

stead ; for this end he solicited the aid of the French monarch, and there is evidence of his having been supplied with money by Barillon, the French ambassador.

Obscurely his designs were suspected, and in June, 1683, when the Rye House Plot was announced, the opportunity was seized to get rid of a man felt to be dangerous. Along with his friend Lord Russell and others, he was arrested and committed to the Tower. On the 21st November, he was tried for high treason before the brutal Jeffries, and on the merest mockery of evidence found guilty and condemned to die. On the 7th of December he was beheaded on Tower Hill. He met his death with heroic firmness, amid general sympathy and indignation. He has ever since enjoyed a sort of canonized reputation as a patriot hero and martyr.

In the history and theory of government, Sidney was more deeply learned than any man of his time. His "Discourses concerning Government" were first published in 1698 ; in 1704, another edition was issued, a third appeared in 1751, and the fourth in 1772.

Sidney's Life has been written by S. W. Meadley (London, 1813). See Blencow's "Sidney Papers" (London, 1813).

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ROBERT AND MARY (STOKES) DUDLEY.

(See pedigree at pp. 152-3.)

ROBERT DUDLEY of Clonmel, Ireland, married Miss Mary Stokes of Bristol, England, in 1777, who had been even before that time a friend and correspondent of Rev. John Wesley. She records that Robert was an affectionate husband. They had several children ; one, being Elizabeth, who published the Life of her mother in a volume of over 300 octavo pages. I have a copy of the book printed at Philadelphia, Pa., in 1825, a work devoted to disseminating the principles of the Society of Friends.

Mrs. Dudley was of a delicate constitution, but so enthusiastic in the cause of religion that she travelled and preached most of her time. In 1787, when surrounded by seven children, she visited France, Germany and Holland. In 1810, she settled in the neighborhood of London, and there resided nearly all the rest of her life, dying in 1824. She preached in 1799 at places in