

poteram non minus doceri quam delectari. O desidem hominem  
 ac tanti viri amicitia indignum! Quis mihi ignoscat quod tricas  
 fuites totius antiquitatis thesauro praetulerim? Sed quid irre-  
 10 parabile damnum reprehendere iuuat, cum irreuocabilis temporis  
 iacturam, quam mea culpa fecerim, corrigere mihi liceat minime?  
 Satius est isto excurrere, vt desinam inuidere Antwerpiensibus et  
 potissimum Petro Aegidio, viro vndecunq̄ eleganti, docto, erudito  
 et, vt vno verbo absoluam, amicitia et praeconio tuo dignissimo.  
 15 Vellem tamen ex litteris tuis intelligere an cito nos visere statueris.  
 O si scriberes,

Ad te quamprimum, fer patienter, ero.

Caeterum si nos diu illumines relinquere destinas, ad te properabo  
 vt videam caecitatisque meae tenebras lumine vultus tui propulsem.  
 20 Interim vale, saeculi nostri splendor et decus, cum Achate tuo, cui  
 me commendo non vulgariter. Ex Bruxell. cal. Martiis 1517.

545. TO THOMAS MORE.

Farrago p. 185.

F. p. 323: HN: Lond. vii. 17: LB. 237.

Antwerp.

8 March 1517.

[Shortly after Ep. 543.]

ERASMVS ROTERODAMVS THOMAE MORO SVO S. D.

MISI duas literarum sarcinas, alteram per negociatorem quendam,  
 alteram per filium Ioannis Crulli, cui tu operam tuam nauaueras;  
 cui commendaui codicem, in quo erant Reuchlinica, quae misere  
 desyderabat Roffensis. Per priorem misi libellum Reuchlini, versum  
 5 meo sumptu. Mitte Vtopiam vbi primum licebit. Est Antuuerpiae  
 senator cui vsqueadeo placet vt eam memoriter teneat. Epistola  
 Dorpii cui tu respondisti, sic a tuis descripta est vt ne Sibylla  
 quidem possit legere: vellem mitteres minus male scriptam. Quaeso  
 te vt scribas de omnibus diligenter, cum primum licebit. Nam hic  
 10 magna rerum mutatio videtur instare, nisi me animus fallit. Bene  
 vale cum tuis omnibus.

Qui has perfert probus est iuuenis; ei promisit nescio quid  
 Sixtinus. Is ea fiducia petit Angliam, ignarus ex simplici promisso

545. TIT. THOMAE *add. H.*

2. F: Crulli E.

3. cui E: Ei F.

544. 20. Achate] Gilles.

545. 2. alteram] Ep. 543.

Crulli] A commercial agent who is mentioned also in Ep. 543 and Lond. vii. 18, LB. 344. From Brewer ii. 2190 he appears to have been a citizen of Antwerp.

4. libellum] Probably the *Speculum Oculare* (cf. Ep. 543. 6 n.), which is a German composition, *Augenspiegel*.

6. Epistola Dorpii] Ep. 347. The badness of the copy mentioned here may have been the cause why another copy was made at Basle in 1518.

non nasci actionem: sed tamen extimula hominem vt magis ei faueat. Si Viues crebro fuit apud te, facile coniectabis quid ego <sup>15</sup> passus sim Bruxellae, cui cotidie cum tot salutatoribus Hispanis fuerit res, praeter Italos et Germanos. Rursum vale Antuerpiae. postridie nonas Martias. Anno M.D.XVII.

## 546. FROM RUTGER RESCIUS.

Deventer MS. 91, f. 162 v<sup>o</sup>.

LB. App. 54.

Louvain.

8 March (1517).

[Referring to the printing of C<sup>1</sup>; cf. vol. i. p. 594. As Martens' two questions concern the preface and Ep. 541, it is clear that sheet a was now being printed. The compression used to work Ep. 529 into sheet a, shows that sheet b and perhaps others, not further than m (Ep. 548), were already set up.

Reegeer Bessen († 2 Oct. 1545) of Maeseyck (hence Dryopolitanus) in Limburg, on the Meuse, was a pupil of Aleander in Paris, and was B.A. there in 1513-14. He then settled at Louvain, where he was Bachelor of Law 22 Aug. 1515, and supported himself by teaching (cf. EE. 175), and by correcting for Martens' press; the first book known to be corrected by him bearing date May 1516. When Erasmus came to Louvain in July 1517 Rescius soon became intimate with him (cf. Lond. iii. 43, LB. 232); and to this, no doubt, his appointment as first Professor of Greek in Busleiden's College, 1 Sept. 1518, was in a measure due. In 1527 Francis I invited him to fill the Greek chair in the Collège de France; but he remained faithful to Louvain, in spite of many attacks which had been made upon him there. In 1529, when Martens retired from printing, Rescius founded a press, in partnership at first with J. Sturm, and in 1530 with Barth. Gravius. In the preface to his first volume, Xenophon's *Memorabilia*, Sept. 1529, he announces his aim of printing books suitable for the students of Busleiden's College, and especially Greek; and this promise was abundantly fulfilled. He discharged the duties of his chair till the end of his life, but not always without obloquy; cf. Lond. xxx. 74, LB. 1299, and Goelen's letter which it answers. Amongst his pupils were Nic. Clenard (Ep. 291. 107 n.) and Paul Leopardus. See A. Roersch in *Revue Générale*, 1906, and in BN.]

## DOMINO ERASMO ROTERODAMO RVTGERVS RESCIVS S. P. D.

Est in tua epistola ad Guolphangum Fabricium, Erasme vnde-  
cunque doctissime, non procul a fine locus nobis sane omnino  
inuius, sic incipiens: 'Tum audio nonnullos alia quaedam moliri,  
quae ad Christi cognitionem nihil adferant, sed funcios tantum  
offendant oculis hominum.' Quem quum Paludano et Nouiomago 5  
ostendissem, ipsi mecum in eodem haesitantes luto nihilque temere  
mutandum censentes consuluerunt ipsum locum tibi, antequam  
imprimeretur, indicandum. Dorpius *fumos tantum offundant* legen-  
dum coniectauit. Theodericus igitur hac epistolae parte excudenda  
relicta in praesentia ad te ipsum exemplar mittit, obnixè orans vt <sup>10</sup>  
super istius loci lectione sibi quamprimum sententiam tuam aperias.

545. 15. Viues E: Pollio F.  
M.D.XVII add. H.

16. salutatoribus add. F.

18. Anno

545. 15. Viues] This reflection on  
Vives and on Spaniards in general (cf.  
LB. App. 201) is remedied to some ex-

tent in F. In E it is enforced by the  
marginal addition, 'Iud. Viues.'

546. 1. epistola] Ep. 541. 150, 1.