

There was a young Virgin among the Quakers, fam'd for her dexterity and skill in Preaching, whom many of the people us'd to follow, Coughen having under-stood that she was to preach in a certain place goes thither himself in his Canonical Robes, in order to preserve his hearers from being seduc'd by her discourses. But so soon as he came to hear her, he was so moved and affected, that he not only not opposed her, or her Doctrine, but appear'd for its defence, and spoke publicly for it at that same occasion, and returning home, abandon'd his Ecclesiastick habit, joyning himself to be a member of their Society ; in which he afterwards became a Doctor and Preacher, and was much caress'd and applauded by them. But not long after this he return'd to Holland again, and meeting at Harlem with Edward Richardson, Minister to the English Church in that place, and discoursing with him about Religion, he was so influenc'd by his company that he forsook the Quakers and their Society, betaking himself to Leyden, when he pursued the Study of Medicine. Which when he had finish'd he returns to England, and professes that Art of administring medicine to the sick, sequestrating himself all along from that Society, till at length some three years thereafter, he attempts to introduce a new Model of Doctrine and Discipline, (which had been so often endeavour'd by so many and so great Men) of obliging all Christians to concentrate in one common faith, and interpose their interest and power, for reconciling the differences of Religion amongst all who profess'd the Name of Christ (pt. ii, p. 27).

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## John Reckless, of Nottingham, and his Sons

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In vol. vi. there is a full account of the family of John Reckless. The following will add to the interest of the article, written by Emily Manners :

(1) " This Sheriffe [John Reckless] Received the Truth, and Left divers Sons ; Some of them are yet living and are honest friends in the Truth to this day. I have Lodged at Several of their Houses when I have been At Nottingham on Truths Account."

" Some of the Sufferings of God's People," under date 1649, by Thomas Thompson, of Skipsea, MS. in D.

(2) In the Diary of George Fox's Travels, written by Edward Haistwell (MS. in D, p. 11), we read :

" G ff : and L ff. passed thorow the Country to Nottingham to Jn<sup>o</sup> Recles house who when G ff first declared truth in that town, hee was y<sup>e</sup> Mayor [altered in another hand to ' Sheriff '], and cast G ff in prison, at w<sup>ch</sup> time hee was Convinced, and so Remaines a good ffr<sup>d</sup> to this day [addition in the same hand as above : ' & his familly ']."