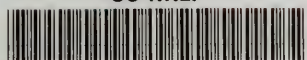


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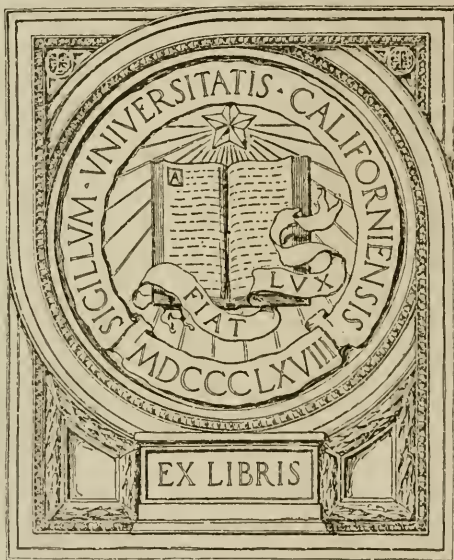
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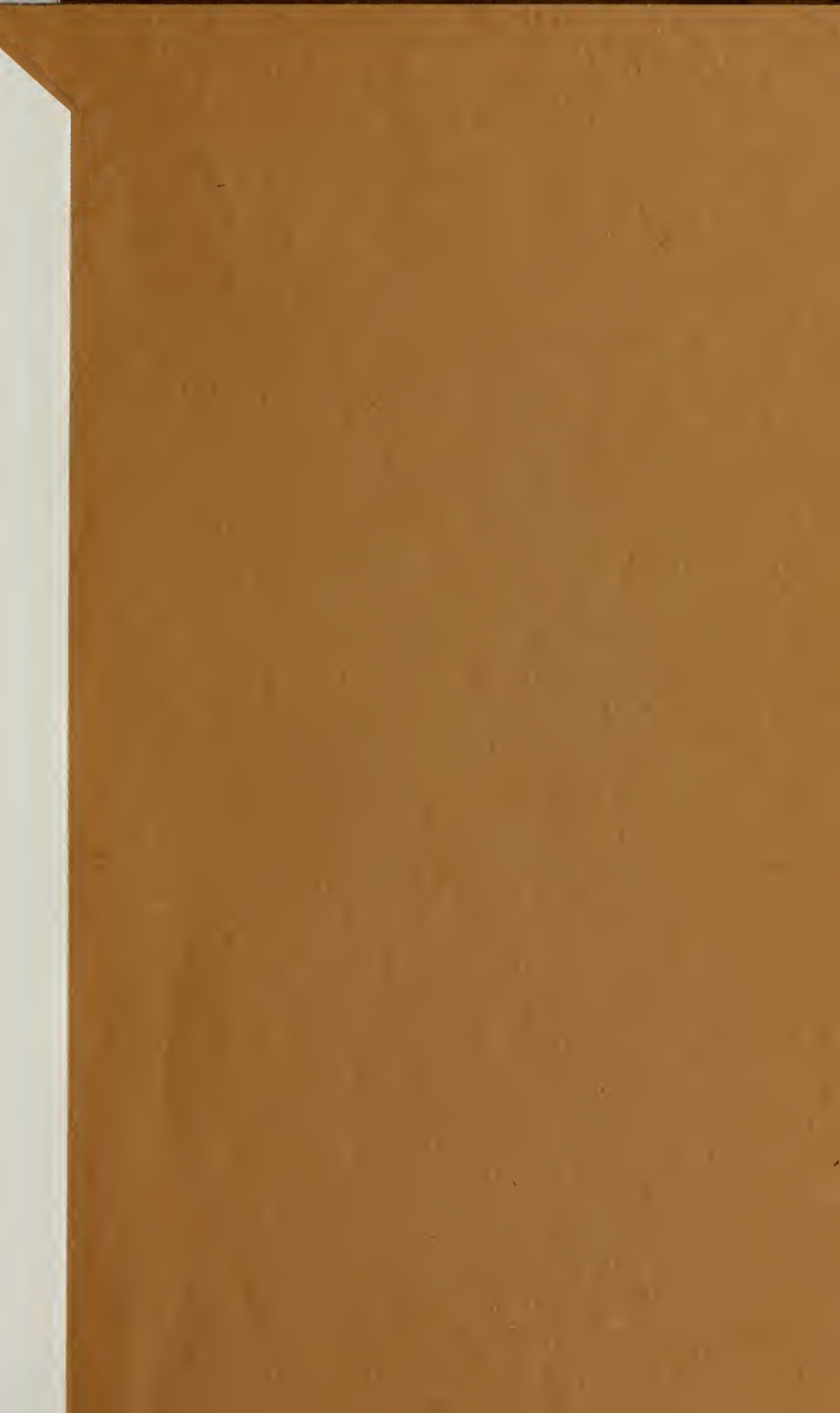
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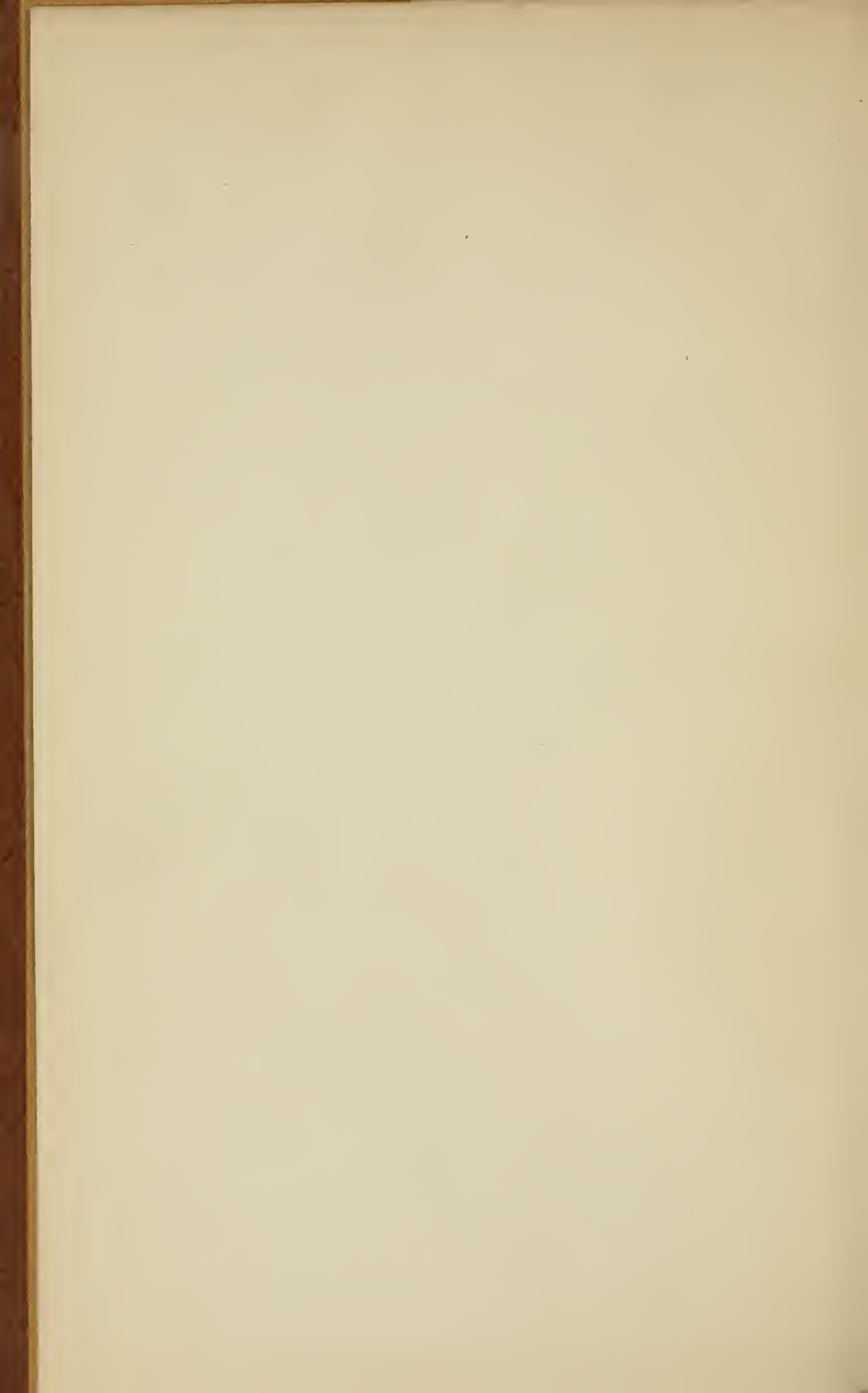
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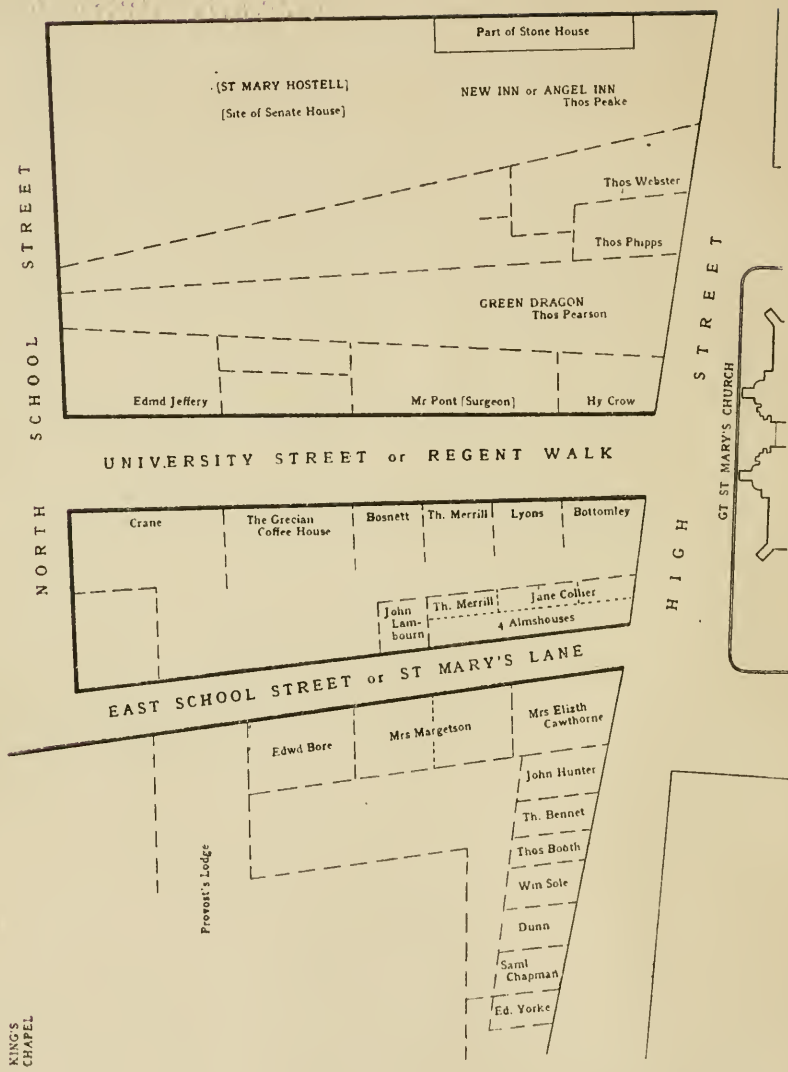
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The following Lecture was delivered by the Rev. Dr Stokes (then Chairman of the Free Library Committee) on 26 April 1917, on the occasion of the gift by Mr Robert Bowes of many volumes of Printed Books connected with the Town and the University of Cambridge. Mr Mayor (Lt-Col. B. W. Beales) presided.

