

book called *Love's Garland, or Posies for Rings*, which was to be sold at his shop "on London Bridge" [*Library*, February, 1903]. On July 3rd, 1630, Mistress Burre, the widow of Walter Burre, assigned over to John Spencer her rights in nine books formerly her husband's copies. These included the following notable works, Thomas Middleton's *A Mad World my Masters*, Ben Jonson's *Alchemist* and *Silent Woman*, John Taylor's *Odcombe's Complaint*, and G. Ruggles' *Ignoramus* [Arber, iv. 238]. On the foundation of Sion College, John Spencer, on the recommendation of the Rev. John Simpson, the founder of the library, was appointed Clerk to the College and sub-Librarian. Shortly afterwards he published a sermon preached by the Rev. Robert Willan on the death of Lord Bayning, Viscount Sudbury, and on the title-page he spoke of himself as "Hypo-Bibliothecary of Syon College." This sermon was printed about Midsummer, 1630. In 1635 he published an edition of Middleton's *Mad World* and in the same year the Oxford play entitled *Bellum Grammaticale*, to which he prefixed a Latin preface in the course of which he said that it was on sale next to the Gateway of Sion College. The last entry under his name in the Registers is on December 6th, 1638 [Arber, iv. 446]. He remained Library Keeper of Sion College until his death in 1680.

SPENCER (THOMAS), bookseller in London, 1635-6. Took up his freedom December 2nd, 1633 [Arber, iii. 687]. On April 15th, 1636, he entered in the Registers Sir Francis Kynaston's *Constitutions of the Musaeum Minervae* [Arber, iv. 360].

SPEWE (WILLIAM), *see* Spire (William).

SPILMAN (SIMON), *see* Duff, *Century*.

SPIRE (WILLIAM), senior, bookseller in Oxford, 1571-97. He was presented by Robert Redbourne as his apprentice on October 13th, 1556, and made free of the Stationers' Company on January 16th, 156 $\frac{2}{3}$ [Arber, i. 40, 276]. On March 21st, 1571, he was admitted bookseller in the University of Oxford [Clark, *Register*, ii. 1. 321]. His will, dated November 9th, 1597, was proved on the 16th of the same month. [Gibson, *Oxford Wills*, 19.]

SPIRE (WILLIAM), junior, bookseller and bookbinder in Oxford, 1607-36; St. Mary's Parish. Son of William Spire (1571-97); admitted a privileged person of the University on January 30th, 160 $\frac{9}{10}$ [Clark, *Register*, ii. 1. 400].