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UNITED STATES.



LEVI EDWIN DUDLEY was born at North Troy, Vermont, October 18, 1842. He began attending the public school when only four years of age, and manifested such an interest in his studies that at ten he had reached the head of the highest class in school, composed almost entirely of youths four or five years older than himself. These country schools had short terms, and during more than one half of the year the subject

of our sketch, after attaining the age of eight years, was at work upon his father's farm.

In 1856 Mr. Dudley left his home and went to reside with his maternal grandfather, Samuel Simonds Townsend, in Lynn, Massachusetts, where he attended the grammar school for some months. He was then placed in Benjamin Proctor's drug store, to learn the business, and remained there until 1860, when he accepted a situation in another store of the same kind in Boston, where he remained until the breaking out of the war in 1861. Mr. Dudley enlisted in the 13th Mass. Volunteers, and served until the close of the war in the Army of the Potomac. He gained the rank of Hospital Steward in the regular army, and would have been made a commissioned officer if he could have passed the medical examination, but his health had been impaired