

P R E F A C E .

This is the eleventh number of the History of the Dudley Family, besides the Appendix Memorial of the Reunion, but it is called the "Tenth No." because one No. was printed for the 100 pages between Nos II and III. The price of each No. is one dollar and the Memorial of the Reunion of 1892 is fifty cents. I will furnish the whole in one volume cloth-binding for \$12.00 C. O. D., or in two volumes for \$12.50.

This No. X. Index to the whole work is \$1.00 C. O. D. or, if sent by mail, 8 cents extra for postage. It contains a list of the illustrations nearly 200 in number on 152 pages of the 12 parts, 21 tabular pedigrees, a general, alphabetical index of subjects, an alphabetical index of Dudleys by name and an alphabetical index of other names, etc. There are also in this No. X. corrections, additions, etc., a table of Contents, lists of subscribers, and other important matters. Thus ends the whole History of the Dudley Family, according to my plan and purpose when I began printing the work A. D. 1886. I am heartily thankful that I have lived and been able to finish this vast undertaking. Those, who have helped me in any way have my sincere thanks. If an author had spent \$20,000 to compile such a work, he could not have produced so good a result without such an experience as I have had. I early read among the sayings of the great sages of old, that we should be slow to undertake an enterprise, but when we do begin, carry it through. This has given me strong courage to persevere; for I firmly believed it to be correct philosophy. The obstacles which I have overcome have been very numerous. Some have been laughed at, some pushed aside by main force, others kicked down, and others trampled out of sight. Neither thieves, nor fire, nor hypocrites, nor devils have been able to stop the progress of this enterprise. I defied the whole of them together; and yet my own way has been successful.

No sect or party or clique or cabal has caused me to swerve from truth, justice and integrity.

If any one hereafter finds any fault in my book, let him inform me and I will correct it. Those, who write me, often show that they have failed to read the work all through.

This history and genealogy of all the Dudleys will cause those of our name to look up their connections with the lines herein traced. I have endeavored to learn the origin and pedigree of every branch and every family bearing the name. Those who have recently assumed the name not being of the ancient line, have not been enrolled in this book, as such was my plan. They can make a book for their own Dudley lineage.

One old lady has often urged me to insert a coat of arms, which was procured from a New York heraldic painter, but I refused her request. It has four quarterings, such as Sir John Dudley, duke of Northumberland, bore, (or might have borne), for his father and mother's families, and under it the legend of Gov. Joseph Dudley, "*Nec gladio nec arcu.*" The lady appears indignant and claims it as a legitimate coat for our Dudleys. This will show how I sometimes make enemies, by rejecting people's strange requests. What right have we to the arms of Sir John Dudley's maternal ancestors? And "*nec gladio, nec arcu*" was probably invented by Gov. Joseph Dudley. He first used it. It never belonged to the duke of Northumberland.

The pedigree of the Tipton Dudleys on page 812 was from Mr. Grazebrook's collections. He wrote about the Barons of Dudley thirty years ago for the Herald and Genealogist.

I wrote about the English Dudleys, at the same time, for the same