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Cambridge Stationers, Printers, Bookbinders, &c.



NEXT to the Teachers and Scholars and to the Bedells, no persons are more characteristic of a University town than the Stationers and such like. Under the words "such like" may be included Booksellers and Bookbinders, Copiers of Manuscripts and Illuminators, Makers and Sellers of Parchment in former days and of Paper in later times.

In Cambridge, for instance, in the year 1258 there was living in St Michael's parish a William Pergamentarius, who evidently was connected with the parchment trade. At about the same date a John Scriptor witnessed and doubtless wrote a document referring to some property outside the Trumpington Gate. A Radegund deed, written in 1275 and preserved in the archives of Jesus College, mentions householders, in the parish of St Mary next the Market, bearing the names of William le Lorimor (the Illuminator) and Henry Percamen-

tarius, another parchment dealer. Similarly, in the Subsidy Roll of 1314-5, we find Walter le Parchemyner and John Illuminator. A well-known citizen, living in a stone-house in the parish of the Holy Sepulchre at the end of the 13th century, was John Porthors, who perhaps was a producer or seller of *portiforia* or breviaries. And many other names might be quoted which proclaim that their bearers were stationers, or scribes, or limners, or parchment-dealers, or booksellers, or "boke-bynders."

Thomas Fuller, in his quaint way, alludes to the officers of the University, whom he calls "the hands and feet thereof," and of whom he mentions "(1) *Bedells*. . . (2) *Scriptores*, writers, well known to all. (3) *Illuminators*, such as gave light and lustre to manuscripts (whence our English to limn) by colouring and gilding the initial and capital letters therein, essential ornaments in that age, men being more pleased with babies in books than children are. (4) *Stationarii*, publicly avouching the sale of staple-books in standing shops (whence they have their names) as opposite to such circumforanean pedlers (ancestors to our modern Mercuries and hawkers) which secretly vend prohibited pamphlets."

It will be noticed that Fuller here derives the name *Stationers* from their "standing shops" or stalls. Various references may be made to such stalls in former times. For instance Mr W. Carew Hazlitt, in his elaborate edition of Thomas Warton's *History of English Poetry* (IV. 109), alludes to "a very curious MS. at Oxford, which shows that

in 1520 the ballad, the *Not-browne Mayde*, was on sale at the sister University in the form of a broadside, price one penny." As a matter of fact, a reference to the original will shew that the stall in question was at Oxford, and not at Cambridge; but the quotation illustrates our point. The following extract from Mere's *Diary* recording "Queen Mary's Visitation," however, of course deals with our University: "xvi Decemb. [1556]. It. a cytacyon set upp on a borde at S. Marye's churche doore, and Watson's stall under the Vic. seale agaynst the visitacion." The diarist notes that that "Wendsday" was "fayre and colde froste"; but it is presumed that the stall belonging to Simon Watson, the Stationer, was in the open air. The portable stall, carried by John Nicholson ("Maps") in later days, is a subsidiary example; while the "standing shop," which Mr David still holds on the Market Hill, illustrates the old custom.

