Report

The North Central Branch of the Renaissance Society held its annual conference at the University of Waterloo on April 2-3. The theme of the conference was The Idea of Liberty and the Northern Renaissance. 76 registrants were offered the following papers: John F. New, "Science and the Reformation"; C. Edward Rathé, "Montaigne and the Anatomy of Liberalism"; D. F. S. Thomson, "Erasmus and the Return to the Sources"; Eva Kushner, "Was King Picrochole Free? Rabelais between Luther and Erasmus"; Cyrus Hoy, "Liberty, Choice, and Tragedy"; Donald R. Kelley, "Liberty of Conscience and the Beginning of Ideology: Protest and Propaganda in Early Modern Europe"; Arthur E. Barker, "'... yet know withall . . . true Libertie is lost . . .': Milton and the Humanist Dilemma." Following the Friday banquet, the local group Music Four offered a programme of vocal and instrumental music and dances from the time of Maximilian I.

The most important matter before the business-meeting of the conference was consideration of co-sponsorship of *Renaissance and Reformation* by the North Central Branch, entailing subscription by full-time members, the appearance of a newsletter in the journal and representation on its board. This scheme is currently under negotiation with representatives of *Renaissance and Reformation*.

The North Central Branch is most grateful to Professor G. R. Hibbard and his associates for organizing an outstanding conference, and to the University and the Canada Council for sponsoring it.

The North Central Branch of the Renaissance Society of America, with a mailing list of 900, covers Ontario, Michigan, northern Ohio, Pennsylvania on the Lake, and up-state New York.

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