

B Bibliomaniac

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In fly-leaf "The Bibliomania, An Epistle, to Richard Heber, Esq.
John Ferriar... (Lond., '09).

Letter from Sir Walter Morley Fletcher to W.O.

71, Bedford Gardens, W.
London, W.

Jan. 13, 1916.

Dear Sir William Osler,

I have actually got the Bibliomania, 1st edit., 4to, printed at Warrington. It is a lovely copy I am glad to see and all my reserves of Christian fortitude have been summoned to the effort of packing it up again!

I have collated it with the 1812 8vo. issue and have noted the important differences in pencil.

As this first edition was so thin a pamphlet, I expect so few people had it bound and this may account for its rarity.

Please accept this now with my affectionate and respectful regards. I hope I may often see it again in your library! It is a great pleasure to know how happy it will be there.

Yours sincerely,

W. M. FLETCHER

I am sending it by post from the office.

W.O.'s script in same book:-

Jan. 16th (1916)

The law of dual coincidence, so often met with in medical practice, was illustrated this week by another copy of Ferriar's Bibliomania turning up at Dobell's, bound with 10 other quarto poems (10s.). I have had it taken out and sent to the binders for Morley Fletcher, the kindly donor of this volume. Five of the other poems went to the Bodleian and the rest to S. Gibson. Unfortunately it had not the

'vast margin spread on either hand' of this copy which is an exceptionally large one. Curious that for years I should have been in the look out for this book and never saw it in catalogue. The N.E.D. gives a quotation from Dibdin under Bibliomania, not Ferriar who antedated D.'s publication several months and was really the inspirer of it. The word Bibliomane on p. 5 is not in the N.E.D. W.O.