To return to the early Stationers, the names already given are perhaps conjectural; but the following extracts speak for themselves; at an early date in the *Ely Obedientiary Rolls* we read: "Roberto Pachymynor de Cantebr. pro percameno predictis pellibus faciendo. . . xxi^s"; and at a later date 1469-70, we find in the *Mundum Books* of King's College: "Custus ecclesie. Item sol' Thome Bokebyndre pro reparacione cujusdem Antiphonarii malefact' in Capella Sancti Johannis Baptiste" (i.e., the (2nd) Church of St John Zachary, which was destroyed when Henry VI founded King's College).

We are yet more definite when we find the official title used thus: in the *Otringham Book* we have mention, under date 1349, of Walter de Bury, *Stationer*, as living in what is now called Trinity Street, a door or two from the celebrated corner shop now occupied by Mr Bowes; in the *Corpus Gild Books* and elsewhere there are frequent references, at about the same date, to John Hardy the *Stationer*; while a little later we often meet with a well-known Bedell, John de Wesenham, who is officially styled "Stationarius Universitatis."

Such names are, of course, gathered from various deeds and documents preserved in College archives; it is not till we reach the *University Grace Books* that we find official and consecutive references to the appointed Stationers. *Grace Book A* contains the Proctors' accounts and other records of the University of Cambridge for the years 1454 to 1488; and in this volume, which has been edited by Mr Stanley Leathes, there are given the names of the following official Stationers: Gerard Wake, John Ward, Richard Fydyon (or Fitzjohn) and William Squire. References are made to the audit or *compotus* in connection with the Stationer; to the gown which was provided for him; to his custody and valuation of the cautions deposited by the students in the various University Chests, etc. Wake and Fitzjohn seem to have been in financial difficulties. And here it may be remarked, that in the Old Statute, no. 183, it is stated that "the chests founded by our ancestors were all suffering no small damage and ruin, owing to the indolence

of our superiors, the negligence of the keepers, and the knavery, craftiness, fraudulency, and unfaithfulness of the stationers. In the year of our Lord 1489, the 2nd of June, Mistress Elizabeth Clere, amongst the manifold works of her charity, by divine interposition, as is believed, wisely and fortunately observing before all others, this damage and ruin, gave in her liberality 200 marks for the restoration of the chests (*ad cistarum reparationem*).” The Statute goes on to make new rules about the care of the chests, ordering among other regulations: “item quod custodes cistarum sint stationarii”; but it should be added that an important copy of the statutes inserts the word “non” in this regulation.

Perhaps a few words ought to be added with reference to the Chests, and to the cautions just mentioned. Certain pious benefactors had endowed Chests with sums of money, which were lent out to needy members of the University, on pledge. These pledges were valued by the Stationers; and so were the cautions, which were deposited by students, as guarantees that they would perform certain scholastic acts or proceed to their degrees in due course. Such cautions sometimes consisted of plate or articles of dress; but more frequently books were offered as security. There may still be seen the records of such cautions in certain old volumes; for instance, in the Library of Gonville and Caius College is a copy of the *Polychronicon Radulphi Higdeni*, with the following notes:

"Cautio magri. hosbern. expos. ciste de Derlynton in vigilia nativitatis beate Marie anº Domini MCCCC."

"Cautio Henrici Osborne expos. ciste Lyng in festa sci. benedicti; et erit pollicronica pro xxvjs. viijd. habet supplementum juris civ. volumina anº Domini MCCCC. octavo."

We notice that Henry Osborn, M.A., had pledged the book in the years 1400 and 1408 in the Darlington and Lyng Chests respectively.

As very disparaging remarks have been quoted above as to certain Stationers in the 15th century, it is fair to state that these delinquencies were probably exceptional, and that the University officials with whom we are dealing were generally men whose characters corresponded with their responsible posts. John Hardy and John de Wesenham, mentioned above, both held other offices of some importance, and were men of substance and trust. Indeed (as Mr Stanley Leathes remarks) "the Stationaries occupied an anomalous position. They were not students, nor were they exactly servants or tradesmen." They were of course included amongst those whom the University styled "Privileged Persons." Still they were often called "Scholars' Servants," and indeed there were from a very early date disputes between the University and the town as to their position.

There are other facts that might be recorded of the 13th, 14th and 15th century Stationers, Limners, Scriveners, Parchment-makers and Bookbinders; but we may pass on to the 16th century. Printing had been invented, the New Learning was

spreading and the dawn of the Reformation was breaking. There was, therefore, a multiplication of books and publications, and an increase in the work of the Stationers and their fellows; while it may be added there was a watchfulness on the part of the ecclesiastical authorities then in power, lest heretical and doubtful volumes should be issued from the press.

“Lutherism having got a head in Cambridge, that University” (we read in Wood-Gutch, II. 50) “put up a petition to Cardinal Wolsey in the year 1529, the effect of which was, that for the suppressing the said errors of Luther and others, there should be three Booksellers allowed in Cambridge by the King (Henry VIII), and they to be sworn not to bring in or sell any book not first approved by the Censors of books there: which Booksellers, although strangers (for so it should be best for the prizing of books), may have the privilege to buy books of foreign merchants, as in the Universities beyond the seas.”

Accordingly a few years later, on 20 July 1534, the King by letters patent gave licence to the Chancellor, masters and scholars to elect from time to time three Stationers and Printers, or Sellers of books, residing within the University.

Shortly after this grant, Nicholas Speryng, Garrett Godfrey and Segar Nicholson were appointed Stationers of the University.

Before we deal with these three officials, it should be stated that some years previously, in 1521-2, there was an active Printer in Cambridge

named John Siberch (or John Lair of Sieburg), who occupied a house between the Gate of Humility and the Gate of Virtue, in what is now Caius College. Although this printer does not seem to have held any official position in connection with the University, yet the reference to a debt—repeated more than once in *Grace Book B* (1538–1540)—perhaps implies some academical contract. During the two years of his activity, Siberch produced at least eight volumes; but no production of his press is known after the year 1522. In the *Grace Book* entry he is called “Dominus Johannes Lair, presbiterus alienigena.”

Like Siberch, the three appointed Stationers were foreigners, “Duchemen”; but they all identified themselves with the town of their adoption; Spering and Godfrey both had served as Churchwardens at Great St Mary’s, the parish in which they lived; while Segar Nicholson had entered at Gonville and Caius. Being accused of favouring Lutheran opinions, the last-named had been imprisoned in Cambridge and in London, where he was cruelly treated by Sir Thomas More; nevertheless he maintained his views, for a generation later he befriended Thomas Mountain and he alleviated the sufferings of John Hullier, of King’s College, when the latter was cruelly martyred on Jesus Green. Segar Nicholson, who lived in St Michael’s parish on the east side of Trinity Street, subsequently became a beer-brewer at Magdalene Bridge. Later still, in December 1564, he was ordained.

From the *Grace Books* we learn the names of the

successors of these Stationers. Nicholas Pilgrim (who also is styled *alienigena*) was appointed on 16 Oct. 1539; Richard Noke was admitted a few months later; while, to pass on, on 5 February 1546, there is an elaborate entry appointing Peter Sheres (also a foreigner).

The technical title applied to all these officials was *stationarius*; but in the following appointments—of John Kingston (8 February 1577), Thomas Thomas (3 May 1583) and John Legate (2 Nov. 1588)—the term employed is *librorum impressor*.

