

“Quakers and Cock Robins”

THIS is the title of a pamphlet adverse to Quakerism, the complete reading of which title is *Quakers and Cock Robins; or Hypocrisy Unmasked* to which is added a Curious Dialogue between Mr. Noodle and Mr. Downright, picked up accidentally between the Pig's Foot and Pie Crust, in Shoe Lane, and Westminster Abbey; supposed to have dropped from the Pocket of Stephen Bardolph North, Esq., or his Friend, Mr. Francis Lathergills. By Lieut.-Colonel Samuel Dales, F.S.A. London: Priestly, 1828. The pamphlet deals in very ill-chosen language with such subjects as Baptism, the Supper, War, Tithes, Oaths. The style of the writer may be judged by the following extracts from his letter to Maj.-Gen. Molyneux, recently added to D. :

Wilton Place, Gravesend,
December 3rd, 1828.

My dear General,

“ . . . If you have not changed in manner, and think it better to laugh than to be broiled on Cobbetts Gridiron; the probability is that you will not think Eighteen Pence entirely thrown away on my brace of birds: as you will perceive I intend to make Game of those unbuttoned reptiles the quakers. I know the Saints are not now to be attacked with impunity, and those who venture in a stormy region must expect the beggarly elements to blast them: but I will always call a Horse a Horse: and so far as my abilities extend, I will never shrink from supporting the Constitution, as by law established, and I will expose Hypocrisy and humbug; and *acting* religion whenever I can.

Unobtrusive piety answers not the end of the Saints: the females must subscribe to abolish the slave trade; and visit the Moll Flanaghans in Newgate: I wish they had other fish to *Fry*. . .

I publish neither for profit nor fame but with an honest intention of exposing the rankest humbug and hypocrisy that has been suffered to exist for nearly 200 years.

“A Loveing & Obedient Wife”

IN the entry at Somerset House of the marriage of Robert Wraight “of y^e parrish of Woodensborow in y^e County of Kent, Husbandman, and Anna Allay . . . of Brakesbourne in y^e said County, Spinstresse, . . . 1689, . . . in y^e publique meeting-place in y^e Citty of Canterbury,” the bride promises “by Gods Assistance to be a loveing & obedient Wife.”