

Robert Bird, a Member of Glasgow Meeting, author of "Jesus the Carpenter of Nazareth," and other well-known Bible books for children, has written another book of a similar character, *Happy Sunday Hours* (London and New York: Nelson, 9½ by 7½, pp. 312, 5s.). It consists of fifty-two Old and New Testament stories, with the same number of full-page coloured illustrations. The stories are delightfully told; a warm Eastern glow rests upon both words and pictures.

A cheap edition of another of Robert Bird's collection of Bible narratives has also been published by Nelsons, entitled *Sunday Stories for a Year*, and is wonderful value for two shillings.

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### A Dutch Pamphlet on Quakerism.<sup>1</sup>

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A Dutch editor publishes a series of pamphlets under the title: Church and Sect; in each of these little books someone treats of a church or a sect, a religious party or phenomenon. Almost always the authors are persons that write on their subject sympathetically.

On the last of these publications I will fix attention on this place. For the author, Mrs. E. G. Nieuwburg-Wood, writes on Quakerism.

I will not say much about what is written in this little book; after a short introduction the author speaks on "Origin and Foundation," "Organisation," "The further life of the Founder," "Different peculiarities of the Quakers," "The Quakers in other Countries." Naturally English books tell on these subjects much more extensively.

But the importance of the book is that it has been written in Dutch. There was a time, wherein Quakerism had many followers in the Netherlands, but that time is far away; in the present day the author can name herself, "as far as she knows, the only representative of this sect in this country." Quakerism is quite unknown in the Netherlands. I have never before read anything on this subject in Dutch that gave even the least idea of its essence and intention.

However, Woodbrooke, and the fact that many Dutchmen come here, makes the question of Quakerism in the Netherlands also an actual one. And, unless I am mistaken, it will be still more so in the future. Under these circumstances it is a good thing that a small book exists which tells the most important things about the history and principles of the Quakers in our language.

I am glad that this pamphlet has appeared. The author has learnt quickly to write Dutch accurately, and speaks about Quakerism in a sympathetic manner. Her little book provides for a real want in our literature. I am thankful that it appeared and that I have read it.

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<sup>1</sup> *De Kwakers*, by Mrs. E. G. Nieuwburg-Wood, Baarn, 1908.