And this new designation implies the revival of University *printing*. Since the two active years (1521–2) when John Siberch issued his printed volumes, there had been no printing in Cambridge. But when Thomas Thomas was appointed in 1583, he at once began to print, his first venture being a book by William Whitaker, the Regius Professor of Divinity. The ecclesiastical suspicion of Archbishop Whitgift and of Bishop Aylmer (of London) was however excited, and the professional jealousy of the somewhat recently incorporated Stationers' Company was aroused. The agents of the last-named went so far as to seize the Cambridge press and the printed sheets. The University authorities appealed to Lord Burghley, who, fortified by the legal opinion of the Master of the Rolls (another Cambridge man), sanctioned the establishment of the press. Thomas Thomas, who was a fellow of King's, thereupon brought out a number of works, among others a *Latin Dictionary* compiled by him-

self, which passed through several editions. The office of our Graduate-printer was situate in Regent Walk, which reached from opposite the west door of Great St Mary's to the University Buildings. Thomas's career was short, he died in August 1588, and was succeeded in the following November by John Legate, who was a London trained printer and who married a daughter of Christopher Barker the royal printer, sometime Master of the Stationers' Company, a post to which Legate himself succeeded soon after the accession of James I. Nevertheless there had been a continuation of the disputes between the Cambridge printers and the London Company. Legate was probably the first who used the University emblem *Alma Mater Cantabrigia*, with the motto *Hinc lucem et pocula sacra*. The writer has a copy of Perkins's *Warning against Idolatrie* with this legend, dated 1601. By this date Legate had probably left Cambridge for London, but he still styles himself "Printer to the University"; and he still issued editions of Thomas's *Latin Dictionary*, as after his death in 1620, did his son John Legate, jun., who was appointed one of the University Printers a generation later, in the year 1650.

In an Appendix will be given a *Chronological List of the Cambridge University Printers* down to the present date, copied (by permission) from Mr Bowes's excellent pamphlet on the subject, where may be found *Biographical Notes* on most of those officials.

It is not possible here to go into detail as to this

long list of Cambridge printers; but some remarks may be made upon the general policy of the University authorities and the schemes adopted at various periods, upon the kind of men appointed, and upon incidents in the official careers or in the personal lives of these printers.

For about two centuries the appointment of three Printers or Stationers was continued; but perhaps (as Mr Bowes suggests) "the office was sometimes looked upon as a sinecure, and the appointment was made when a vacancy occurred in order to preserve the right of the University to appoint three printers. The printers of the latter class certainly held their office on a different footing, as for instance, John Hayes was paying £100 a year to the University at the same time that Hugh Martin and Jonathan Pindar were receiving £5 a year from the University." It may be added that John Hayes was a London printer, who had been ruined by the Great Fire of 1666; that Mr Hugh Martin was a graduate of Pembroke College who for many years held the office of Esquire Bedell, while Jonathan Pindar was a subordinate official connected with the University Library.

About the end of the 17th century, a beneficial renovation of the Printing Press took place at the instigation of Bentley, afterwards Master of Trinity, and many improvements were introduced. Syndics of the Press (*Curatores Præli vestri typographici*) were appointed by a Grace of 21 Jan. 1698; the keenness of the members was soon felt; though they were not all, nor always, equally

efficient; indeed it is alleged that some years later "a Syndic of the Press did not understand the distinction between *collating* and *collecting* MSS." For more than two hundred years the management of the Press has been carried on by the Syndics, who have seized various opportunities of developing and extending the business; witness, for example, the issue of splendid editions of the Holy Scriptures and of the Prayer Book, as well as the printing of beautiful copies of the classics; or the contracts with Baskerville and other outsiders, and the adoption of stereotypic printing, and so on. These efforts will be noticed as we deal with the individual printers; to whom we now turn.

The early official Stationers and Booksellers were mostly, it has been observed, Dutchmen; but, from Kingston's time onwards, the only foreigner whom we meet with was Cornelius Crownfield, who held office for more than forty years in the first half of the 18th century.

The kind of men who were appointed, as we have seen, varied. A number of them have been graduates of the University—some of them merely as stop-gaps, others keenly interested or skilled in printing. Among the latter may be mentioned, beside Segar Nicholson and Thomas Thomas, Thomas Buck (who seems to have held office from 1625 till his death in 1670), and the last four distinguished heads of the Pitt Press. Thomas Brooke, on the other hand, Matthew Whinn, John Buck, John Peck, Hugh Martin, and James Jackson, M.D., were University men; several of whom

held other academic posts, such as the Esquire Bedellship or the Registraryship. The Pindars and H. Jenkes held minor official positions.

Most of the other "University Printers" were technically skilled in the trade; such as John Porter, Cantrell Legge, Leonard Greene, Roger Daniel and John Legate the younger. John Field, who was appointed in 1655, is remembered for the numerous editions of the Bible which he issued (some of them with many *errata*) and for the erection of a new Printing House in Silver Street, where now stands the Lodge of the Master of St Catharine's. We have already noted that John Hayes, who succeeded in 1669, had been a well-known printer in London and had been ruined by the Great Fire. Cornelius Crownfield, whose foreign extraction has been mentioned above, was the first official appointed by the Curators after the Bentley reforms. Joseph Bentham, a member of a well-known family, held office from 1740 to 1766, when he was succeeded by John Archdeacon; who was followed by John Burges, 1793 to 1802, when John Deighton was University Printer for a few months. Richard Watts succeeded at the end of the year 1802; but resigned in 1809, as the Press did not prosper under his rule, although, when he left Cambridge, he did good work as a printer of Oriental volumes. In Andrew Wilson's time, the stereotype process was introduced; he was succeeded by John Smith who held office for many years (1809-1836); during his time, the present building was erected as a memorial to William Pitt

the statesman. The list is continued with the wellknown names of John William Parker and Geo. Seeley. Mr Charles John Clay and his son Mr John Clay have already been mentioned; now succeeded by Mr J. B. Peace, M.A.

Besides these official heads, the Syndics of the Press have at various periods made special contracts with outside printers. In Crownfield's time, for instance, an agreement was made with John Owen, an Oxford Stationer, for the production of certain volumes; but financial difficulties interfered with his affairs. Again, under the same head, the University leased the right of printing Bibles and Prayer Books to the Jameses and the Fenners—who bargained with the Geds for the use of their stereotyping process. But the most notable contract was made with the celebrated Birmingham printer John Baskerville, who produced at Cambridge some of his remarkable volumes, including the folio Bible in 1763. William Bowyer, the well-known London printer, visited Cambridge in 1765 in the hope of undertaking work for the University, but the project fell through.

It has always been an honourable tradition among the "outside" officials of the University—"privileged persons" they were called—that, being comparatively well-to-do, they have used their wealth for charitable purposes. This has been specially pointed out in the case of the Esquire-Bedells; and Thomas Buck, who held that office as well as the post of University Printer, was no exception to the rule. Among other stationers or booksellers or

bookbinders or printers, the following names are enrolled among the list of Cambridge benefactors to Town or University: Henry Wray, Edward Story, Brampton Lowry, Thomas Merrill, William Morden, William Nealand, William Williams, Joseph Merrill, John Bowtell and others. Some of these founded almshouses and other charities in the town, some gave endowments to the Hospital, some gave books to the Library, and so on.

It has already been remarked that some of the University Printers held other posts and academical appointments. It may be added that a large number of the Stationers and others were active in municipal and ecclesiastical matters; and that many of them held minor offices in University or parochial affairs; Walter Hatley, for instance, whose name occurs so often in *Grace Book B* in connection with repairs to books, etc. in the Library, was parish Clerk of Great St Mary's; the Moodeys held various appointments; Troilus Atkinson was "factotum" at Christ's College; the Gumbolds were connected with building and carpentering; Bore was a subordinate official at King's; the younger Bowtell was an assistant at the Library; while many of the Stationers acted as Appraisors and Valuers to the University and to local citizens.

