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INTRODUCTION

The present text, the fourteenth century *Questiones libri Porphirii* attributed to Thomas Manlevelt, is a new text. Not only in the sense that the only manuscript that has been handed down to us has never been edited before, but also in the sense that its contents have so far never been the subject of any historical or philosophical research. Thomas Manlevelt, the author to whom the commentary can be ascribed, moreover, is one about whom not much is known.

By way of a first introduction to this new text, I will supply it with a geographical and temporal context, and thus place it against its proper intellectual background. Then I will sketch the contours of its doctrinal and investigational persuasion, and indicate the main points of interest of this commentary on the *Isagoge*. I will also give consideration to uncertainties surrounding its authorship.

As noted, only one manuscript of the present text has been handed down to us. This means that I am being saved the burden of comparing different manuscripts. This is outweighed by the burden of solving all textual obscurities, mistakes, reiterations and omissions in this single manuscript without having recourse to any other.

The logical tracts of Thomas Manlevelt promise to be a rewarding field of investigation in years to come. Critical editions, so scarce thus far, will become available. Apart from this present edition of his commentary on the *Isagoge*, the near future will bring at least two more volumes. Forthcoming is an edition of Thomas Manlevelt's *parva logicalia*, comprising *De suppositionibus*, *De confusionibus* and *De consequentiis*, by C. Kann, S. Lorenz and R. Grass. As a follow-up to the present edition, I intend to produce a critical edition of its twin text, the *Questiones super Predicamenta*, thus completing the commentary on the *logica vetus* attributed to Thomas Manlevelt. This commentary on Aristotle's *Categories* consists of one hundred and twenty-six *questiones*, the second of which, on equivocal concepts, serves as an appendix to the present edition.

