

"July 17 I visit Madam Dudley, the Governor's wife, take supper with her, Cousin Dummer and wife, Col. Townsend, Brēmfield and wife and Kate Dudley." This was Gov. Dudley's daughter, 12 years of age. She married Hon. Wm. Dummer in 1714.

"July 20, Sam. visits Mrs. Rebecca Dudley." This was another daughter of the Governor, aged 21. Judge Sewall's son Samuel, whom he calls "Sam," married her the following September."

"July 30, I, my wife, Sam, and Hannah, visit Madam Dudley and Mrs.\* Rebecca, to whom Sam. gives a Psalm-Book.

"Sept. 15, Mr. Nehemiah Walter married Mr. Sam. Sewall and Mrs. Rebekah Dudley. Mr. Willard concludes with prayer. We sung the last part of the 103rd Psalm; Mr. Thomas Dudley reading and setting of it out of my Turkey-leather Psalm-book. Present, the Governor, Lady, family (all save Mr. Paul, who was called away just then with the news of Capt. Larimore's prizes. My brother's letter about it the Governor read to us). I and my family, all save Betty and Judith, Mr. Willard and wife, Mr. Lynde and wife, Mr. John White and Mrs. Mary Hubbard got home about 11 o'clock, P. M. Thomas Dudley, who read and set the Psalm, was Gov. Joseph's eldest son, 22 years of age. He graduated at Harvard College in 1685, and was Assistant Register of the Probate Court in Boston, A. D. 1686. He died about 1689, unmarried. His brother Joseph died at the same time. Of Sam. Sewall and Rebecca Dudley there are several little anecdotes preserved, besides what his father records. Hon. John Kelley tells one gathered in some of his antiquarian searches, that reflects on the talents of this couple. He says they were below par; and tries to draw a moral from such a union of great men's children. I know it to be very incorrect. But the funny story is this: In due time after their marriage, Judge Sewall, then sitting at the Council Board in Boston, received a letter informing him that his daughter-in-law had a son. He communicated the billet to the Governor, who, after perusing it, observed with an arch severity, "Brother Sewall, I am thinking how we shall contrive to prevent this grandson of ours from being as big a fool as his father." "I believe," retorted Judge Sewall, "we must not let him suckle his mother."

Samuel and Rebecca had portraits of their fathers, and they have been preserved by their descendants. This is the line in which they were kept: Henry Sewall, born 1720, graduated at Harvard College 1738, had Hannah born 1751, married Edward Wolcott of Brookline,

\* A young gentlewoman was then usually called "Mistress," abbreviated "Mrs.," although she might be unmarried.