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## P R E F A C E .

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## KING EDWARD THE SIXTH'S CHARTER.

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The Charter is in the possession of the Governors, and in very good condition. It was thought best, however, to reproduce the original draft, as passed by the Council, for the sake of the signatures, which the Governors' copy does not possess. This original draft, which, unfortunately, has suffered a good deal from damp, is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford:—how it came there the authorities have no idea.

The date of the Charter is May 14th, 1552; though the date on the seal is 1551, and the Bodleian Charter is endorsed “expedita apud Grenewich xxix<sup>o</sup> die Aprilis anno regni Regis Edwardi vi<sup>ti</sup>. quinto (1551) per Taverner.” Richard Taverner, who drew up the document, was a Clerk of the Signet, afterwards High Sheriff of Oxford, and died in 1575.

The Signatures are:—

EDWARD THE KING.

E. SOMERSET (Edward, Duke of Somerset, Protector; afterwards beheaded).

T. CANT. (Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury; burnt in 1556).

R. RYCHE CANC. (Richard, Lord Rich, Lord Chancellor).

W. WILTESH. (William, Earl of Wiltshire, Lord Treasurer).

J. BEDFORD (John, Earl of Bedford).

W. NORTH. (William, Marquis of Northampton).

E. CLYNTON (Edward, Lord Clinton).

T. DARCY (Thomas, Lord D'Arcy, Lord Chamberlain).

G. COBHAM (George, Lord Cobham).

T. ELY (Thomas Goodrick, Bishop of Ely).



## THE SCHOOL ARMS.

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**I**N response to a request from several quarters, a short description of the School Coat of Arms is appended.

Dr. Harry Lupton, the present representative of the family, writes that the Arms were granted in 1485 by Sir Christopher Barker to Dr. Roger Lupton, the Founder of the School, and he blazons them thus: "Argent, a chevron sable charged with three lilies of the field, their lower leaves sessile and vert, between three wolves' heads erased and sable, tongued gules. In chief gules, between two escallops or, a cross tau of the same."

Translated from the language of heraldry, this means that the field or ground of the shield is argent (silver); the chevron or pyramidal device is black; the three lilies upon it have their lower leaves unstalked and vert (green); the three wolves' heads which have been erased (torn off), are black, and their tongues, gules (red); the 'chief' or upper third of the shield is red, and the two scallop shells upon it with the 'tau' cross between them, are or (golden).

The wolves' heads recall the first syllable of Lup-ton (Latin lup-us, a wolf). A tun, with 'Lup' between the hoops, was the Founder's favourite method of playing on his name.

The lilies are generally supposed to be borrowed from the lilies on the Eton Coat of Arms, Lupton having been Provost of Eton; but as the lilies are on the original Coat granted in 1485, whereas Lupton did not become Provost till nearly twenty years later, it seems probable that it is only a coincidence.

The meaning of the 'tau' cross and escallop shells cannot be satisfactorily explained. The College of Arms can throw no light on the subject. As the 'tau' cross also stands for a pilgrim's crutch, and the escallop shells signify the crossing of the sea, we may well suppose that they commemorate a pilgrim ancestor of Lupton, possibly a Crusader.

Dr. Harry Lupton, not unnaturally, somewhat resents the change of the original motto "*Novâ virere fronde*," and remarks that it was particularly applicable to a School, which has thrown out such vigorous new shoots in late years. We must plead guilty, but is there any Sedberghian who would now repudiate his "*Dura virum nutrix*"?

A more detailed account of the Arms will be found in the June number of the "*Sedberghian*" for 1902.

