

THE BARONS OF DUDLEY.

THE Wm. Salt Society's "Collections for a History of Staffordshire, Eng.," vols. 9 and 10, contain recent data and criticisms by H. Sydney Gracebrook, Esq., on the Dudleys, their ancestors and descendants. The old histories and original records are copied, criticised, compared, &c. After studying these things I have drawn facts and conclusions as follows about the barons of Dudley. "1st B." means first baron, "2nd B." second baron, &c.

1ST B. JOHN DE SUTTON,¹ son of Richard of Worksop, Notts, Walls and Byfield, Northamptonshire, married Margaret de Somery, sister of Baron John de Somery above mentioned, and thus acquired Dudley Castle. He was probably summoned to Parliament in right of his wife, as there was a John de Sutton summoned Dec. 26, 1323. His mother was Isabella, daughter and heiress of William Patrick, lord of a moiety of Malpas, and her husband Richard Sutton was called Lord of Malpas and Shocklach, co. Chester, and he bore a cross patonce or flory. Such was his seal in 1323.

John de Sutton,¹ in 1319, was a warrior in the retinue of his brother-in-law John de Somery, Baron of Dudley. He was the first Sutton that was Baron of Dudley. He was alive in 1329, and was called baron in right of his wife.

2D B. JOHN DE SUTTON,² the second baron of Dudley, or lord of Dudley, was engaged in the Scotch war, 1333, in the retinue of Ralph Basset of Drayton. He was a knight in 1338, and was in the King's service in 1347 and then called "Lord of Duddeley." In 1350 John de Sutton, baron of Dudley, was sent as one of a relieving force from England to St. Jean de Angely, and was summoned to advise with the King, as to the safety of the kingdom. In 1352, John de Sutton² of Dudley was one of the commissioners then appointed to array archers in Staffordshire. In 1359 John de Sutton, chevalier, was in the retinue of William de Bohun, Earl of Northampton, then proceeding to France, and died in November of that year. He had been summoned to Parliament Feb. 25, 16 Edward III. as John de Sutton de Duddeley. This was the only summons he ever had, although he lived 10 years afterwards, nor was his son or grandson ever summoned