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**William of Ware in the Quaracchi Archives**  
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When I was invited by Prof. Antonio Petagine to offer some remarks at this Conference on Friar William of Ware I was a bit at a loss of what to say. I am certainly no expert on this rather neglected figure of the Franciscan tradition, nor more generally on the subject of the Scholastic Philosophy of the later 13th century. As one more familiar with Franciscan hagiographical texts of the period, I approached this as an opportunity to learn for myself a little more about someone with whom I share at least a name.

My proposed project was an exploration of our Archive for the materials collected over the years by the Friar Editors of Quaracchi on the person and writings of Friar William. At the outset I nourished the hope that I would find an abundance of materials, despite the existence of only a single, slim volume of the Quaracchi Editions which includes one of his works. As time passed, and the circumstances of the current pandemic required the postponement of this Conference, I let the project lie in the bottom drawer of my desk for many months, with only a few notes marking places in the Archive that might hold some promise of discoveries. With the unexpected but welcome announcement that the Conference would indeed take place, even though delayed, I returned to those notes, only to come to the disappointing conclusion that I would not have much to offer here beyond some very meager gleanings. As it turns out, there was a little more than I had first thought, though still not a large trove of interesting discoveries. What I have found I gladly share with you now, in the hope that one or more of the Conference's participants will find here something of value for their own study of this underappreciated figure.

In the 1997 Inventory of the Quaracchi Archive prepared by Fr. Pedro Gil, O.F.M., former General Archivist of the Order, there is evidence that at one time, exactly one-hundred years ago, the Quaracchi Friars were collecting materials on Ware. In later years, microfilms of several manuscripts containing his works were acquired, indicating perhaps an interest in undertaking a publication on this Franciscan author. The microfilm collection includes the following manuscripts, which will undoubtedly be familiar to you who are scholars in the field:

VATICANO. BORGHES. 346 (ff.11-20)

\* In II Sentent., 7 q.

4 strisc. microf.

(Sign. MF/368)

VATICANO. CHIGI. B.VII.114

\* WILLIAM DE WARE

\* Varia.

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8 strisc. microf.

(Sign. MF/388)

VATICANO. VAT.LAT. 1115

WILLIAM DE WARE

8 strisc. microf.

(Sign. MF/384)

WILLIAM OF WARE

FIRENZE. MEDIC.LAUREN. PI. 33 dext. 1

\* In I Sentent.

79 strisc. microf.

FIRENZE. Bibl.Naz. Conv.Soppr. A.IV.42 (ff.67-113)

\* Quaestiones in IIm Sentent.

(Sign. MF/309)

GUILELMUS GUARRONE

\* Quaestio sec. Cod. BURD. 163, f.161

/PIERRE DE LA PALUD.

(Sign. S/252, 6)

[GUILELMUS DE WARE

\* Note sulla vita e opera di.- Ms.

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(Sign. S/252, 6]

Related to Ware there is also the critique of his position on the Immaculate Conception by Henry of Hesse (or Langenstein) in a microfilm of its 1516 printed pamphlet form.

HENRICUS DE HASSIA

super Concept. BMV. -Contra Guarronem..

Argentina 1516. stamp.

[=Contra disceptationes et contrarias praedicationes fratrum mendicantium]

4 strisc. microf.

(Sign. MF/321)

The earliest Quaracchi publication to include Friar William was the celebratory volume prepared by the College in 1904 for the 50th anniversary of the promulgation of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception in 1854: Fr. Gulielmi Guarre, fr. Ioannis Duns Scoti, fr. Petri Aureoli Quaestiones disputatae de immaculata conceptione beatae Mariae Virginis. It might seem at first glance that the interest of the Quaracchi Editors ended with that volume. Yet, in the following decades there is evidence of further work on his writings.

Fr. Aubain Heysse (1877-1952) directed the work of the Hales Commission at Quaracchi from 1913 until 1930. His signature with respective dates mark the first and last pages of a typed transcript of William de la Mare's Quaestiones disputatae in the Archive: "fr. Alb. Heysse, 8.VII.1915" and "27.IX.1917 fr. A. Heysse." Wedged among other works of William de la Mare in the same archival box (S/174,1) his signature and initials mark another important piece, misidentified in the Inventory as the work of de la Mare:

FIRENZE. LAUREN-S.Crucis. Pl. 33 dext Cod. 1

GUILLELMUS DE MARA (DE LA MARE)

\* In I, II, III Sent.

Trascriz. datt-ms. Quad.

This is a transcription, in typescript, of the Santa Croce manuscript of William of Ware's Questions on the Four Books of the Sentences, Laurenziana Pl. 33 dext. cod. 1. The transcription is the largest piece of evidence pointing to an unfinished project on the works of Ware during the 1920s. Following that transcription in the same archival box is handwritten transcription of William de la Mare's Correctorium, dated 1923 and signed by the transcribers: Frs. Aubain Heysse, Ferdinand Delorme, Willibrord Lampen, Ephrem Longpré, and André Callebaut. It would thus appear that the Quaestiones disputatae of Gulielmus

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de Mara and at some point were misplaced in this container with the Quaestiones on the Sentences of Gulielmus de Wara, rendering their identification difficult for those consulting the Inventory.

Let us examine in more detail this work carried out on the Quaestiones of William of Ware. According to the notes of Fr. Heysse, the Santa Croce manuscript was transcribed by Fr. Zeffirino Lazzeri O.F.M., a friar of the Tuscan Province and a member of the College in several distinct periods of intense scholarly activity. Originally sent to Quaracchi in 1915 he remained only a year before being called to military service from 1916-19. For the next two years (1919-21) he was assigned to the community at Ognissanti in Florence, though spending extended periods at nearby Quaracchi during that time. He would later return to the College as a member of the Bernardine of Siena Commission from 1940-45.