From the first, the Stationers and their confrères naturally had their shops and stalls and their residences near the Schools and Lecture-rooms which grew up in the neighbourhood of what is now the University Library. The present Senate House

Yard was formerly enclosed, with certain houses in the street and lanes which bounded it; south and west were passages called the Schools Lane, and on the east was Trumpington Street or High Street dividing it from the Church of St Mary-by-the-Market. Most of the area was owned by Corpus Christi College, which had a dependent Hostel called St Mary's Hostel on the site of the present Senate House. Archbishop Parker effected a great improvement, in the early years of Elizabeth's reign, by causing a street to be opened up through the area from opposite the west door of Great St Mary's Church to the principal entrance of the Library. In this academic thoroughfare—*University Street*, it was called, or *Regent Walk*—during the two centuries of its existence—for it was dismantled about the year 1767—there were always houses owned by stationers, printers and bookbinders. Here, as we have seen, Thomas Thomas and John Legate the elder had their printing-presses; here a long succession of booksellers had their shops. This may be illustrated from a Burlesque Poem, entitled *A Day in Vacation at College*, and published in the year 1751; wherein a solitary student stranded in Cambridge, when all his companions had gone down, muses:

Nor the shops
Of Thurbourn, Merrill—or than those more sweet,
That, where the beauteous wife's bright visage gives
Beauty to Books and Lustre to the Backs,
One acceptable greeting e'er afford!

He explains in a note that Mr Matthews the book-

seller had lately married in 1751. He proceeds to describe a visit he paid to the premises of the publisher of his poem, "Mr Merrill—whose shop (he tells us) looks upon the Regent Walk":

Beside the Door-case leaning, I behold
 In fond Imagination's Eye, the Walk
 Hight *Regent*, by the babbling Sophists thronged,
 For stern dispute in mental armour clad; etc.

This was written in the middle of the 18th century and reminds us that most of the booksellers had their shops in the parish of Great St Mary; but some of the trade lived farther from the University Schools. We saw for instance that John Siberch, our earliest printer, dwelt in the Caius Walk; and Segar Nicholson by St Michael's. Thomas Buck moved into a part of the old Augustinian Friary, in St Edward's parish; Brampton Lowry lived in St Sepulchre's; John Baskerville at the Old Radegund Manor House in Jesus Lane (as Mr G. J. Gray has recently ascertained); John Bowtell in St Michael's parish; and so on. While, of course, the University Printing House has been in St Botolph's since the year 1655, in Silver Street, shifting only from the north to the south side of that strangely-named thoroughfare.

Still by far the largest number of names will be found to be connected with Great St Mary's; and the Frontispiece, a plan of the neighbourhood of Senate House Yard, wherein are inscribed not only the names of those who dwelt thereabouts in the year 1769, but also some of their predecessors and of their successors, shows graphically how many

Stationers and Booksellers have been connected with those quarters. Perhaps the most remarkable succession of members of the trade linked with one house may be found in the records of No. 1 Trinity Street. The earliest notice of these celebrated corner premises tells of their being used apparently for some academical purposes, the University authorities being the owners thereof; but later on we find the holders to constitute a long line of Stationers and Booksellers among whom may be mentioned, either as living there or as linked with the associated firm, the names of William Lowe, William Dickenson, Edmund Jeffrey, William Thurlbourne and John Woodyer, as well as of Robert Watts, John Nicholson ("Maps"), John Nicholson the second, John Nicholson the third and Thomas Stevenson, of Richard Newby, of Daniel and Alexander Macmillan, of Macmillan, Barclay and Macmillan, of Macmillan and Co., of Macmillan and Bowes, and lastly of Robert Bowes and Son.

And the mention of the last honoured name, brings me to a subject which I ought to have introduced at the beginning, instead of at the end of my lecture—viz., the splendid gift of books illustrative of the history of Printing in Cambridge, which Mr Robert Bowes has made to our Free Library, of the Committee of which he was formerly the Chairman.

This collection of representative volumes includes specimens of the output of most of the leading University and Town Printers, and sometimes

examples shewing different periods in the careers of these workers. John Siberch, of course, is out of the question, though some of Mr Bowes's reprints of our first Stationer are shewn. Again, it will be remembered that some of the names given in the list of the Cambridge official printers are merely those of sleeping partners, inserted for the purpose of retaining University privilege; their names never appeared upon the title-page of any printed book. But almost all the others are here exemplified. These specimen volumes will be kept and exhibited together, and may be consulted by students and by those interested in the History of our ancient Town and University.

It is impossible here to go through the long list of these books—there are 70 or 80 of them—but a few remarks may be made upon them. The first volume in point of time is a copy of a translation of the *Harmonia Confessionum Fidei*, published by Thomas Thomas in 1586; readers of Mullinger's *History* of our University will remember how this book had been condemned by Bishop Aylmer of London on account of its Puritanic tendencies.

The third volume is of special interest, because it was compiled by Thomas Thomas himself, for our printer was a fellow of King's and a scholar of considerable attainments. It is a copy of his *Latin Dictionary*, which passed through many editions; this is a specimen of the 7th, and was published by John Legate in the year 1600.

Then follow three or four volumes of works by William Perkins, the celebrated Cambridge

preacher, who was for some time vicar of St Andrew's-the-Great.

Notice also an interesting copy of Winterton's *Poetæ Minores Græci*, issued in 1635 by the three Cambridge printers, Thomas and John Buck and Roger Daniel.

Dated the same year, 1635, is Shelford's "5 *Discourses*," which (as may be seen from Gardiner's *History of England*, VIII. 123) created a great sensation under the inspiration of Laud.

Passing on, attention may be drawn to some of the classical volumes issued at the time when Bentley put forth his great effort on behalf of Cambridge printing. See the volumes printed by Owen (who became bankrupt when connected with our Press), the *Anacreon* issued by Barnes, the Professor of Greek in our University, and the *Sallust*, printed by Cornelius Crownfield and edited by Joseph Wasse, a fellow of Queens', of whom Bentley said: "When I am dead, Wasse will be the most learned man in England." His son, Christopher Wasse, went from Cambridge to Oxford, where he was afterwards appointed University Printer.

The two volumes, on the *History of the Rebellion* edited by Jacob Hooper, are interesting, in that they were printed c. 1749 by Walker and James, and "distributed gratis (in parts) to the customers of the *Cambridge Journal*."

There are some beautiful specimens of celebrated editions of the *Bible* and of the *Prayer Book*, for which our University has been renowned; such as Bentham's *Prayer Book* (1756); the celebrated Folio

Bible issued by Baskerville in 1763 (the original binding of which will be noticed); the Royal Folio reprint of the *Codex Bezae*, which Thomas Kipling brought out in 1793—the editing of which was the subject of considerable controversy.

The two volumes of *Tasso*, edited by Agostino Isola, may be noticed. Isola was welcomed in Cambridge as an Italian teacher; he was the father of Charles Isola, an Esquire Bedell honoured by Gunning, and the grandfather of the young lady (dear to the hearts of all lovers of Charles Lamb) who became the wife of Moxon the publisher.

Another volume of Italian *Poems*, printed in 1810, is stated to be issued from the Angel Inn Yard.

