

“I am an honest man, and have lived religiously these forty years to the satisfaction of the ministers in New England; and your wrath against me is cruel, and will not be justified. A few days before the fleet arrived, by your conference and letters, I was, you told me, in favor of all good men and might expect the consolation of a faithful stewardship; but now the letters in the Observer must be defended, and the college must be disposed against the opinion of all the ministers in New England, except yourselves, or the Governor torn in pieces.

“This is the view I have of your inclination.

“I am your Humble Servant,

“J. DUDLEY.

“*To the Reverend Doctors Mather.*”

Sewall's Diary continues:—

“Dec. 16, 1707. Mr. John Winthrop married Mrs. Anne Dudley.”

This John Winthrop was a great-grandson of the pilgrim John Winthrop. The line is—1, John; 2, John, Jr. (Gov. of Ct.); 3, Wait-Still; 4, John, F.R.S.

“Jan. 8, 1708. The Governor appoints a council to meet at Cambridge the 14th inst. for the installment of Mr. Leverett. He prepares a Latin Speech for the installment of the President. He then took the President by the hand and led him down into the Hall. Joseph Sewall made a Latin oration. The Governor then read his speech and delivered the books and records, i.e., Charter, Seal &c. of the College to the new Board of seven Overseers. Then the President made a short Latin Speech, to the effect that he accepted the office, notwithstanding there were many difficulties to overcome. The Governor spoke further, assuring him of the assistance of the Overseers. Then Mr. Edward Holyoke made a Latin Oration. Mr. Paul Dudley read part of 132d psalm from Tate and Brady's Version, Windsor Tune. All close with the hymn to the Trinity. We had a very good dinner, *Laus Deo.*”

Mr. Holyoke graduated in 1705, and was chosen President of the College in 1737.

“I met Mr. Pemberton, who talked very warmly about Mr. Cotton Mather's Letter to the Governor. He seemed to resent it, and expect that the Governor should animadvert upon him. He said, if he were the Governor he would humble him, though it