

MANUSCRIPT 32

Bruni, Leonardo Aretino, 1370-1444

[Orations in Italian.]

With miscellaneous speeches in Italian and Latin by Lorenzo di Pensanno and Bello Angeli di Callio.

MS 32

Italy (in Italian and Latin)

Ca. 1450

Four speeches attributed to Leonardo Bruni, also known as Leonardo Aretino, occupy over one-half of the space in the codex (fols. 7-33). The other speeches are either unsigned, or were given by persons who have not been properly identified. A certain Lorenzo di Pensanno (or Pensauero, or possibly Panzano) spoke in Florence; and a certain Bello Angelo di Callio delivered his addresses at Assisi in 1411. Nothing further seems to be known about them, nor do works by them appear in standard bibliographies and catalogs. Although the Angelo orations bear the date 1411, they are probably later copies, for the codex seems to have originated about the mid-fifteenth century, after the death of Bruni. The paper seems to be all of the same kind, and, in spite of the startling disparities in calligraphy among the nine hands, all of the codex may have been copied out at about the same time. In fact, two or more hands sometimes worked on the same piece, without any break in the text.

A detailed account of the contents can be found in Goodspeed, Descriptive catalogue, pp. 31-2; and a brief description in De Ricci, Census, I, 558-59.

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Folio, 30 x 22 cm.

49 leaves (fully foliated).

University of Chicago binding, blue boards.

Fair copies in 9 hands. A few marginal annotations. No index or table of contents. Some incidental damage to the paper, and water stains, not affecting the legibility of the text.

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