There are many other books which might be particularised; and which visitors will notice for themselves; but attention may be drawn to certain *Cambridge Guides*, which Mr Bowes has been good enough to add to the fine collection which our Free Library possesses.

These remarks may help us to realise how important is the gift of these printed books, which we owe to the generosity of Mr Bowes.

It is hoped that this public-spirited action may lead to similar support of our Town Library. The Committee and the Librarian will always welcome the gift of useful books and they will specially welcome any volumes printed at Cambridge, or relating to our Town and University. We have already (chiefly owing to the generosity of the late Mr H. T. Hall) a remarkable accumulation

of Shakespeare books, and we hope to be similarly distinguished by a large collection of volumes illustrating the name and fame of Cambridge.

CHRONOLOGICAL LIST OF UNIVERSITY PRINTERS

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In the following list the names of those who are not known to have printed anything are underlined.

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| 1521. | JOHN SIBERCH | He disappears after 1522 |
| 1534. | <u>NICHOLAS SPERYNG</u> | |
| | <u>GARRETT GODFREY</u> | |
| | <u>SEGAR NICHOLSON</u> | |
| 1539. | <u>NICHOLAS PILGRIM</u> | |
| 1540. | <u>RICHARD NOKE</u> | |
| 1546. | <u>PETER SHERES</u> | |
| 1577. | <u>JOHN KINGSTON</u> | |
| 1583. | THOMAS THOMAS, M.A. | D. 1588 |
| 1588. | JOHN LEGATE | D. 1620 |
| | ? <u>JOHN PORTER</u> (before 1593) | |
| 1606. | CANTRELL LEGGE | He did not print after 1625 |
| | ? <u>THOMAS BROOKE</u> , M.A. (before 1614). | At least till 1621 |
| 1622. | LEONARD GREENE | D. 1630 |
| 1625. | THOMAS BUCK, M.A. | Said to have resigned 1653 |
| | JOHN BUCK, M.A. | (?) |
| 1630. | FRANCIS BUCK | Resigned 1632 |
| 1632. | ROGER DANIEL | Patent cancelled 1650 |
| 1650. | JOHN LEGATE (<i>the younger</i>) | Patent cancelled 1655 |
| 1655. | JOHN FIELD | D. 1668 |
| 1669. | <u>MATTHEW WHINN</u> | |

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1669.	JOHN HAYES	D. 1705
1680.	<u>JOHN PECK, M.A.</u>	
1682.	<u>HUGH MARTIN, M.A.</u>	
1683.	<u>DR JAMES JACKSON</u>	
1683.	<u>JONATHAN PINDAR</u>	
1693.	<u>H. JENKES</u>	
1697.	<u>JONATHAN PINDAR</u>	At least till 1730
1701.	JOHN OWEN	Bankrupt 1703
1705.	CORNELIUS CROWNFIELD	Pensioned 1740
1730.	W. FENNER	
	MRS FENNER	} Lease relinquished by Mrs Fenner 1738
	THOMAS JAMES	
	JOHN JAMES	
1740.	JOSEPH BENTHAM	Resigned 1766
1758.	JOHN BASKERVILLE	Nothing after 1763
1766.	JOHN ARCHDEACON	D. 1795
1793.	JOHN BURGES	D. 1802
1802.	JOHN DEIGHTON	Resigned 1802
1802.	RICHARD WATTS	Resigned 1809
[1804.	ANDREW WILSON	(?) 1811]
1809.	JOHN SMITH	Pensioned 1836
1836.	JOHN WILLIAM PARKER	Resigned 1854
1854.	CHARLES JOHN CLAY, M.A.	Retired 1895
	GEORGE SEELEY	Retired 1856
1882.	JOHN CLAY, M.A.	D. 1916
1916.	JAMES BENNET PEACE, M.A.	

LIST OF STATIONERS, PRINTERS,
BOOKBINDERS, &c.

This rough List of Cambridge Printers, etc., does not pretend to be exhaustive or to be arranged exactly in chronological order. The dates given are somewhat casually assigned—now referring to the death of the printer, now to the issue of some book, and so on. But it was thought that such an indication of the period, when those mentioned flourished, would be better than nothing.

WILLIAM PERGAMENTARIUS: in St Michael's parish, 1258

JOHN SCRIPTOR: c. 1270

JOHN PORTHORS: c. 1270

WILLIAM LE LORIMOR: Gt St Mary's parish, c. 1275

HENRY LE PARCHIMINERE: Gt St Mary's parish, c. 1275

WALTER LE PARCHEMYNER: 1314-5

JOHN ILLUMINATOR: 1314-5

ROBERT PERCAMENTARIUS: 1315

ROBERT DE OXFORD: c. 1320

WALTER DE BURY: Trinity Street, 2 doors from [Mr Bowes's],

1349

JOHN HARDY: c. 1350

JOHN DE WESENHAM: c. 1360

GERARD WAKE: 1435

JOHN WARD: 1474

THOMAS BOOKBINDER: 1469

RICHARD FYDYON: 1481

WILLIAM SQUIRE: 1482

WILLIAM HATLEY: Gt St Mary's parish, 1495

JOHN BOREDE: 1502

WILLIAM BRADFORD: 1504

PETER BREYNANS: Gt St Mary's parish, 1502

GARRETT GODFREY: Gt St Mary's parish, 1503-29

NICHOLAS SPIERINCK: High Street, Gt St Mary's parish,

1505-46

- RICHARD LICHFIELD: Gt St Mary's parish, 1513
 RICHARD OYTT: 1519
 NICHOLAS OYTT: 1519
 JOHN SIBERCH: "*Arma Regia*," Caius Walk, 1521
 SEGAR NICHOLSON: High Street, St Michael's parish, afterwards (as beer-brewer) at Magdalene Bridge, 1521
 M. COLTRESSE: 1526
 PETER BRIGHT: Holy Sepulchre parish, 1527
 LEONARD OF CHRIST'S COLLEGE: 1527
 WILLIAM BANKS: 1531
 [DAVID PRATT]: 1532
 NICHOLAS PILGRIM: Gt St Mary's parish, 1523-45
 RICHARD NOKE: 1540
 WM SPERINCK: Gt St Mary's parish
 JOHN SCARLETT: "lytell house at y^e west end of y^e chyrche" (Gt St Mary's), under the steeple, 1551
 JOHN SOUTH: Gt St Mary's parish, 1550-3
 PETER SHERES: "Shere's Lane," north side of Gt St Mary's Churchyard, Gt St Mary's parish, 1545
 JOHN SHERES: "Shere's Lane," Gt St Mary's parish, 1568-81
 JOHN BAXTER: 1556-96
 SIMON WATSON: Regent Walk (S. side), 1556
 WILLIAM BURWELL: 1556
 HENRY CRANSHO: 1560
 PHILIP SCARLETT: Gt St Mary's parish, 1560
 "MR HARY": 1557
 JOHN CUTHBERT: 1568
 [HUMPHREY TOY]
 THOMAS THOMAS: Regent Walk (N. side), 1553-88
 BENJAMIN PRIME: 1589
 THOMAS GIBSON
 RICHARD JUGGE
 WM JACKSON: Gt St Mary's parish
 JOHN DENYS: 1578
 JOHN LEGATE: Regent Walk (N. side), 1588, d. 1620
 BENEDICT WALKER: 1566-88
 THOMAS BRADSHAW: (1) High Street, opp. Gt St Mary's Church, (2) Holy Sepulchre parish, 1578-1608

