

THE DICKINSON BIOGRAPHY

This letter found among the papers of the recently deceased Dr. A.G. Lough, formerly Rector of Hennock, near Newton Abbott, throws some light on the publication of the book. It was written from Bude on December 10th 1969.

Dear Father,

Many thanks for your letter, which I only received yesterday. We have at last got possession of our little bungalow here and are very happy in it.

My book on Sabine Baring-Gould hung fire at the last moment. It had been accepted, and we had even reached the stage of discussing royalties, when the new taxation last year made the publishers nervous about the cost of production.

I have however now found another firm who are very interested, but consider it rather too long, and

I am going to interview them this week and discuss the matter with them.

With best wishes for Christmas,

Yours Sincerely,

Bickford Dickinson

Ed: Does anyone know who the original publishers were; whether the David & Charles version (1970) was shorter than Dickinson's prepared manuscript; and if so, whether the additional material is still extant somewhere?