

SOMERSET (THOMAS), (?) printer or publisher, 1562. In June of that year he was imprisoned for "translating an oration out of Frenche, made by the Cardinall of Lorraine, and putting the same without authority in prynte" [*Acts of the Privy Council, New Series*, vii. 108]. No person of this name connected with the book-trade seems to be known.

SPARKE (MICHAEL), senior, *see* Plomer, *Dictionary*.

SPARKE (MICHAEL), junior, *see* Plomer, *Dictionary*.

SPARKE (WILLIAM), bookseller in Oxford, 1609. He was presumably the William Sparke, son of Richard Sparke of Eynsham, co. Oxford, who was apprenticed to John Barnet, stationer of London, for seven years from December 25th, 1601 [Arber, ii. 260], but the entry in the Registers was cancelled and a note added that he had gone to another trade. He became a privileged bookseller of the University of Oxford on January 27th, 1603, at the age of thirty [Clark, *Register*, ii. 1. 401].

SPEED (DANIEL), bookseller in London, 1616-20; *The Blazing Star*, St. Paul's Churchyard. Son of John Speed, the historian. Apprentice to Matthew Law, stationer, for nine years from June 24th, 1603, and became a freeman of the Company of Stationers on December 5th, 1614 [Arber, ii. 272; iii. 684]. Daniel Speed's first entry in the Register related to his father's book *The Cloud of Witnesses*, and was made on May 6th, 1616 [Arber, iii. 587], and the last entry under his name was made on November 8th, 1619 [Arber, iii. 659].

SPEIDELL (JOHN), professor of mathematics, 1616-28; In the Fields between Prince's Street and the Cockpit. Certain mathematical works printed for him by Edward Allde were to be sold at his house [Hazlitt, VII. 364-5].

SPENCER (JOHN), bookseller in London and Librarian of Sion College, 1617-80; London Bridge and Sion College. The son of Robert Spencer of Uttoxeter, co. Stafford, yeoman. Apprentice to Walter Burre for nine years from Candlemas day, 1617. Took up his freedom in the Company on March 1st, 1624 [Arber, iii. 685]. In the same year in partnership with John Bartlett, he issued a sermon preached before the House of Commons by the Rev. Isaac Bargrave, which was to be sold at Bartlett's shop, the Gilded Cup, in Cheapside. Later in the same year Spencer issued a chap