Press Article – Sabine the Writer

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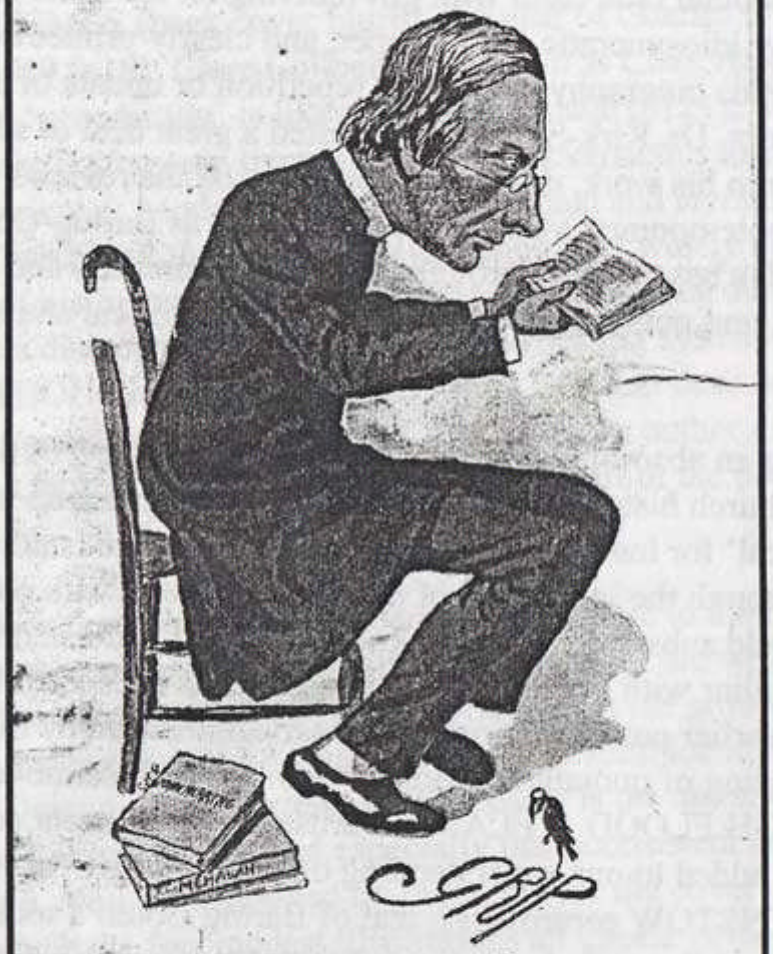
There is probably no living English writer who has ventured into so many fields of literature as the Rev. Sabine Baring-Gould. His books number more than one hundred, and include volumes of sermons, dissertations on antiquarian subjects, and, latterly, novels. He was born at Exeter only sixty years ago, so that the extent of his literary output in the last thirty years is all the more remarkable. Mr. Baring-Gould was Incumbent of Dalton, Thirsk, for a brief time; then Rector of East Mersea; and finally, on succeeding to the family property in 1881, Rector



THE REV. S. BARING-GOULD.

of Lew Trenchard, Devon. He published anonymously "Mehalah," which has been one of his greatest successes in fiction, and more than one reviewer hailed with glee the discovery of a new writer. A serial story by Mr. Baring-Gould has this week commenced in the *Illustrated London News*. Not only a novelist, a squire, an antiquary, and a rector, Mr. Baring-Gould is also a poet, for to him the Church is indebted for more than one popular hymn. He has also done much to popularise the songs associated of old with the West of England, delivering lectures charmingly illustrated by vocal examples of the subject.