

## SIR RICHARD SUTTON, KT.

Sir Richard Sutton, founder of Brazenose College, Oxford, was a Barrister, and afterwards Governor of the Inner Temple, London. He was Knighted 14 Hen. VIII.

In Flower's Visitation of 1580, his brother's descendant, Richard, was allowed to bear "Or, a lion ramp. queue fourchee vert. (for Sutton). There is no proof of the lion having been used by his family before this Visitation, says Ormerod (Hist. Cheshire III. 372 note.) He died in 1524. He was probably of the old family of Sutton of Sutton in Notts, as his brother, Sir John Sutton's descendants inherited the estate of the old family of Sutton and Distly, Notts.

## THE LORDS OF DUDLEY CASTLE.

The castle of Dudley, probably founded by a Saxon duke named Dudd or Dudo, about A. D. 700, and named for him, the last part of the name being *lea*, that is, a field. This is so stated in the histories of our greatest antiquaries, Camden, Dugdale, Kippis, &c. Many of the owners of this castle were Barons, and some of their descendants assumed the surname of Dudley from the title, *Baron of Dudley*. This old fortress has long been a noble ruin, and one of the oldest in the British isles. The several owners since the Norman Conquest have been Fitz Ausculph or Fitz Ansculph, Paganel or Paynell, Somery or de Somery, Sutton or De Sutton, Dudley, Ward, and Lea. The Suttons and Dudleys were the same house by these last two different names.

Fitz Ausculph held it in time of Wm. I., 1066. The Paganels next held it till 1135; and a few years later it went by inheritance to the Somerys, who held it till 1322. Then Sir John Sutton obtained it by marrying the heiress of Somery, and his heirs held it in the male line till 1644. Then it went, for lack of male issue, to Humble Ward, who had married the heiress of Dudley; and he was created Lord Ward of Birmingham by Charles I. His son, Edward Ward, was his heir, and had the title of Lord Dudley and Ward; and this Lord's grandson, Edward, was the next heir with the same title, who, dying in 1704, his son Edward inherited it and died unmarried in 1731. It then went to this Lord's sister Frances' son, Ferdinando Dudley Lea, Lord Dudley, who, dying in 1757, unmarried, the barony of Dudley became, and still remains, in abeyance.

But the barony of Ward, and the Castle, devolved on John Ward of Sedgley Park, a great grandson of Humble Ward, the first