WILLIAM WILLIAMS: Regent Walk (N. side), N. side of Gt St Mary's steeple, 1608

JOHN PORTER: Gt St Mary's Passage, opp. S. door of Gt St Mary's Church, 1589-1608

HUGH BURDWELL: 1592

MANASSES VAUTROLIER

JOHN JONES

WILLIAM SCARLETT: (1) 1 Trinity Street, (2) Bird Bolt, Gt St Andrew's parish, 1592-1617

JOHN SHARMAN, 1623

CANTRELL LEGGE: Gt St Mary's parish, Market Hill [next Rose Inn], 1606-25

THOMAS BROOKE: 1591-1629

LEONARD GREENE: (1) S. side of Gt St Mary's steeple, (2) Gt St Mary's Passage [same house as Porter], 1612-30

ROBERT LEETE: (1) Gt St Mary's parish, (2) All Saints' parish, Jesus Lane, 1622-63

THOMAS WILLIAMS: "Six Bells," St Edward's parish

ROBERT SANDERS: Gt St Mary's parish, 1620-33

HENRY MOODY: 1 Trinity Street, 1575-1637

THOMAS MOODY: Regent Walk (N. side), Gt St Mary's parish, [next door to John Mileson], 1624-61

ANTHONY HARRISON: St Michael's parish

HENRY WRAY: High Street, opp. Gt St Mary's Church, 1607-28

PETER SCARLETT

RICHARD EWLAM

SIMON ROEBUCK: 1629-34

EDMUND PORTER

JONATHAN PINDAR (1): Gt St Mary's parish

SAMUEL DISHEN

RICHARD IRELAND: High Street, opp. Gt St Mary's Church, [same house as Wray], 1624-54

DANIEL BOYSE

FRANCIS GREENE: Gt St Mary's parish, 1628-38

LUKE SHARMAN: 1641

THOMAS BUCK: (1) "The Angel" [next Rose Inn], Market Hill, (2) Augustine Friars' (St Edward's parish), 1624-70

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- JOHN BUCK: St Botolph's parish, 1626-80
 FRANCIS BUCK: 1630
 ROGER DANIEL: 1632
 WILLIAM GRAVES: Regent Walk, "over against Gt St Mary's Church," 1631-86
 THOMAS BROWNE: house at W. end of Gt St Mary's Church, 1636
 JOHN MILESON: Regent Walk (N. side), "over against Gt St Marie's Church," 1627-70
 JOHN HOULDEN: 1647
 JOHN BLYTON: 1645
 JOHN LEGATE, jun.: St Botolph's parish, 1600-58
 ANTHONY NICHOLSON (1): Gt St Mary's parish, etc., 1651-63
 WILLIAM MORDEN: (1) Gt St Mary's parish, (2) St Michael's parish, 1650-79
 WILLIAM NEALAND: "at the Crown in Duck Lane," 1655
 TROYLUS ATKINSON: (1) Gt St Mary's parish [next door to Robert Gee], [(2) "Brazen George," St Andrew's Street], 1626-75
 JOHN NORTH: 1653
 JOHN FIELD: New Printing Office, Silver Street, corner of Queens' (Street), 1655
 JOHN FOAKES: (1) Holy Trinity parish, (2) Gt St Mary's parish, 1659
 ROBERT NICHOLSON: Regent Walk (N. side)
 JOHN GREAVES: 1663
 THOMAS DANKS: 1664
 EDWARD STORY: St Edward's parish, 1668
 JAMES HUNT: 1668
 JOHN GRUMBALL
 MATTHEW WHINN: 1669
 JOHN HAYES: St Botolph's parish, 1669
 SAMUEL SIMPSON: High Street, opp. Gt St Mary's Church, 1670
 JOHN CREED: High Street, opp. Gt St Mary's Church, 1671
 JOHN JOHNSON: 1672
 JOHN MILLICENT: Regent Walk (N. side), d. 1672
 JOHN HART: [in partnership with Edward Story], 1674

- CHARLES MORDON: St Michael's parish
 SAMUEL WESTLEY: 1674
 WILLIAM GRAVES, jun.: Regent Walk, "over against Gt St Mary's church," 1680-95
 JOHN PECK: 1669-82
 HUGH MARTIN: 1680-1716
 DR JAMES JACKSON: 1683
 JONATHAN PINDAR (2): 1663-83
 THOMAS ISBURNE: 1686
 HENRY DICKENSON: 1681
 RICHARD GREEN: High Street, opp. Gt St Mary's Church, 1632-99
 ANTHONY NICHOLSON (2), jun.: "Six Bells," St Edward's parish, 1680
 ROBERT BROWNE: Gt St Mary's parish, 1681
 ROBERT GEE: Gt St Mary's parish, [next door to Troylus Atkinson], 1675-81
 EDWARD HALL: 1688-1710
 EDMUND BEECHING: St Michael's parish, 1689
 FRANCIS HICKS: 1691
 WILLIAM ATKINSON: Gt St Mary's parish [see his father Troylus Atkinson], 1693
 HENRY JENKS: 1693
 JOHN PINDAR: (1) Regent Walk (N. side), (2) St Michael's parish [next door to Wm Mordon], 1697
 JONATHAN PINDAR (3): 1697
 THOS. DAWSON: "Nag's Head," Gt St Mary's parish
 JOHN ELLIS: 1693
 THOMAS DAWSON, jun.: East School Lane (N. side), 1695
 ELIZABETH DAWSON: East School Lane (N. side), 1725
 GOWING GRAVES: Regent Walk (S. side), 1691
 EDWARD JEFFREY: Regent Walk (N. side), 1698
 CHARLES WRIGHT: Regent Walk (N. side), 1699
 JOHN LAMBOURN: East School Street (N. side)
 JOHN RICHARDSON: Gt St Mary's parish, Regent Walk (N. side), 1700
 THOMAS WEBSTER: High Street, opp. Gt St Mary's Church, 1701

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JOHN OWEN: 1701

CORNELIUS CROWFIELD: (1) St Edward's parish, (2) St Botolph's parish, 1705

JOHN GUMBOLD: 1705

WILLIAM SMITH: St Botolph's parish, 1708

ROBERT CHAPMAN: 1711

BRAMPTON LOWRY: St Sepulchre's parish, d. 1716

WILLIAM NICHOLSON: 1718

WILLIAM THURLBOURNE: (1) East Front of King's, Trumpington Street, St Edward's parish, (2) Regent Walk (N. side), 1724

JOHN WOODYER: 1724

FRANCIS HOPKINS: 1729

WILLIAM GODBED: 1740

R. DANTHORNE: 1758

R. MATTHEWS: (Regent Walk, or) High Street, 1751

E. BORE: East School Street (S. side), 1762

THOMAS MERRILL: Regent Walk (S. side), 1747

HENRY CROW: Regent Walk (N. side), [and CHS. WRIGHT partners]

J. MERRILL: 1758

J. CROWFIELD: 1743

WM DICKENSON: Gt St Mary's parish, High Street

R. WALKER: 1744 } next the Theatre Coffee House

T. JAMES: 1730 }

W. FENNER: 1730

MRS FENNER: 1730

JOSEPH BENTHAM: St Botolph's parish, 1740

ROBERT WATTS: (1) St Botolph's parish, (2) Trumpington Street (W.), now King's Parade, 1745

