

of his mother's children. The church register proves that the third child was born April 28th, 1786; and the fifth, on the 5th of May, 1791. Eleazer was therefore probably born in the spring of 1790, which would have made him in his tenth year when he went to Long Meadow. The weight of evidence goes to sustain this conclusion.

While the church register at St. Regis has preserved the dates of his brothers and sisters, that of Eleazer does not appear. This is accounted for by Rev. Dr. S. K. Lothrop, of Boston, who lectured in that city on the dauphinship claim, in Feb., 1853. He had, when a youth, known Mr. Williams in Oneida County, N. Y., during the period of 1816-18, and had visited him in Wisconsin in 1845, and received visits from him in Boston in 1843 and 1848. Thus it was, that Dr. Lothrop felt in some measure prepared to speak of Mr. Williams in his Boston lecture. In a recent letter, Dr. Lothrop writes, that wishing further information concerning Williams' birth and parentage, he applied to an old friend, Rev. Mr. Wetmore, then a Presbyterian missionary in northern New York, who personally knew both Williams and his mother; and who, through a friend, procured and sent the doctor a letter from Mrs. Williams, "in which she insisted that Eleazer was her son; that the reason why his name did not appear on the baptismal register with the other children was that he was born while she and her husband were on a hunting tramp, and that he was baptized by the Catholic priest at Whitehall, N. Y.; that the idea that he was the dauphin was put into his head by some French officers, some ten or twelve years before, who coming from Montreal to Caughnawaga, met him at her house and told him that he looked like the Bourbons (which was undoubtedly the case); that he was about the same age the dauphin would have been, and that perhaps he was the dauphin himself; and that he had brooded over this till it had made him crazy; but that he was certainly her son, and no Bourbon at all."

It may be added, that after having talked over the subject of his being the dauphin at Dr. S. W. Williams', in 1851, some one of the family inquired of him concerning his age, when he replied: "If I am Williams, I am so old; but if I am the dauphin, I am