

Bodley has 1557, and 1598, B.M. 1552 '57 '75, '87, & '98.
R.C.P. 1556 and 1557. Hunts. 1557 and 1587. S.G.L. 1575.

England.

To show how intimately we examined
his books the following, with signs. The last
of the first book follows.

Extract from Folio C. xxii^z near the end of the book.

Here endeth the first boke examined in Oxford in June the yere
of our Lord, B.CCCCC., xlvi. And in the reigne of our soverayne
Lorde kyng Henry the viii kyng of Englande, France, and
Ireland the xxxviii. pere. And newly Imprinted and corrected,
the pere of our Lorde God, B.CCCCC. L.II.

"The book examined in Oxford" must have caught his attention
for it has led to the following letter.

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Letter (Script) from R. L. Poole. To: W. U.

From the Keeper of the Archives,
Oxford.

The Museum House,

12 October 1916.

Dear Sir William,

I have searched the Register of Congregation and the Act
Book of the Chancellor's Court for the year 1546 and some time
previous, and have found no record of any examination of books
by the University. I did not indeed expect to find any, for
in 1546 the University was in the lowest state of humiliation
and was completely under the heels of Henry VIII and his agents.

It seems to me that the examination of Andrew Boorde's book
was made in pursuance of the Statute of 1543 (34 & 35 Hen. VII. c.
i) against the publication of "books and writings in the English
tongue" which taught anything contrary to the King's religion.
All such books were to be "abolished"; but in order to ascertain
whether their contents came within the Statute, it was evidently
necessary to examine them. A book of which the title began
with the word "Breviary" would naturally need looking into.

In the month after Boord's book was examined, on 8 July 1546
a proclamation was issued giving a long list of English books
condemned. It is printed in Cattley's edition of Foxe's Acts
and Monuments, v. 565 568 (1858). This shows that the government
was actively exercised on the subject at the time. The prohibited
books were to be handed over for burning to the sheriff, mayor,

contd.

Extract from Folio (Breviary) contd.

or bishop's chancellor. There is no mention of any reservation of University jurisdiction; and indeed the University as I have said, was in too maimed a condition for its powers to be taken into consideration. Oxford had just only barely escaped being suppressed with the monasteries.

Why Boorde's book was examined at Oxford I do not know. He had lately been living in the hospital of St. Giles' in the Fields. I can only suppose that he chanced to be at Oxford at the time.

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

R. L. POOLE.

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Letter (Script) from H. Barlow To: W. O.

Royal College of Physicians,
Pall Mall East., S.W.

11 April 18.

Dear Sir William,

Our Breviary is made up of two editions. The title page is Wm. Powell, of 1556 and the next 10 leaves (ii-xi) I take it belong to it.

Thus follows fol. xiiii (not xiii as I think I had in my letter to you) to the end, with the exception of Sig N N, which is wanting. This is W. Myddleton's edition of 1547 and has the colophon.

It is such a long time since I had it in my hands that I forget whether I compared it with another copy.

I made notes of the editions I came across, but there are at Richmond. I shall be there on Sunday when I will look them up and write you again.

I am, dear Sir William,
Yours obediently,
H. Barlow.

P.T.C. →