

ated by his employers. The senior partner, Benjamin Cragin, Jr., was Mr. Dudley's uncle. He died in 1847, and his interest in the business was bought by the nephew, the firm becoming Hartwell & Dudley, wholesale dry good dealers. Mr. Dudley's health failing somewhat from close attention to business for twenty years, he, in 1862, sold his interest in the firm for needed rest and recuperation. Regaining his health, he, in about two years thereafter, formed a partnership in the wool business and continued in it about three years. In 1867 he returned to the wholesale dry goods trade, under the title of Dudley, Steere & Parkhurst. They continued to do business for twelve years and then dissolved.

Afterwards, for five years, he was one of the assessors of taxes. He had been subject to attacks of vertigo for many years, but it was hard for him to be idle. Activity seemed to be a necessity of his nature. He was a resident of Providence for nearly half a century, most of the time engaged in mercantile pursuits, so that he was widely known, and, wherever known, highly esteemed.

Though his early opportunities for education were limited, his attainments were equal to those of many whose advantages were greatly superior. He was a diligent and omnivorous reader, well versed in history and the current literature of the day. He had an inquiring mind and was full of general information. He was a man of sterling integrity, of great kindness of heart and tenderness of feeling. Worthy applicants for aid seldom appealed to him in vain. He assisted many young men by his counsel and by his credit and by helping them to positions which they successfully filled.

In politics he was a republican. He had no desire for office, but was a member of the Common Council for two years. He was baptised in the Congregational Church in infancy, was a regular attendant on its ministry and a liberal contributor for the maintenance of its worship. At the time of his death he was a member of the standing committee of the Society, but was not a member of the church. He could not without mental reservations subscribe to its entire creed. He was married Oct. 28, 1846, to Clarrissa D. Wilmarth, of Providence. Their only son, William A., graduated at Amherst College, in 1870.

Mr. Dudley was a faithful and affectionate husband, a tender and loving father. He was domestic in his tastes, self-sacrificing and thoughtful of the interests and feelings of others. He was devoted to his home and family, and when he passed away, it was a darkened home to those who remained.

While at his country residence in North Scituate, B. I., he was stricken with apoplexy, and, after an illness of five weeks, died Oct. 22, 1889. He was buried in Swan Point Cemetery, Providence. His wife, a son and two daughters survive him.