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25th. "On the Sixth month 15th following he visited Flushing in company with Edward Farrington, who is supposed to have married his sister Dorothy." Soon after this the entire family settled in Flushing, and in 1661 he built the Bowne house, "which was used as a meeting-place for



BOWNE HOUSE, FLUSHING, L. I., SIDE VIEW.

Friends for nearly forty years." On the 7th of Fifth month, 1656, John Bowne married Hannah Feake, a woman descended maternally from, and nearly allied to, the powerful Winthrop family of New England.

In the year of her marriage Hannah Bowne became acquainted with some of the Flushing Friends, who at that time were in the practice of holding meetings for worship in the woods. She soon after became a member of the Society.

"Her husband from curiosity attended a meeting, and was deeply impressed with the beauty and simplicity of their worship. He invited them to meet at his house, and soon after he joined in membership with them."

Flushing, as we have suggested, was then largely, if not altogether, settled by English people from Massachusetts, but



DINING-ROOM, BOWNE HOUSE, SHOWING OLD FIREPLACE AND FURNITURE.

under the government of the Dutch. Quaker meetings right in the centre of their town in the beautiful new house of John Bowne were more than they could stand, so it was not long before complaints were entered against Bowne, as appears from the following record yet preserved at Albany: "Complaints made 24th August, 1662, by the magistrates of Flushing that many of the inhabitants are followers of the Quakers, who hold their meetings at the house of John Bowne."

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