

Brown, Sir Thomas, bought the 1st authorized edition of the Religio Medici 1643, from Quaritch, August 1899. £7. 7.

Aug. 29th. Saw to-day the two unauthorized editions:- (a) British Museum. Same publisher as authorized, Andrew Crooke, 1642. Same figure on little page, but between the extended arm and the rock are the words "Religio Medici", and at one corner, Will, Marschall Seul. There are 159 pages. K. Digby's Observations follow. (b) At Coll. Phy. Bound alone without Digby's observations. Title page same as B.M. copy, 190 pp. (on a slip W.A.G. (Greenhill) says "This is a copy of the first unauthorized edition and is probably very scarce.")

It would appear that the purchase of this first authorized edition was what spurred W.O. to begin his collection, though I am not sure but that it may antedate this. H.C.

(See what other letters contained also to

~~It would appear from this that~~ First or next it was the purchase of this rare edition of the Religio Medici led him ~~to~~ on into the bibliophilic pursuit of a complete set of all the editions. He probably had seen a good deal of J. Dana Payne an ardent book collector while in Portsmouth for Payne was president for the B.M.A. section for the year, and it was during this summer too that an effort was being made to collect funds for the ~~erecting~~ ^{erecting} of a monument to Sir Thomas Brown to be placed in the shadow of St Peter's Mancroft.

From Canton Mass. on September 12th he writes to Francis J. Shepard in regard to an address he had promised to give at the opening of the M^ofield Series:

