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DARTMOUTH ROW,
BLACKHEATH, KENT, ENGLAND, March 8, 1887.

My Dear Sir,—I am greatly obliged for the first part of the Dudley genealogy. It contains a mass of most valuable information of the greatest value to the historian and genealogist. The other parts you so kindly promise will be most acceptable. I will next month have more leisure and will then see what I can find illustrating the Dudley descent. Have you had a full investigation of the Herald's College records? They would doubtless contain some important memoranda bearing on your query. My friend, Mr. H. F. Burke, Somerset House, Herald's College, London, would, I am sure, aid in the quest for a small remuneration.

I have added your name to the *Miscellanea Genealogica* free list, and have sent the February and March parts for your acceptance. You ought to join the Harleian Society. You will find a list of the Society's books on the last page of the *Miscellanea* cover.

The Council would have great pleasure in proposing you for election, should you wish to join. The annual subscription is one guinea, and the entrance fee 10s. 6d.

Most sincerely yours,

J. J. HOWARD.

From F. E. DUDLEY, born at Bath, N. Y., now of San Antonio, Texas.

"In view of my great admiration for you and for the work which you have produced, may I ask (if it is not inconsistent) that you will send me your photograph. I assure you it will be highly prized."

In a later letter he writes as follows: "I received your photo and thank you very much for it. I am exceedingly interested in the history and am glad that I am so fortunate as to possess a copy of it. The family should feel very grateful to you for your labors in collecting the data contained in the history, and presenting it to them in so attractive a shape. I see I am a descendant of Gov. Thomas Dudley through Columbus[7] Dudley, Benjamin F.[7], Jeremiah[6], Samuel[5], James[4], Stephen[3], Rev. Samuel[2], Gov. Thomas[1]."

The *Boston Evening Transcript* says of this work (No. 1.):

"Family history is a most useful branch of history. A great and renowned ancestry is a worthy thing to investigate. This is a family of vast proportions and eminent ancestral renown. Its foundation and growth in England, and its gradual spread in this land is an interesting question of genealogical history, and Mr. Dean Dudley has traced that history with the pencil of a finished artist. Besides being a Dudley, the author has special facilities and advantages for writing the family history, and he has skilfully availed himself of these facilities and advantages. When completed, this work will be a far grander and more durable monument to the Dudley family than brass or marble in their utmost eloquence could hope to raise."

The *Wakefield Citizen and Banner* says: "Every library in this country should have this work."

The Dudley Genealogy, part two, edited by Dean Dudley, is no less interesting than its predecessor. The prominent position which the family have occupied, both in England and America, entitles it to a memorial of this nature, even more than many families whose genealogies have hitherto been perpetuated in print. Mr. Dudley has worked with care and skill; the text and illustrations are excellent; the pages of each part are replete with interest. If the remainder is as good, the work as a whole promises to be a most important contribution to historical as well as genealogical literature, for which all historical students will be duly grateful.—CECIL H. C. HOWARD, *Astor Library, New York.*