

ZYLIUS Otho S.J. - [] Othon van Zyll (Utrecht 1588 - Mechelen 1656) :

Historia Miraculorum B. Mariae Silvaducensis, iam ad D. Gaugerici Bruxellam translatae.

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"15. Antverpiae (Antwerpen) , Ex Officina Plantiniana Balthasar Moreti, 1632 , in-4°, 198 x 148 mm , (24) nn pp + 365 pp + (35)nn pp, with engraved title vignette. (complete) . Bound in contemporary mottled calf, raised gilt spine with 4 raised bands, red spickeld edges . Library stamp on first fly leaf and on the verso of the title page. Some worming at lower end of spine but a very nice copy with a crisp stainless interior. De Backer-Sommervogel, Vol. VIII , col.1549, item n°2. BCNI 8553. This book is dedicated by the author to the archduchess and Spanish infante Isabella who was herself a staunch promoter of the cult of the Virgin Mary. This devotion had strongly picked up in the Southern Netherlands as one of the a counter reformation answers to protestantism. The cult at Scherpenheuvel (Montaigu in French ; Aspricollis by Justus Lipsius) which had started around 1600 was also heavily supported by Isabella. The author describes in all 225 miracles, mostly pertaining to the healing of near mortally sick or wounded Roman Catholic believers in the diocese of 's Hertogenbosch (or Den Bosch). The territory of 's Hertogenbosch was raised to a diocese in 1561 explicitly to check the spread of Protestantism. In 1629 the town was taken by the Protestants and the bishop (Michael Ophovius) had to abandon his see. Only in 1853 a bishop was re-instated."

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