JOHN NICHOLSON (1) ("Maps"): Trumpington Street (W.), 1752-96

JOHN BASKERVILLE: Radegund Manor House, 1706-75

JOHN ARCHDEACON: St Botolph's parish, Pembroke Lane 1766

JOHN BURGESS: St Botolph's parish, Pembroke Lane, 1793

THOMAS FLETCHER: 1771

JOHN PARIS: St Benet's parish, 1759-69

- J. HODSON
 F. HODSON: "Corner of Green Street"
 JOHN BOWTELL: Trinity Street, 1753-1813
 W. H. LUNN: 1784
 W. PAGE: 1793
 J. TAYLOR: 1793
 LUKE PENNINGTON: 1794
 BENJAMIN FLOWER: 1796
 O. GREGORY: 1798
 F. JENNINGS: 1799
 M. JENNINGS: 1799
 JOHN BOWTELL, jun.: All Saints' Passage, 1801
 JOHN DEIGHTON: (1) Trinity Street, "opp. the Senate House,"
 (2) St Michael's parish, 1802
 RICHARD WATTS: 1802
 C. RIVINGTONS: 1802
 J. EASDEN: 1802
 ANDREW WILSON: 1804
 JOHN NICHOLSON (2): 1, Trinity Street, 1807-23
 JOHN NICHOLSON (3): 1, Trinity Street, 1810-23
 JOHN SMITH: (1) Silver Street, (2) Mill Lane, 1809
 BYER
 M. WATSON: Angel Inn Yard, 1809
 J. GEE: Market Hill, 1810
 G. BARRACLOUGH: Senate House Passage
 J. SYMONDS: Sidney Street
 W. GIBSON: opp. Catharine Hall
 W. METCALFE: (1) Trinity Street, corner of Green Street,
 (2) St Mary's Street, 1812
 HANKIN: Rose Crescent, 1817
 E. GOODE: Bridge Street, 1817
 J. GOODE: Bridge Street, 1817
 RICHARD NEWBY: 17 Trinity Street, 1819-44
 THOMAS STEVENSON: (1) (?) Regent Walk (N. side),
 (2) 1 Trinity Street, 1826
 W. HATFIELD
 HARWOOD: Bridge Street, 1825
 J. HALL: (1) Bridge Street, (2) Trumpington Street, 1825

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W. P. GRANT: 8 Trinity Street

D. and A. MACMILLAN: (1) 17 Trinity Street, (2) 1 Trinity Street, 1844, etc.

BOWES and BOWES: 1 Trinity Street

ELIJAH JOHNSON: 30 Trinity Street

HENRY WALLIS: Sidney Street

J. T. WALTERS: 6 King's Parade

E. MEADOWS: 6 King's Parade

J. TALBOYS WHEELER: (1) 2 Rose Crescent, (2) Trinity Street

RICHARD HUTT: 29 Trinity Street

MISS PAGE: Market Street

BRIDGES and SON: 19 Market Hill

W. H. SMITH: 7 Rose Crescent

J. HATT: 3 Peas Hill

C. FRANK: 46 Sidney Street

THOMAS KING: 10 Petty Cury

P. S. LAMBOURN: Free School Lane

J. KELLY: Music Shop near the Market Hill

LIST OF CAMBRIDGE GUIDES

DATE	TITLE	PRINTER	PUBLISHER
1748	Foreigner's Companion, etc., by Mr Salmon		Wm. Owen (London)
1763	Cantabrigia Depicta	J. Bentham	
1763	" "	"	
1776	" "	J. Archdeacon	Merrill and Woodyer
1781	" "	"	"
1785	Description, etc.	"	J. and J. Merrill
1789	" "	"	"
1790	" "	"	"
1796	" "	"	J. Deighton
1803	Guide	J. Burgess	"
1804	New Camb. Guide	R. Watts	J. Deighton
1808	Guide	M. Watson	J. Deighton
1809	New Camb. Guide [slightly altered]	"	J. Deighton
1811	Guide	"	J. Deighton
1812	New Camb. Guide [2nd Ed.]	W. Metcalfe	J. Deighton
1814	Guide	J. Hodson	J. Deighton
1815	New Camb. Guide [3rd Ed.]	W. Metcalfe	J. Deighton
1819	" "	J. Hodson	J. Deighton
1820	Guide	"	J. Deighton
1821	New Camb. Guide [5th Ed.]	"	J. Deighton
1825	Guide	"	J. Deighton

1825	Stranger's Companion	Harwood and Hall	Harwood and Hall
1825	" [2nd Ed.]	"	"
1826	New Camb. Guide [6th Ed.]	J. Hodson	T. Stevenson
1830	Guide	R. Newby	Deighton, Stevenson and Newby
1830	Guide [New Ed.]	"	"
1831	New Guide [C. H. Cooper]	J. Hall	Bridges, Hall and Johnson
1833	Ambulator	R. Clay	R. B. Harraden
1835	"	W. Metcalfe	R. B. Harraden
1837	Guide	"	J. W. Parker
1838	"	"	Deighton, Stevenson and Newby
1840	Cambridge Guide [= Ambulator]	Metcalfe and Palmer	R. B. Harraden
1845	Guide	J. Hall	Deighton, Stevenson and Newby
1850	Pictorial Guide	Metcalfe and Palmer	J. Hatt
1853	"	R. Clay	W. Metcalfe
1861	"	"	"
1861	Handbook for Visitors [Deck]	"	"
1861	Railway Traveller's Walk [Deck]	"	"
1862	Handbook for Visitors [Deck]	"	"
1864	Guide [Humphry]	"	"
1865	Excursionist's Guide [Thompson Cooper]	J. Webb	Brit. Medical Assoc.
1868	New Camb. Guide [= Handbook]	W. Metcalfe	E. Johnson
1880	Railway Traveller's Walk [6th Ed.] [Deck]	"	W. Metcalfe
1880	Guide [Humphry]	"	Brit. Medical Assoc.
1880	"	W. P. Spalding	W. P. Spalding
1882	Tourist's Guide [A. G. Hill]	Stanford	Stanford
1883	Guide [Humphry] [2nd Ed.]	W. P. Spalding	W. P. Spalding
1883	" [3rd Ed.]	"	"

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DATE	TITLE	PRINTER	PUBLISHER
1886	Guide [Humphry] [4th Ed.]	W. P. Spalding	W. P. Spalding
1886	Railway Traveller's Guide [7th Ed.]	Metcalfe and Sons	Metcalfe and Sons
1888	People's Guide	W. P. Spalding	W. P. Spalding
1890	Guide [Humphry] [5th Ed.]	"	"
1894	" [6th Ed.]	"	"
1890	Guide [Trinity M.A.]	Jarrold	Jarrold
1890	Pocket Guide	Thos. Dixon	Thos. Dixon
1892	Gossiping Stroll [Widnall]	Author	Author
1893	Camb. Visitor's Guide [W. White] [Railway Trav. Walk, 8th Ed.]	Metcalfe and Sons	Metcalfe and Sons
1898	Guide [J. W. Clark]	Camb. Univ. Press	Macmillan and Bowes
1899	Condensed Guide	W. P. Spalding	W. P. Spalding
1899	Authorised Official Guide [N. U. T. Conference, 1899]	W. B. Clive	W. B. Clive
1902	Guide [J. W. Clark] [2nd Ed.]	Camb. Univ. Press	Macmillan and Bowes
1906	" [3rd Ed.]	"	"
1910	" [4th Ed.]	"	"
1910	Illus. Guide [Church Congress]	Church Congress	Church Congress
1911	Official Guide	Burrow	Burrow
1916	Guide [J. W. Clark] [5th Ed.]	Camb. Univ. Press	Bowes and Bowes



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