

male volo vt optimas tuas horas in re non optima colloces. Non illibenter admonemur a quibuslibet; sed quidam indoctiores sunt quam vt mihi prosit illorum admonitio, nec tamen vlli magis saeuunt. Quidam sic admonent vt me traducant, sibi choragium
280 aliquod gloriae comparent. Rursus alii monendi libidine prouecti sic admonent hominem vt parum meminerint se quoque esse homines. Et tamen minus conuenit esse veniae reprehendenti quam docenti.

Pro libellis ad me missis habeo gratiam. Gratulor tuae felicitati,
285 applaudo triumphis et ouationibus. Magis autem gratulabor, vbi tibi contigerit ocium et animus arcanam illam Christi philosophiam in altissimo silentio mentisque secessu recognoscendi, cum te ducet sponsus in cubiculum et in cellam penuariam. Quod in tuis lucubratiunculis tantis laudibus oneras Erasmus, praeter animum ac
290 studium in me tuum inde nihil agnosco: theatricos istos applausus ac brabea aliis relinquo, ipse talium gloriarum satur. Boni consules has schedas plusquam extemporarias. Bis obrutus eram cum haec scriberem, et morbo et studiorum laboribus. Sed quod nunc officio diminutum est, alias exaequabitur.

295 Urbano Rhegio, cuius et eruditio mihi cognita est ex ipsius literis et humanitas ex officio comperta, multam Erasmi verbis salutem dices. Illustrissimo Duci Hernesto Qu. Curtium dicaui, apud Schurerium nuper aeditum; ne nullo argumento testarer me illius erga me studii memorem esse. Bene vale.

300 Basileae Idibus Maii. Anno M.D.XVIII.

845. FROM THOMAS MORE.

Stapleton, Vita Mori (1588) p. 73.

(Oxford?)
(? May 1518.)

[A fragment preserved by Stapleton in his *Tres Thomae*, from a ms. collection of More's letters which he seems to have carried with him to Douay. On his death (1598) he left his MSS. to the English College there, 'to be deposited with the Walloon Jesuits.' But the collection had already disappeared in 1739 (C. Dodd, *Church History of England*, ii. p. 85), and has probably perished.]

As Stapleton notes, the preface referred to in this letter is clearly that which Beatus Rhenanus composed (BRE. 72: 23 Feb.) for the Froben edition of More's *Epigrammata*, March 1518. As this presumably reached England in April, and More's thanks are long overdue, a conjectural date may be assigned at a time when More's movements can be followed (Brewer ii. 4125).

286. tibi add. F.

288. et om. H.

284. libellis] Wiedemann decides, Eck, p. 472, I know not on what authority, that one of these is Eck's *Disputatio . . . Viennae . . . habita*, Augsburg, Miller, 27 Jan. 1517.

293. morbo] For Erasmus' continued ill-health during this residence at Basle

see Epp. 847-8, 852-3, 855-6, 860, 867-134, 261, 869, 871, 886, 888, 893, 906.

295. Rhegio] See Ep. 386 introd.

297. Hernesto] Cf. Ep. 704.

298. nuper] This clause was perhaps added in printing.

Stapleton introduces this extract thus: 'In epistola quadam ad Erasum, quae in Farragine non extat, sic scribit'.]

RHENANVM mire deamo et honestissimae praefationis gratia multum debeo; cui iam olim per literas egissem gratias, nisi me ineluctabilis illa pigritiae chiragra tenuisset.

846. FROM PETER GILLES.

Bodleian MS. 30423 (Autogr. c. 9), f. 74.

Antwerp.

24 May (1518).

[An autograph, of the existence of which I learned from Dr. Reich's notes. From Messrs. Brill's sale in 1894 (cf. vol. i, p. xi) it passed into a private collection at Hamburg, and subsequently appeared in the catalogue, No. 223, of Messrs. Stargardt of Berlin. In the autumn of 1907 Dr. P. C. Molhuysen, of Leiden, kindly drew my attention to this, and thus enabled me to secure the letter for this edition. The year-date can be assigned from the contents.]

DOMINO ERASMO P. AEGIDIVS S.

NVNC gratia superis rectius valeo. Si belle tecum agitur, nihil me vno loetius. Fac oro de valetudine successuque tuo nos certiores. Ex quo Coloniam reliquisti, nihil de te audiuimus. Fasciculum epistolarum Budaicarum non dubium quin acceperis. Franciscus bibliopola Lutecia veniens nunciauit nobis Glareanum in Fausti 5 demortui locum esse suffectum. Gratulor profecto homini poetico, quem tute nobis tam belle soles describere.

Obsecro te vt Athanasium bene serues, ne distrahatur. Canonicum non libenter lederem, a quo accommodato habui; nam nisi redderetur, non video quibus modis me purgare possem. Vellem 10 Nouum Testamentum pro voto tuo esse absolutum, et nobiscum ageres. Omnes te haud dubie amant qui hic et Louanii agunt. Sunt ex magistratibus nostris qui creberrime de tua inquirunt valetudine, vsque adeo solliciti sunt de tua prosperitate.

Fernandus Charoli frater apud nos expectatur. Rumor est 15

846. 1. rectius valeo] Cf. Epp. 788, 818.
4. Budaicarum] Ep. 810.
5. Glareanum] Cf. Ep. 810. 443 n.
8. Athanasium] For the new edition of the New Test. Erasmus used a Latin MS. of a commentary on St. Paul's Epistles which was commonly attributed to Athanasius; but, on comparing it with a Greek MS. of Theophylact, discovered that it was the work of the latter. See the additions to the notes on e. g. Rom. i. 4, 3. 4, pp. 245, 260 in the edition of 1519; where Theophylact is still called Vulgarius, though by the time the volume of the text was completed (cf. p. 387), the error had been detected and the name corrected on the title-page. Knoblouch's edition of the commentary, Strasburg, March 1522,

retains Athanasius' name but states that the ascription to Theophylact was widely accepted. As Erasmus edited nothing of Athanasius until 1527, the MS. here mentioned is probably the Latin Theophylact.

His Greek MS. was afterwards lent to Paris for the use of Philip Montanus; see the latter's prefaces, 12 Oct. 1552, to a Basle edition of 1554.

ne distrahatur] For the practice of cutting up a MS. into sections for the purpose of rapid copying see Jac. Traiecti, *Domus Clericorum in Zwollis*, ed. M. Schoengen, 1908, p. 106, and Wimpfeling's preface to L. Bebenburg's *Germanorum principum zelus*, Basle, J. Bergmann, 15 May 1497.

15. Fernandus] Against Spanish