

Lambeth Palace Library has Wills and Administrations proved at Lambeth 1313—1644.

The Bishops of the Church of England have copies of Parish Records, which have been deposited with them since the time of Henry VIII.

Worsley's History of the Isle of Wight furnished facts about the Bramshots and Dudleys. The works on heraldry, peerages, landed gentry, etc., had much useful information for my purpose. State papers have been consulted, the local genealogists and historians furnish important facts both in England and America. In this country I have travelled from State to State and from town to town to examine records of towns, parishes, churches, counties, courts, registries of deeds, wills, etc. Correspondents from all parts of the world have taken great interest in my work. They have corrected my errors, sent me books and papers, pictures, etc. Some of them have not been named in my history, because they requested to be left out, as American genealogists and others bother them too much with their inquiries.

One of the most important ideas that I can think of worthy of expressing here is, that many writers will solicit facts and historical help from expert antiquaries and then publish the matters as their own discoveries, entirely ignoring their worthy benefactors. I will not intentionally follow their example.

When records have been sent me by persons who give the genealogy of their own fathers and children, I have sometimes supposed it would not be best to name the authorities. Some have sent me pamphlets to copy sketches from, and I have not mentioned the source of my sketch, as it was indorsed by my correspondent. On page 976 the sketch of Dr. E. C. Dudley was from a medical magazine, but I omitted a few lines of it. The Gynæcological Magazine of New York was the work referred to.

The numerous town histories and family Genealogies have been my most excellent sources. Family history is now a great science and art, thanks to the pioneers of fifty years ago. I realized the obstacles to such research at that time.

II. Sydney Grazebrook, Esq., writes that he has been sick of late, and sadly lacks the "*mens sana in corpore sano.*" He says he has never made so sweeping an assertion, as indicated by me, saying that he denied that, "Thomas, son of Edward Lord Dudley, might have been ancestor of our New England Gov. Dudley."

He has not been able to find any authentic information about that Thomas Dudley. See page 641.

Mr. Grazebrook says that the Latin words "*Cognatus Domini Dudley*" mean "kinsman of the Lord Dudley," whereas I wrote that the prebendary was "named" Lord Dudley. Mr.