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Bible. N.T. Illustrations. XIV cent.

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360 c Four scenes from the life of St. Melanius, bishop of Rennes.

Miniatures on vellum, illuminated in Hungary, in the first half of the XIVth century.

1 leaf (8 1/4 x 6 3/8 inches). No text. Added to other leaves of the manuscript in 4°. red niger binding by M. Lahey in case lettered: Acta Iesu Xpi et aliorum sanctorum. Italo-Hungarian-XIV cent.

The major part of the book from which this leaf was removed is in the Vatican Library, Lat. 8541.

Contents: St. Melanius blessing a poor old woman, six other persons in background appeal to him. St. Melanius visits a sick cleric - wearing a white mitre. St. Melanius strikes the sick cleric on the head with a club. The dead cleric from whose wounds two devils had issued, is mourned by two brethren.

Text: None. The rubrics accompanying the miniatures have been trimmed off at the top and bottom.

Decoration: The miniatures are by the artist of the St. James Minor series and Baptism of St. Nicholas in M.360.

In this leaf the flesh tones are heavy gray brown; thick lips and noses - small piercing eyes. The somewhat worn condition of the painting leads me to question the state of the old woman's brown cloak, which is so opaque that it appears retouched.

History: Purchased in January, 1955, from Christopher Norris of Polesden Lacey, Bookham, England. (*gift of Lesling Beaumont*)  
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#### Additional Cards

Iconography - Melanius, bishop of Rennes

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