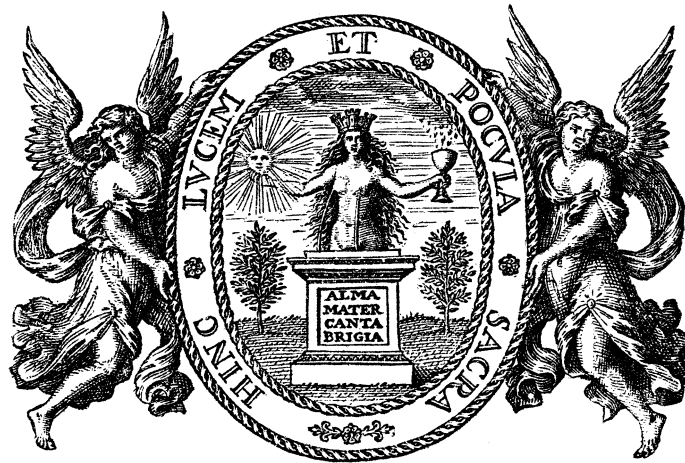


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on the Re-impression hereof, by greater care
and diligence for this our former default,
to make Thee ample satisfaction. In the
meane while, I remaine,

Thine,

ED. BLOVNT.

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