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## NEW PLANS FOR RENAISSANCE AND REFORMATION

Renaissance and Reformation has grown over the past five years from a few pages in length to a substantial size and from a readership of a few dozen to three hundred. With this growth, new arrangements have been made for its publication. Henceforth it will be printed by the University of Toronto Press and have a more convenient size. It will continue to come out three times a year. The cost will be roughly the same; precise details will be included in the subscription notices mailed out in September. The bulletin will continue to focus on resources for research in the period of the Renaissance and Reformation. Periodically, special printings will be made of major articles that have appeared in R&R, bringing them up to date -- articles such as the finding lists of emblem books and of Renaissance legal literature.

The new editor of R&R will be Professor John A. McClelland of the Department of French of Victoria University in the University of Toronto. The associate editor will be Professor James Estes of the Department of History of the University of Toronto.

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The second collection will make it possible to reconstruct, at least in part, the activity of the Florentine Inquisition. The Newberry has acquired the microfilms of documents now preserved in the Bibliothèque Royale, Brussels.<sup>6</sup> This collection, in four volumes, includes correspondence between the Inquisitors of Rome and Florence and various Inquisitorial decrees and proclamations of the 16-18th centuries regulating policy towards non-Catholic foreigners, Jews, prohibited books, etc.

Moving from Italy to France, the Newberry has acquired a block of 150 pamphlets to add to its already important collection of 16th and 17th century political and religious literature.<sup>7</sup> Among many interesting items here are a 1568 edition of the letters of Jeanne d'Albret (La Rochelle, B. Berton); an attack on Henri III, Les Sorceries de Henri de Valois (1589); and funeral orations for François de Lorraine, Duc de Guise (by Jacques Le Hongre, given in March 1562); for Henry III (given by Claude de Privas de Morene in August, 1595); and for Henri IV (by Jacques Suarez and Nicolas de Paris, June, 1610).

Each year The Newberry Library makes available for research in its collections a limited number of grants-in-aid (1-3 months) and year-long Junior Fellowships for graduate students who have reached the dissertation level.

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6. MS II. 290 Tomes 1-4.

7. A checklist of French political pamphlets, 1560-1644, in The Newberry Library, compiled by Doris Varner Welsh (Chicago, 1950); A second checklist of French political pamphlets, 1560-1653, in The Newberry Library, compiled by Doris Varner Welsh (Chicago, 1955). The collection will be made available on microfilm in the near future by Bell & Howell.

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They will be aided by a Board of Advisors, made up of scholars at Toronto and also at other universities served by the bulletin. In this way it is hoped that research activities and resources at these universities will be more readily brought to the attention of the editors. The Board of Advisors is as follows: Thomas Caine, McMaster University; Beatrice Corrigan, Italian and Hispanic Studies, University of Toronto; Natalie Z. Davis, Department of History, University of Toronto; F. David Hoeniger, Department of English, Victoria University in the University of Toronto; Brayton Polka, Department of History, York University.

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