

NOTES ON BOOKS,
Sir Thos. Browne.

Another letter inserted in
A Catalogue of the Libraries of the Learned Sir Thos.
Browne... (see preceding page)

From Malcolm Letts, Esq., Solicitor, to W.O.
(Script)

8, Bartlett's Buildings,
Holborn Circus,
London, E.C.
October 26, 1914.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your note. I hope later on to extend my notes and get them printed. You must have a wonderful collection of Browne items. I have the British Medical Journal containing an account of your treasures in the paper read in 1905. They made my mouth water and later in the year when I hope to be in your neighbourhood I shall most certainly avail myself of your kind offer to see them. I have been quite unable to procure a copy of the Sale Catalogue and had to work from the copy at the British Museum, and as my spare time is limited, I have not been able to give as much attention to the work as I should have liked, but I hope one day to do it more thoroughly. I think you will find the next instalment interesting too as I have been able quote from a very typical letter hitherto unpublished. The examination of the Sloan MS was on the whole a dispiriting business. There is little of interest omitted by Wilkin. Most of the letters are occupied in discussing the cases under Edward Browne's care.

I wonder if your catalogue is priced? I have searched high and low for a record of the sale but cannot find any trace of it at all. Lawler's "Book Auctions" stops short where from my point of view it ought to begin - in 1700, and as far as I know there is nothing dealing with the Book Auctions of the 18th century.

Once again many thanks for your kind appreciation. What I should really like to do would be to re-edit the "Vulgar Errors" on the lines of Greenhill's "Religio", but at present I have not the leisure, quite apart from any question of ability or fitness for the task.

I am,
Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM LETTS.

NOTES ON BOOKS
Gair Foss, H. Brown

Another letter inserted in
A Catalogue of the Libraries of the Learned Sir Foss
Brown... (see preceding page)

For Malcolm Bates, Esq., Solicitor, 30, W.C.
(Scribble)
5, Bartlett's Buildings,
Holborn Circus,
London, E.C. 4.
October 28, 1918.

Dear Sir,

Many thanks for your note. I hope later on to extend my
notes and get them printed. You must have a wonderful collection
of Brown items. I have the British Medical Journal containing
an account of your presence in the paper read in 1906. They
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Utrius' on the lines of Greenhill's 'Religio', but at present
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Box 156, Folder 4

Yours sincerely,
MALCOLM BATES