The Ware transcript is dated by Fr. Heysse to the years 1925-27, during which time Fr. Lazzeri was not at Quaracchi but chaplain at the Convento della Madonna di Livorno. It is annotated in several hands and shows at least two different typescripts on paper of 35x21 cm. The transcription is bound in three volumes in cardboard covers. These are summarized in what is probably a draft of a Table of Contents dated 1929, after Fr. Lazzeri completed the work of transcription:

Index Quaestionum (without name of author or identification of manuscript):

Typescript, 8 pp., consisting of:

Index Quaestionum I Libri Sententiarum

5 pp.

Index Libri II Sententiarum Guillelmi de Wara

QQ. 1-61

3 pp.

[Notes at end, typewritten]:

In Festo S. Laurentii, 10 Iulii 1929

Nota: Elenchus quaestionum harum Guillelmi de Wara super quatuor libros Sententiarum invenitur in periodico Franziskanische Studien, IV, 1917, pp 230-238 ... Zu den Beziehungen zwischen Wilhelm von Ware und Iohannes Duns Scotus, P. Daniels, OSB.

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Liber I, dist. 8-finis

[note in different hand] "(q. 45)"

[=Pl. 33 dext. cod. 1, fol. 38r-87v ]

typescript pp. 229-523

"Transcriptum ex Bibl. Laurent. S. Cruc. Pl. 33 Dext. cod. 1 fecit P. Zeph. Lazzeri 1925 P.AH." [= P. Aubain Heysse]

[note, typed, on bottom of p. 523]: "Laus Deo! .... disse Suor Chiara."

Since the typescript begins with the numbered page 229, it appears that there was a first volume of the transcription, consisting of 228 pages, containing materials from the first seven distinctions of Book I. I have not yet found this volume in our Archive, either under Wara or Mara.

Liber II, "1.XI.1925. ah"

[note in different hand] "D. 1, q. 1"

"Transcriptum ex Bibl. Laurent. S. Cruc. Pl. 33 Dext. cod. 1 fecit P. Zeph. Lazzeri 1927 P.AH"

[=Pl. 33 dext. cod. 1, fol. 88r-156v]

typescript pp. 524-930

Liber III

handwritten (1 p.): "Index quaestionum" followed by list of quaestiones 1-14

"Transcripts P. Zeph. Lazzeri 192[7?] ex Bibl. Laur. S. Cruc. Pl. 33 Dext. cod. 1. P.AH"

[=Pl. 33 dext. cod. 1, fol 157v-188r]

p. 1-155

p. 155, bottom: [typed] "Fine del Terzo Libro"

The total of more 1,000 pages of typescript indicates that there was a plan to publish an edition of William of Ware's Quaestiones at Quaracchi in the late 1920s, though that plan never came to fruition. As with several other projects, at the departure of Fr. Heysse from the Collegium in 1930 efforts members of the

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Hales Commission moved decidedly toward the work on the edition of the Summa of Friar Alexander, leaving other projects unfinished, including those early steps toward a publication on William of Ware.

Fr. Willibrord Lampen, O.F.M. (1888-1966), was a member of the Hales Commission at Quaracchi from 1922-31, while it was under the direction Fr. Heysse. After he concluded his work at the Collegium he published *De causalitate sacramentorum iuxta scholam franciscanam* (Bonn: Hanstein, 1931), using materials on the sacraments from Alexander of Hales; Bonaventure; Richard of Middleton; and William of Ware. This work may be considered one small fruit of the work on Ware carried out in the previous decade and then suddenly halted. It may be significant that the publication was issued from a German publishing house, and not from the Quaracchi Editions.

During his long period of residence at Quaracchi from 1945-61, Fr. Gedeon Gàl, O.F.M. worked on several important projects, including one that concerned William of Ware. His careful examination of the Santa Croce manuscript mentioned earlier, (Laurenziana Pl. 33 dext. 1) resulted in the publication, in 1954, of a study of several of Ware's quaestiones on the Sentences: "Gulielmi de Ware, O.F.M. Doctrina philosophica per summa capita proposita," *Franciscan Studies* 14 (1954) 155-80, 265-92. It would be interesting to know if Fr. Gedeon made use of the transcription made by Fr. Lazzeri some thirty years earlier, though it is not mentioned in his notes.

To the best of my knowledge, no substantial publication project on William of Ware was undertaken by our Quaracchi Editions in subsequent years, though additional materials on Ware were deposited in our Archive in the later 1950s. These came from Fr. Jean-François Bonnefoy, O.F.M., who lived at the Casa Santa Rosa in Grottaferrata, likely as chaplain of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in their international community there. His notes prepared for a book on John Duns Scotus were deposited in the Quaracchi Archive, and include notes on William of Ware, among other authors. Much of the material collected was published by Fr. Bonnefoy in his study on Scotus and the Immaculate Conception published in Rome by Herder in 1960: *Le Ven. Jean Duns Scot, Docteur de l'Immaculée Conception, Son milieu, sa doctrine, son influence*

In conclusion, I can simply say that materials relevant to the study of William of Ware were assembled at Quaracchi beginning a century ago. The first steps toward some significant publication were well underway when the project seems to have halted abruptly for reasons we still do not completely understand.

Representing the sentiments of earlier members of the Quaracchi Editors, like Frs. Lazzeri, Heysse, and Gàl, I wish every success to the renewed efforts to publish the works of Friar William highlighted so admirably in this Conference. And I extend to all of you a warm invitation to visit our Quaracchi Library and Archive at our new home in St. Isidore's College in Rome as soon as current health conditions allow. Until that time, you are always welcome to visit us at our Website at [www.quaracchi.org](http://www.quaracchi.org).

Thank you for your kind attention.

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