

In the Volume in Review writing is

Mead's copy of Servetus' 'Christianismi Restitutio.'

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In 1553 Servetus had 1000 (800 is scored out here) of the Christianismi Restitutio printed secretly at Vienne in France, and published the book anonymously, only putting at the end his initials M.S.V., Michaelus Servetus Villanovus.

Only two copies of it are now known to exist: one is in the Imperial Library at Vienna.

The other copy belonged to Colladon, one of the Inquisitors, who condemned Servetus to be burnt alive in Geneva, Oct. 27, 1553. It has Colladon's notes in it, and some of its leaves are charred, as if an attempt had been made to burn it.

It reached Mead's hands in some way that is not known. Mead gave it to de Boze; when de Boze died it was bought by M. le Président de Cotte, who at once sold it to M. Gagnat. M. Gagnat sold it for 3810 livres to the Duc de la Vallière, who sold it in 1783 for 4120 livres to the Comte d'Artois for the King of France, who placed it in the National Library at Paris, where it now is.

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