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It is always a pleasure to look back to a notable and virtuous ancestry, and I have felt it a duty to have this little volume printed for the benefit of the descendants of Rev. Edward Taylor and Ruth Wyllys his wife, of Governor John Haynes and Mabel Harlakenden, of Governor Wyllys and his descendants, of Governor William Bradford of the Mayflower, and, through them, especially of the descendants of Rev. John Taylor and Elizabeth Terry his wife. I am led to do this from the fact that I have possession of many of the papers of the late Hon. Henry Wyllys Taylor, LL. D., of Canandaigua, New-York, who died there about six years ago, at the age of ninety-three years. Judge Taylor spent much time during his long life in making genealogical researches,

and it has seemed to me proper that the facts herein stated should be made known to the parties interested. A part has been published in the "New-York Evangelist." I have added a written sketch by Miss Emma C. Nason, which was published in a series of articles in the "Advocate and Guardian" in 1880 and 1881. As it would be difficult to correct the error which will be apparent to the reader, in the first part of Miss Nason's article, I have inserted it as it was printed, with the subsequent correction.

JOHN TAYLOR TERRY.

New-York, April, 1892.



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REV. EDWARD TAYLOR was born at Sketchley, near Coventry, Leicestershire, England, in 1642. His parents educated him for the ministry among the Dissenters, but their sufferings became very severe after 1662. The ejection of two thousand dissenting clergymen and the persecution which followed induced him to a voluntary exile. He remained some years after the passing of the Act of Uniformity, and sailed from England in 1668. He had declined to take the oath required of all Dissenters after the restoration of Charles II. At this distance of time it is difficult to

obtain information respecting his family connections in England, although, as he spent four years at Cambridge University, it may be supposed that they were of a superior class. An acrostic letter which he wrote contained the names of two brothers and one sister, James, Samuel, and Alice.

From the date of his sailing from England till he reached this country, and for some time thereafter, he kept a diary with daily insertions, from which I make some extracts.

“A. D. 1668 April 26, being Lord's day, I came for sea taking boat at Execution Dock, Wapping, and a smooth tide, a gentle gale of wind and a prosperous fare to Gravesend,” etc. The journal continues until, as recorded: “Lord's day May 3. I had a sad forenoon but toward evening the Shipmaster sent for me to go to prayer with them.” And again, “Lord's day May 24. The wind in the morning was very low, yet a right

northeast wind, etc., afterwards it was higher. I then being *put to exercise* spake from John 3rd Ch., 3rd v." "Lord's day June 14th. I exercised from Isaiah 3rd 11th." "Lord's day June 21st. I applied the doctrine I delivered the previous Lord's day." "Saturday, July 4th. . . . After the day clearing up we saw land on both hands, Plymouth on the left and Salem on the right. About five o'clock we saw the Islands in our passage up to Boston." "Lord's day July 5th. About three o'clock we came ashore."

He brought letters to Increase Mather, with whom he lodged two nights; also to "Mr. Mayo, minister of God's word to his people who meet in the new meeting house," and to John Hull the Mint Master, who invited him to his house till he was settled in college, and also invited him to bring his chest to his warehouse. "This gentleman would not be said Nay, there-

fore I was with him and received much kindness from him. I continued with him, until I settled at Cambridge."

"July 14th I went to Cambridge to speak with the President [Chauncey]." "July 23rd. Being settled in College pupil under Mr. Thomas Graves, Senior Fellow, I continued there three years and a quarter," etc. Again, "Mr. Graves not having his name for naught, lost the love of the Undergraduates by his too great austerity, whereupon they used to strike a nail above the hall door catch while we were reciting to him in the Hall at which disorder I was troubled, etc. When he went to read to us 'Natural Physic' he would read to us out of Maguirus which was reputed none of the best, and which had not been read by the other classes in the College and so we did refuse to read it, and I also (although since I read it am sorry I opposed it) insomuch that he seeing he could not prevail with me