

"a zealous asserter thereof." The signification of this is that he was a radical reformer, considering the state of religion in England at that time. And he ever maintained his principles like a martyr, for which great honor is due his memory.

There has never been a stronger party of republicans in England than that of the Puritans, whatever their other faults may have been. The days of Algernon Sidney and John Hampden are the most glorious in the history of our old mother country. Those Puritan burghers of Cromwell's time were heroes, every one of them, and they are the stuff out of which our democratic republic has been at last established, to teach liberty and equality to all future generations. All that need be asked for the vindication of such a man as Dudley—our own stern pilgrim forefather,—is that his course be watched from first to last, and his motives fairly studied and fully comprehended.

Although Mr. D. became a zealous Puritan and assertor of non-conformity and a constant hearer of the Orthodox ministers, yet he rejected all wild sectaries and despised ignorant superstition. There was no one who more openly discountenanced mere opinionists. He was a strenuous oppugner of the mummery of the Romish church and the old ceremonies of the established Episcopalians of England. He countenanced only an educated and enlightened clergy. There is a little anecdote illustrating this peculiarity in his character :

As he was once riding on horseback, as the custom was in those simple days, from Northamptonshire or Lincolnshire to London, he fell in with another gentleman riding upon the same journey, and the two soon conversed together upon the subject of religion. The stranger freely intimated his dislike of conformity, telling Mr. Dudley that it was partly, or principally, the object of his journey to London to move the Council Table for more liberty of conscience and exemption from the imposition of the Episcopal ceremonials. Mr. D. was so well pleased with those things that he proposed and offered when they should arrive in London to bear him company, as he should proceed upon his worthy design, and that he would, to the utmost of his ability, stand by him, and help to secure the success of the petition. The rest of the day was wholly devoted to discourse upon this subject by the two travellers, till they arrived at the inn, where they intended to lodge for the night. And then they agreed to

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Sutton's property was worth more than £300,000, a large portion of which he got by marrying the widow of John Dudley of Stoke Newington.

In his will he gives to Robert Dudley, alderman of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, or his children, £30, which "he oweth me."