**Erasmus' thoughts**

**"It is a real benefit for students to leave their father's house (...) and get used to foreign languages and customs.**

**It is like an intellectual graft that softens them and strips them of their wild nature if they have one.**

**Nothing is more petty than the spirit of those who have spent their lives in their homeland because they hate the foreigner and condemn everything that differs from their indigenous rites."**

**Letter 2879**