

This John Dudley's mother was Elizabeth Berkeley, whose sister, Eleanor, married the Earl of Arundel; so that John was buried at the castle, probably because he was a nephew of the lord of Arundell. The *British Bibliographer* by Sam'l E. Brydges, Vol. I. p. 91, says: "This question of the origin of these Dudleys has been as well settled as any question of genealogy can be. It was only the slander of a Roman Catholic enemy of Leicester at the beginning."

WM. DUDLEY, BISHOP OF DURHAM.

William Dudley, third son of Sir John Lord Dudley, K. G., Baron of Dudley, and his wife, Elizabeth, dau. of Sir John Berkeley of Beverston, Kt. and widow of Sir Edward Charlton, Lord of Powis, was educated at University College, Oxford, became a clergyman, and was admitted Rector of Malpas in Cheshire, his father's manor and barony, in 1456, and resigned Feb. 27, the same year. He took his degrees of Bachelor in 1453 and Master of Arts in 1456. He was distinguished even then for his attainments as well as his high birth.

In November, 1466, he was made Rector of Hendon in Middlesex, and collated to the Prebend of Cadington Minor 24 Nov. 1468, which became void in 1471. He was collated to this Prebend by the Bishop of London July 18, 1464, on the death of Chadworth, which he resigned about Feb. 1473. His successive promotions were rapid, being from Cadington Minor to Newington in 1471, then to Brownswood in 1472, (being Dean of the king's chapel at Windsor) and to be Archdeacon of Middlesex in 1475, and canon of Wells. He was a favorite of Edward IV. In 1476 he became Bishop of Durham, and was consecrated in 1477. Finally he was elected Chancellor of the University of Oxford in 1483. He had received a great many other honors, as Prebendary of Stillington in Yorkshire, and was presented by Edward IV. to a prebend of the collegiate church of Newark, Co. Leicester, Aug. 5, 1472, and was elected Dean on the 17th of the same month. This was the first Dean Dudley probably in England, and I take pleasure in recording his good fortune, al-

and discredit them. In a little work like his of 130 pages, he ought not to have undertaken so big a job, as to dispute scores of England's expert genealogists and antiquaries. He had not room to answer the evidence and arguments they furnish on the subject. There is no fact of history better proved and established, than the descent of Edmund Dudley, the great lawyer, from Sir John Sutton, lord Dudley, the warrior of Henry V. Mr. Twamley has also omitted from his Dudley pedigrees, Oliver Dudley and Wm. Dudley, Bishop of Durham, uncles of Edmund, the lawyer.