

generation, produced the greatest physician of the century and a founder of a medical theory. In a later generation the same family produced a sailor, wild in his youth (everyone knows the story of his gambling his fortune at the age of about eighteen) who commanded the Fighting Temeraire at Trafalgar. When he left the sea he settled at Rolls Park and had a grand dinner on every anniversary of Trafalgar at the 'Kings Head,' and in his garden planted the Admiral's Walk which is still there (or was until recently). Turner caught a golden moment of the old wooden man-of-war from Deptford, as she was being towed away for breaking. Perhaps not everybody who looks at this picture realises that she survived Trafalgar and, her day finished, was off to the breakers. There were odd and famous people in plenty living in Chigwell and they are all worth bringing into the light. I think the hour glass of my sermon has run out, perhaps you were quietly sleeping. Why not?

ONE OF NELSON'S CAPTAINS

by George Caunt

Admiral Sir Eliab Harvey, the second son of William Harvey of Rolls Park, Chigwell, was born in 1758, and was the grandson of Sir Eliab Harvey, the brother of William Harvey who discovered the circulation of blood. He served as Member of Parliament for Maldon 1780-1784 and for Essex 1802-1812 and from 1820 until his death in 1830. He married Lady Louisa Nugent, younger daughter of Earl Nugent.

'We never heard of Mr. Harvey's abilities in the House as a speaker, he being content to give a silent vote . . . Though little heard of in his legislative capacity, he had made some noise in the gay world, having, it is said, not long ago actually lost all his fortune to Captain O'Bourne at cards, who suffered him to regain the whole again, excepting only the trifling sum of ten thousand pounds.' (English Chronicle 1791). This is scarcely fair comment, as during his political life he often took an independent line on navy matters, and was frequently absent from the county on active service in the Navy. He is remembered today as one of Nelson's bravest captains at the battle of Trafalgar.

Harvey entered the Navy as a midshipman and was lieutenant 1779, commander 1782, captain 1783, rear-admiral 1805, vice-admiral 1810 and admiral 1819, K.C.B. 1815 and G.C.B. 1825. In 1793 in the Sta. Margarita frigate he served under Sir John Jervis at Martinique and Guadeloupe. Jervis went on to become Lord St. Vincent, another eccentric and cranky old admiral, who lived at Rochetts, South Weald.