

and as Mr. Moors had given \$25 in money he could not fairly ignore his claim to be the chief speaker. Some of the historians of the N. E. Historic Genealogical Society looked with disfavor upon this appointment, as Mr. Moors was not a recognized expert in family history, etc.

However, I could not change the action of the arrangement committee. S. H. Dudley said, "No matter if Mr. Moors makes mistakes. It won't do the least harm." J. W. Dean, A. M., one of our executive committee and memorial committee, wrote me as follows:

PRINCE SOCIETY, 18 SOMERSET STREET, BOSTON,
Sept. 29, 1892.

DEAR FRIEND:—

I have reflected on the subject of our conversation yesterday and think it is too late to make much change in the literary program. I had hoped that the committee would have been able to obtain for the opening address a person of established literary reputation. Among the descendants of Gov. Dudley there is above the average percentage of persons of literary ability and culture, and I hoped that we should have been able to present something attractive to them. We had better accept the situation. It is bad policy to dampen the enthusiasm of the active workers. We must work together instead of disputing among ourselves. There is no time to lose. If we all do what we can I feel that the reunion will be made a success.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN WARD DEAN.

DEAN DUDLEY, ESQ.,
MONTROSE, MASS.

Mr. Moors has not allowed me to copy what he had written, as I often requested him to do. But I took notice of what he said and what extracts he made from printed books. The most of his paper was copied from the old histories. He read a large part of Gov. Thomas Dudley's letter to the Countess of Lincoln, describing the first planting of Massachusetts Bay by Winthrop and Dudley's colony in 1630. This letter is so familiar in our old collections that I will not repeat it. He quoted, also, part of Anne Bradstreet's *Elegy*, of seventy lines, on her father's memory.

The speaker repeated the old verses said to have been found in Gov. Thomas Dudley's pocket after his death; but I noticed he made the last line read,

"Mine epitaph's, I did no hurt to thine."