

He has always been a believer in woman's suffrage, and is a radical temperance man. He, for ten years, was lodge and county deputy for the Good Templar organization, and as public prosecutor, fought almost single-handed, for a long time, the liquor traffic in De Kalb County, once having the honor of being hung in effigy by the saloon keepers of Sycamore.

In politics he has never seen his way clear, however, to join the third party. While he is a prohibitionist, he is and always has been an active republican, as far as his arduous professional duties would allow, and was the Harrison and Morton presidential elector for the fifth Illinois district in 1888.

A severe and prolonged illness in the winter and spring of 1890 made a serious break in his work, but health and strength have returned, and, at the age of fifty-four, he feels that much of life's best work is yet to be done.

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SAMUEL<sup>2</sup> DUDLEY (*James,*<sup>1</sup> *Stephen,*<sup>3</sup> *Rev. Samuel,*<sup>2</sup> *Gov. Thomas.*<sup>1</sup>) See page 255.

In regard to this gentleman, my grandfather, Nathaniel<sup>6</sup> Dudley, wrote to his father, Hon. John,<sup>5</sup> from Mt. Vernon, Me., May 30, 1797: "Our connections in this town and vicinity are all well, uncle Samuel excepted. He is at his son, Daniel's, in a distressed and low state of health, having been confined to his bed for nearly two months with what is supposed to be a rheumatic disorder and other troubles common to old age. We have expectations of his recovery. He is perfectly we'l resigned to his condition and thinks it is good for him to be thus afflicted; and I am happy to inform you that, since his confinement, the spirit of persecution which he seemed so much to have cherished against other sects of Christians is now abandoned by him, and he appears to entertain a spirit of love, benevolence and meekness in imitation of our Lord and Master. Love, tenderness and respect are shown him by his children; so it may be said that none but the Methodist Elder hath forsaken him in the days of his adversity, who are able to minister to his necessity."

CAPT. JOHN E.<sup>1</sup> DUDLEY, seaman, and afterwards schoolmaster, immigrated to Connecticut from Ireland, about 1746, and settled in the town of Wallingford, on the west side of the river, a short distance below the present residence of Street Jones, Esq., who now owns the old Dudley house. See Dr. Davis' "History of Wallingford, 1870." He had two children, viz. :