

"To My Most Honorable Father, Thomas Dudley, Esq.; these humbly presented.

Dear Sir, of late delighted with the sight
 Of your four sisters clothed in black and white,
 Of fairer dames the Sun ne'er saw the face,
 Though made a pedestal for Adam's Race;
 Their worth so shines in these rich lines you show
 Their parallels to find I scarcely know;
 To climb their climes, I have nor strength nor skill,
 To mount so high requires an eagle's quill;
 Yet view thereof did cause my thoughts to soar,
 My lowly pen might wait upon these four."

After his death in 1653, she wrote an elegy of nearly a hundred lines upon her "ever honored father."

In this he is called her guide and instructor, to whom she owed more than to any one alive; and other ideas about him may be gathered from such lines as the following:

"Well known and loved, where'er he lived, by most,
 Both in his native and in foreign coast;
 True patriot of this little commonweal,
 Who is't can tax thee aught, but for thy zeal?"

High thoughts he gave no harbor in his heart,
 Nor honors puffed him up when he had part.
 Those titles loathed, which some too much do love.
 No ostentation, seen in all his ways.
 His humble mind so loved humility
 He left it to his race for legacy."

Here is the Epitaph she wrote for him:

"Within this tomb, a patriot lies,
 That was both pious, just and wise;
 To truth, a shield, to right, a wall,
 To sectaries, a whip and maul;
 A magazine of history,
 A prizor of good company;
 In manners, pिकासant and severe,
 The good him loved, the bad did fear,
 And when his time with years was spent,
 If some rejoiced, more did lament."

In 1645, when he was 70, John Eliot, the friend of the Indians, sent him an anagram on his name, reminding him that he must soon die; but it is too frivolous to quote. The scholars of that age were much addicted to making such things and riddles of all sorts. It was the infantile day of our literature. The noble apostle, Eliot, says in his verses, "What shall the young do when the old die?" "What shall New England do?" "We had best die too."