

## PREFACE.

This No. 9 makes the tenth Part or Number besides the Memorial of the Dudley Reunion in 1892, which was an appendix number. The Index will nearly fill another hundred pages, and will be published very soon after this No. 9. Then the whole work will be bound in one or two volumes.

I have taken great pains to correct all errors as fast as discovered. Every one should notify me as soon as he detects an error. What is said in the preface does not reach every person interested; therefore, it is to be hoped that those who read it will inform their friends in regard to the work and send me subscribers, etc. There will be a chance in the Index Number to correct errors.

I wish to say that when I was president of the organization which originated and successfully held the great Reunion of Gov. Thomas Dudley's descendants, Oct. 25, 1892, I insisted that all the Dudleys should be invited to attend, as they were all interested in our family history; but the parties who are now putting themselves forward as leaders, prevented my success and they never would have done it unless obliged to for want of friends among Gov. Dudley's descendants. They have worked themselves into places where they are not wanted. This business requires men of personal integrity and literary qualifications, not merely chronic beggars and maneuverers.

The Boston *Transcript* said they invited the descendants of the Concord and the Connecticut Dudleys to their recent Gov. Thomas Dudley family second reunion, supper or dinner, and all together, nearly a hundred came. How many could have been of the Gov. Thomas Dudley family? Really it was a strange sort of Gov. Thomas Dudley family gathering! But it, no doubt, seemed important to Mr. L. Edwin Dudley, who summoned his Law and Order League to a great banquet, by sending out 600 or 700 invitations, and only thirty persons attended. His speech at the banquet was reported, and he grieved to see so many vacant seats. I can't but think if his Dudley connections had known him as well, there would, nevertheless, have been more than that present just for the credit of the cause. There was one relic exhibited, as coming down from Gov. Thomas Dudley, viz.: a powderhorn, which one Joseph Dudley gave to Stephen. It seems too bad to spoil the legend, as that was their sole relic. But that Joseph, who left the relic, was great-grandson of Francis Dudley of Concord. (*See postface at page 12 of this history.*) He was slain at Quebec, 1757. His brother Stephen died 1784. (*See p. 565.*)

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