceteris  
libris omnes vincat i[n]c[on]t[ra]d[ic]t[us]  
canticorum etiam se ipse vincat.  
Pollucet sane in ipsa prefatione  
se et ip[s]os in cantico cantorum  
libris et alios qua[m] plurimos  
origenis romanis auribus  
largituu[m]. Sed ip[s]e ut uideo  
in stilo p[ro]p[ri]o placens in  
glam sequitur ut pater uerbi  
sic p[ro]p[ri]us q[ui] interpret[ur]. Nos

ergo rem ab ip[s]o quide[m] ceptam  
sequimur et p[ro]batam. sed n[on]  
equis eloquencie uiribus ta  
ta uiri ornatu[m] posuimus. d[omi]n[us]  
unde uereor ne uic[us] meo illu[m]  
accidat ut is uir q[ui] ip[s]e alter  
post ap[osto]los eccl[esi]e doctore[m] scientie  
ac sapie[n]tie merito comproba  
uit inopia sermonis nostri  
longe se inferior uideatur.  
Quod ego sepe consideras  
reticeba[m]. nec deprecantibus me  
frequenter in h[uius] opus fratibus  
amuebam. Sed tua uis fide  
lissime frater machari tan  
ta est cui obistere ne imperi  
quidem p[otes]t. p[ro]p[ter] q[uo]d ne te ul  
tra tam grauem pateret ex  
actore[m] etiam contra p[ro]positu[m]  
meum cessi. ea tam lege atq[ue]  
eo ordine ut quanta[m] fieri p[otes]t  
i[n]terpretando sequar[is] reglam  
p[re]decessor[um] et eius p[ro]p[ri]e uiri  
cuius superius fecimus men  
cionem. Qui cum ultra. lxx. li  
bros origenis quos omeli  
ticos appellat aliquantos etia[m]  
de thomis in ap[osto]l[ic]is scriptis  
transulisset in latinu[m] i[n] quibus  
cu[m] aliqua[m] offendi[m] i[n]ueni  
antur in greco ita eliminauit  
omnia i[n]terpretando atq[ue] p[ro]  
gavit ut nichil in illis q[ui] a fi  
de n[ost]ra discrepet latinus lec