

Hyma, Albert, *The Youth of Erasmus*. Second edition, enlarged; New York: Russell & Russell, 1968. xxiii + 402 pp. \$ 16.00.

This new edition of *The Youth of Erasmus* is most welcome. The first edition was published by the University of Michigan Press in 1931 and has been out of print for years.

A book as standard in its field as this one is, hardly needs review, except to call attention to the new materials in the present edition. An Appendix C provides some notes and corrections to the text of Erasmus' *Book Against the Barbarians* as it appeared in the 1931 edition and is now photographically reproduced. Appendices D, E, and F furnish reprints of several important articles by Hyma: "Erasmus in Brabant," "Erasmus and the Oxford Reformers, 1493-1503," and "Erasmus and the Sacrament of Matrimony." The value of having these hard-to-find articles in this convenient form is obvious.

Hyma's "Introduction to the Second Edition" (pp. v-xvi) presents some interesting new material on "Erasmus and the Dialogue 'Julius Excluded.'" It is generally held that Erasmus was the author of this Dialogue. Hyma reviews and supports a number of Carl Stange's arguments for the contrary opinion that Erasmus was not author of the "Julius Excluded." These arguments are quite convincing. Hyma's own suggestion as to the identity of the real author is that it was Faustus Andrelini, a man with pro-French and anti-Papal biases characteristic of the Dialogue, and one who was also in a position to utilize the information and misinformation therein in precisely the way it is done. Hyma's points seem to be well taken.

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