The Content and Composition of the Book Collection
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This chapter examines the composition and contents of the book collection at Salisbury Cathedral. The special characteristics of the composition of the Salisbury collection may reflect the different interests of the Salisbury canons. This chapter contends that the presence of texts at Salisbury which cannot be found in other centres indicates that Salisbury had independent links with Continental centres which gave the community access to exemplars unavailable elsewhere in England.

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Chapter four provides a detailed description of the physical plant of the hospital, the daily life of individuals, and rules and statutes followed by its members as well as consideration of the social composition of donors, workers, and recipients of hospital services. The chapter includes a thorough examination of documentation such rules, statutes of operation, oblation ceremonies, inventories, wills and bequests in order to illuminate some aspects of the physical structure, living conditions, internal and external relations of members, and relationships between the hospitals and ecclesiastical and civic authorities. The fact that much of our information on these institutions comes from ecclesiastical
visitation and dispute settlement documentation suggests the challenges faced by hospitals.