

ROYAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Bulletin

The *Bulletin* ('Newsletter') originates from reports of the sittings of the Commission, which initially appeared in the columns of the *Moniteur Belge*. As of 1837, the Commission decided to publish their own periodical digest entitled '*Compte rendu des séances de la Commission royale d'Histoire ou Recueil de ses Bulletins*' ('Report of the sitting of the Royal History Commission or digest of its newsletters'). In 1903, the title was shortened and became *Bulletin de la Commission royale d'Histoire* ('Newsletter of the Royal History Commission'). As of the jubilee volume of 1936 (Volume C), the title became bilingual: *Bulletin de la Commission royale d'Histoire – Handelingen van de Koninklijke Commissie voor Geschiedenis*.

Volume I includes the reports of the sittings from 4 August 1834 to 5 July 1837. It appears as a second edition in 1844. In the following volumes, there is no match between the dates of the sittings stated in the *Bulletin* and the year of publication mentioned on the title page. Moreover, the publication is divided into series, five in total, of unequal lengths, and each with its own volume numbering. The first ended after the death of Reiffenberg in 1850 and once Gachard took over the positions of both secretary and treasurer. The building of tables of contents of the volumes published provided the opportunity to inaugurate a second series. The first volume dates back to 1850. The passage to the third series was decided in 1859 on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Commission. The fourth series, which started in 1873, is the result of a decision taken on 6 January of that year. The secretary proposed that the collaborator in charge of the general, chronological and analytical table of the documents inserted into the three series of the *Bulletin* also be charged with building a table of contents of the 14 volumes of the third series. The fifth series started in 1891, but its Volume XI has a double volume number. The initial indication is completed by the mention "tome soixante-dixième" ("seventieth volume"). As of the following year, only the volume numbering continued to exist.

Therefore, the structure is complex, as much in this regard as from the point of view of the long-standing mismatch between the dates of the sittings and the publication date of the *Bulletin*. Some years, two volumes were out of print like in 1845, 1852 and 1863. The year 1880 has three. In 1936 and 1959, the ordinary volume comes with a jubilee book. However, the vintage years of 1874 and 1884 do not exist. To facilitate consultation, an equivalency table was established.

Continuing volume number	Volumes	Years
1 First series	I	1837 Second edition, 1844
2	II	1838
3	III	1840
4	IV	1841
5	V	1842
6	VI	1843
7	VII	1844
8	VIII	1844
9	IX	1845
10	X	1845

11	XI	First part	1846
	XI	Second part	1846
12	XII		1847
13	XIII		1847
14	XIV		1848
15	XV		1849
16	XVI		1850
17	I		1851
		Second series	
18	II		1851
19	III		1852
20	IV		1852
21	V		1853
22	VI		1854
23	VII		1855
24	VIII		1856
25	IX		1857
26	X		1858
27	XI		1858
28	XII		1859
29	I		1860
		Third series	
30	II		1861
31	III		1862
32	IV		1863
33	V		1863
34	VI		1864
35	VII		1865
36	VIII		1866
37	IX		1867
38	X		1869
39	XI		1870
40	XII		1871
41	XIII		1872
42	XIV		1872
43	I		1873
		Fourth series	
44	II		1875
45	III		1876
46	IV		1877
47	V		1878
48	VI		1879
49	VII		1880
50	VIII		1880
	VIII	First part	1880
		Second part	1880
51	IX		1881
52	X		1882
53	XI		1883
54	XII		1885
55	XIII		1886
56	XIV		1887
57	XV		1888
58	XVI		1889
59	XVII		1890
60	I		1891
		Fifth series	
61	II		1892
62	III		1893
63	IV		1894

64	V	1895
65	VI	1896
66	VII	1897
67	VIII	1898
68	IX	1899
69	X	1900
70	XI	1901
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