

No. XXV. Job Roberts was born in 1757. "He was the first to bring and breed merico sheep in Pennsylvania. In 1804 he published *The Pennsylvanian Farmer*. His integrity won the respect of all who knew him" (Rees, *Quakers in Wales*, 1925, p. 251).

To be continued

Held to Ridicule

In the Mayor's Court in Norwich, held 6 ix. 1675 :

"Mrs. Mary Pease is permitted to show two Meere maids & a devouring great eating Quaker, at the sign of the Angel [in the Market Place] from this day till Thursday senight."

Friends could not let this pass without a protest ; we find a minute of the M.M. as follows :

"Whereas there was a man (with others) who was termed a presumptuous eating Quaker, that went about giving forth that he was a Quaker, going about to deceive people, endeavouring to render them and their principle odious, friends were ordered to go and give a testimony against them, whose names are under written.

"Samuel Duncon, Tho : Murford, Tho : Plumstead, Antho : Alexander, Will : Weymer."

From a history of Quakerism in Norwich, by Arthur J. Eddington, 1924, in MS.

We should be glad to know how the "testimony" was carried out and whether, in so doing, the Friends came into contact with the "Meere maids." Mrs. Pease may have seen a copy of the pamphlet, *The Monstrous Eating Quaker*, published about this time, which with the pamphlets, *The Quaker turned Jew* and *The Quaker and his Maid*, Ellis Hookes "confuted by plain evidence to undeceive the ignorant, clear the Truth, and stop debauchery." (Smith, *Cata.* i. 971, *Adv. Cata.* p. 18.)

The Ancestry of Quakerism (?)

"The Quakers were leavened by Fox, and Fox by the Ranters, and they by the German Enthusiasts, and those by Ignatius Loyola and he by the Pope."

HENRY PICKWORTH, ex-Quaker, *True and Faithful Relation*, 1736, p. 66n. Several times repeated in his books is the statement that George Fox was originally taught the doctrines of Ranterism by one Hinks a Ranter, whilst they kept sheep together.