

the Mayor, for causing a book to be printed on the tyranny of the Duke of Alva [Arber, ii. 745]. In 1578 the printing by Richard Schilders of a book for Stell was stopped on the ground that both were aliens [Worman, *Alien Members*, pp. 64, 65]. Stell was the publisher of P. van Marix' *Beehive of the Komitshe Church*, 1579-80.

STEMPE (JOHN), bookseller in London, 1628. Took up his freedom June 21st, 1627 [Arber, iii. 686]. In 1628 he published a sermon by John Davenant, Bishop of Salisbury. His address is unknown.

STEPIENS (PHILEMON), see Plomer, *Dictionary*.

STEPNEY or STEPNEETH (JOHN), bookseller in London, 1609-12; The Crane at the West End of St. Paul's. Son of Frauncis Stepney of Hatfield, co. Hertford, yeoman. Apprentice to Gregory Seton for eight years from March 25th, 1595 [Arber, ii. 201]. He made his first book entry on December 14th, 1609 [Arber, iii. 425]. Published B. Jonson's *Alchemist*, 1612, C. Tournear's *Atheist's Tragedy*, 1611, and *A true and sincere declaration of the purpose and ends of the Plantation begun in Virginia*, 1610, and entered, on May 15th, 1612, Ben Jonson's *Epigrams* [Arber, iii. 485].

STEPNEY (JOHN), stationer in Dublin, 1632. Admitted to the franchise of the city of Dublin in July, 1632.

STEVENSON (RICHARD), bookseller in London, 1633-40. Took up his freedom in the Company of Stationers on November 25th, 1633. Stevenson made his first entry in the Registers on March 20th, 1640, and his last on June 12th in the same year. [Arber, iii. 687; iv. 503, 512.]

STIRKOPP (THOMAS), bookseller in London, 1576-1600; The George in St. Paul's Churchyard. Thomas Stirropp became a freeman of the Company of Stationers on January 16th, 1561, and was admitted to the Livery during the year ending July 10th, 1582 [Arber, i. 160, 493]. He was elected Under Warden of the Company for the years 1593 and 1594, and Senior Warden in the years 1596 and 1598. The first book entry under his name occurs on October 29th, 1576, and the last on November 6th, 1599 [Arber, ii. 304; iii. 150]. He died before April 7th, 1600, when his widow presented an apprentice for his freedom [Arber, ii. 725].