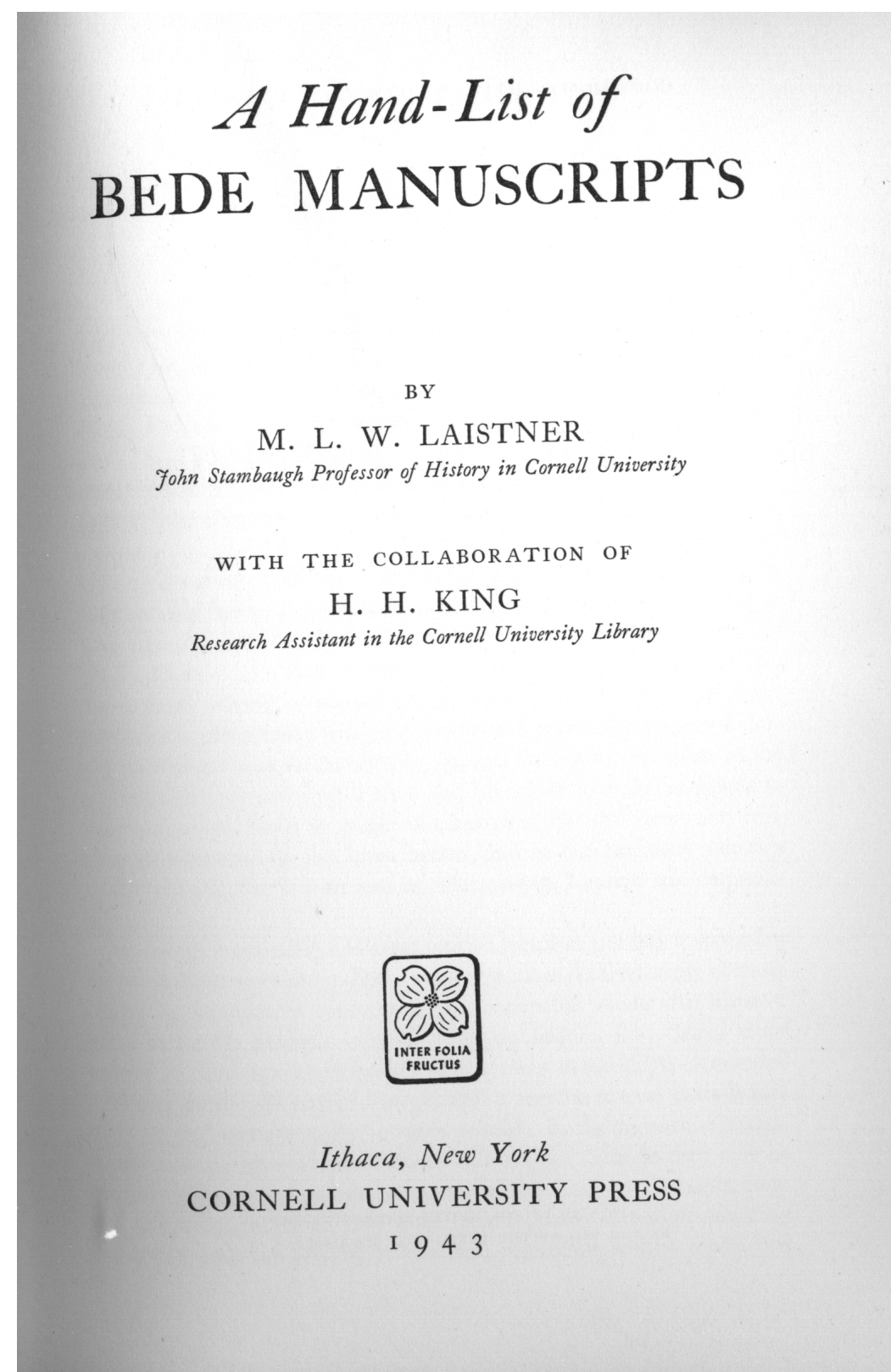


A Minimalist Contribution to Medieval Manuscript Studies



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Features of the Census

- ◆ Manuscript Enumeration
- ◆ Codicological Description
- ◆ Contents Listing
- ◆ Provenance
- ◆ Dating Opinions
- ◆ Dating System Normalization
- ◆ Bibliography

Tools for Minimalist Scholarship

- ◆ Static Site Generators
- ◆ SQLite
- ◆ JavaScript Object Notation
- ◆ CSV Files
- ◆ Namespacing
- ◆ Versioning
- ◆ Open Standards
- ◆ Unambiguous Identifiers

Bede's Works and Influence

The Venerable Bede (ca. 672/3-735) was the author of more than 30 works of Biblical exegesis, hagiography, history, and science, as well as letters, hymns, poetry, and instructional treatises. Many of these works were widely disseminated in the centuries after his death, and more than 2,000 medieval copies of his works have survived into modern times. Today Bede is most well known for his *Ecclesiastical History of the English People*, which recounts the settlement of Britain by migrants from the coast of Northern Europe, and their subsequent conversion to Christianity by missionaries sent from Rome. In the Middle Ages he was equally well known for his Biblical Commentaries and works on *Computus* (the medieval science of time reckoning).

Minimal Computing

The term "Minimalism" has various, related meanings in computing:

- ◆ Designing systems that can operate under significant constraints (cost, resources, etc.)
- ◆ Removing clutter from user interfaces (i.e. minimalist design)
- ◆ As a development target in the "agile" methodology (i.e. minimum viable product)
- ◆ As part of the "Unix Philosophy" of composability ("Do one thing and do it well")