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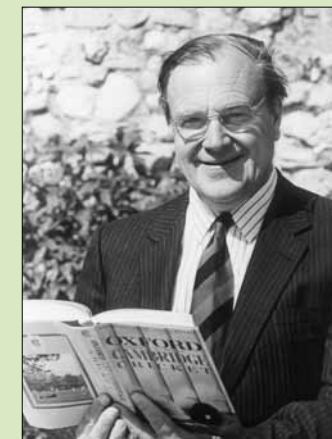
WITH A FOREWORD BY JOHN WOODCOCK

CRICKET'S BOUNTY – the name given to the first poem as well as to the book – consists of reminiscences, written at the time, in prose and verse, about Cricketers and Cricket itself over nearly 60 years. The author also adds six non-Cricketing 'Extras', including two Sonnets on Winchester College, where he spent so many years, and one on Siegfried Sassoon, the distinguished First World War poet, who loved his Cricket. Publication was not originally intended, but, responding to encouragement from Colin Maynard, Deputy Secretary of M.C.C., and Noel Osborne, publisher, the author has compiled an unusual, engaging and entertaining book. It displays a welcome blend of gravity and levity, combines great affection for Cricket with wise observation, and is refreshingly free, in the author's words, from scandal and skulduggery.

The poem, 'Cricket's Bounty', which opens the Batting Order of the 33 Cricket pieces, sets out to 'capture' the Game itself and, of course, M.C.C., for whom several of the pieces were specifically written, under the headings: History; Literature; Heroes; Variety; and Friendships. 'Reflections in an M.C.C. Mirror', the last entry in the Batting Order before the 'Extras', provides a chance for the author to look back, with both pleasure and gratitude, on his nigh-on eight decades of links with the Club and its Ground. These links date from 1936, the year he attended 'Easter Coaching' for the first time, to 2014, when the Club celebrates the Bicentenary of Lord's, its historic and much-loved Ground.



G.H.G. DOGGART, O.B.E. has wide Cricketing experience. Highlights of his career include: his 215 not out, on debut in 1948, for Cambridge University against Lancashire, which remains a record; his 2nd wicket partnership with John Dewes of 429 undefeated, for Cambridge against Essex in 1949, a record which lasted for 25 years; his Captaincy of Cambridge in 1950 and of Sussex in 1954; and his call-up for England in 1950, while still an Undergraduate, for the first two Tests against the West Indies.



In addition to his teaching career – 22 years at Winchester College, which included one year at Melbourne (Church of England) Grammar School, and the Headmastership of King's School, Bruton between 1972 and 1985 – Hubert Doggart has been in demand as a player, coach, administrator, a regular speaker and an occasional writer. He wrote, for M.C.C., the Cambridge part of *Oxford and Cambridge Cricket* (1989) having edited in 1967 *The Heart of Cricket*, writings by and about that great contributor to Cricket, and not least to M.C.C., H.S. Altham.

He played for M.C.C. in East Africa in 1958, and Captained M.C.C. in the Argentine and Brazil the following year. He became President of M.C.C. in 1981/82 (the only serving Headmaster to have held this office) and Treasurer from 1987 to 1992.

His book, published by Phillimore Book Publishing in association with M.C.C., whose Committee has given its approval and support, will be produced to a high standard in hardback and is scheduled for publication in Autumn 2014 at not less than £17.50. This leaflet provides the opportunity to subscribe in advance at the special price of £12.00. Please complete the Order Form overleaf.



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