

All the most prominent founders and historians of Colonial times made a great account of Dudley, and esteemed him equal to any of them in ability, sincerity, strength of character and zeal. He was second to Winthrop only. He was not equal to him in the spirit of affability and yielding placidity of temper.

He was second to Winthrop in the original design for obtaining the patent, and second in holding the Governorship. His style of writing was superior to Winthrop's; he was above him in military education and varied experience in many kinds of business; and he was more self-reliant than Winthrop. When Winthrop got involved in debt, he appealed to the generosity of his constituents, and they paid his debts for him. But Dudley looked sharply to his own financial affairs and interests, and relied upon his own efforts.

All his acts and deeds he laid open for public scrutiny; we know all about him except his family connections and alliances. He evidently placed no value in hereditary honors. It was wrong for him to withhold from his posterity the particulars of their English lineage.

All mankind have always felt great interest in their ancestral history. Why did he neglect to record and preserve it? This is another indication to me that those pilgrims were fanatical. All worldly things seemed to them but vanity, fleeting show, and a dream. Rev. Ezekiel Rogers, one of the learned colonists, wrote some verses both in Latin and English, on Gov. Dudley, which Mather gives in his *Magnalia*.

“EPITAPH.

In books, a prodigal, they say,
A living Cyclopædia;
Of histories, of church and priest
A full compendium at least;
A table-talker, rich in sense,
And witty without wit's pretence;
An able champion in debate,
Whose words lacked numbers but not weight.
In character, a critic bold,
And of that faith both sound and old—
Both Catholic and Christian too;
A soldier trusty, tried and true;
New England's Senate's crowning grace,
In merit truly as in place;
Condemned to share the common doom,
Reposes here in Dudley's tomb.

E. R.”

His inventory of goods and effects is very interesting, as a relic of the early times, giving hints of fashions, household arts, prices, etc.,