

CRAB MORRIS

A LETTER in *Country Life* referred recently to the late Canon Palmer and his ministry of 69 years at Sullington in Sussex. He died in 1931 at the age, I believe, of 98. When I first met him in April 1917, he told me he was one of the oldest living Marlburians. I at once asked, 'Were you at school with William Morris?' 'What, Crab Morris?' was the reply, 'he taught me to net?' That of course was just what Morris would have done. But Crab Morris! Who at that date would have known the nickname? Not May Morris, nor Emery Walker, nor Mackail, for I asked them all. By the time he died Canon Palmer must have outlived by many years all Marlburians of Morris' day.

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