

though I cannot sympathize with his extraordinary success in life. He had a canonry also at Wolverhampton.

When he was Dean of Windsor (the king's chapel) and Edw. IV. intended to sail against France, Dean Dudley, with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Bouchier and others, was enfeoffed with several royal names for the performance of the king's will. He was also Dean of St. Mary Magdalen, in Bridgenorth, in 1471.

The church at Dudley received great favors from him, as well as other churches where he had been laboring during his busy career.

He died Nov. 29, 1483, and was interred at Westminster Abbey, in the chapel of St. Nicholas, which is on the south side from the monument of king Edward III. His tomb is in the wall of gray marble, with his figure on the altar, inlaid in brass, representing him in Episcopal robes, a mitre on his head and a crosier in his hand, under a canopy of three arches; and there are many ornaments cut in the stone.*

Bishop Dudley's death was four years previous to that of his father (Sir John, Lord Dudley, K. G.) and it is very likely the aged Baron attended the funeral of his distinguished son. His brother Edmund, Esq., the heir apparent, would also be there, and perhaps his nephew, Edmund Dudley, Esq., the lawyer, who was then 21 years old; also his father, Sir John Dudley, another brother of the bishop, who lived at Hatherington in Sussex, father of the lawyer, Edmund above named. The tomb of the Bishop, must have been made and adorned under the direction of these, his nearest relatives. Bishops did not marry in those days, and could have no legitimate children. The inscription engraved on his tomb, says of him: "Hic jacet Gulielmus de Dudley, e familia baronum de Dudley. Dunelm. episcopus. Obiit Anno Dom. 1483."† *Translation*: "Here lies William de Dudley, from the family of the baron of Dudley. Bishop of Durham. Died in the year of the Lord, 1483." (*See picture of the tomb. p. 31.*)

The General History of the Town of Leicester, Vol. I., p. 334 says, this coat of arms was on old Bishop Dudley's tomb. viz.: four quarterings, 1, a lion rampant single-tailed; 2, a cross patonce; 3, a cross patonce; 4, two lions passant.

On page 32 of this work I have given the coat with a double-tailed lion ramp. The authorities for that are numerous.

* Nicholls' Hist. of Leicestershire, Vol. I., p. 335; Robinson's Hist. of Stoke Newington; Gough's Sepulchral Monuments, etc.; Biographia Britannica.

† Hutchinson's History of Durham, Vol. I., p. 361.