

DE
STATEN GENERAEL
Der Vereenigde
NEDERLANDEN,



LEN den genen die desen sullen sien
oſte hooren leſen, Saluyt, DOEN TE
WETEN: Dat wy van den aenbeginne
der Reformatie af in dese Landen ter
herien genomen, ende met alle vlijt en
de ſorgheuldigheit g' tracht hebben te
beforzen alles wat tot goeden w' lftant
ende voortplantinge van de Oprechte, Ware, Christeliche
Gereformeerde Religie, ende den ſuyveren Godſcienſt
heeft mogen ſtrecken ende noodigh was; ende onder anderem
mede dat Gods Heylygh Woort, na den rechten ſin,
ooghmerck ende verſtant van den Grondt-texte ende Sprake,
daer inne Godt de Heere Almachtigh geandick
gelijst heeft ſijn Leere ende Godſcienſt door ingeven
des Heylygen Geests te openbaren, mochtie worden uytgeleyts
geleert, ende gepredickt, op dat daer door de
ſaligheyt der zielen, ende het eeuwigh welvaren meer
ende meer gevordert soude worden. Doch aengemerckt
zijnde dat noyt eenige Overſettinge van de Heylyge
Schrifture uyt den Originelen Texte in de Nederlandsche
Sprake en was gedaaen, hadden wy al over lange verſocht
ende recommitteert eenige voorname geleerde Mannen,
Theologanten ende Dienaren van de Gereformeerde
Kerken, om een Nieuwe Nederlandsche Overſettinge
der Heylyge Schrifture uyt de Oorspronkeliche Talen te
voorschijnt te brengen, by dewelcke dit werk van iijt
tot ijjt lofſchickē begonnen wefende, is de voortgang
daer van nochtans door haerlieder ontijdighaft verloren tot
noch toe verhindert geworden. Waeromme, op dat dit
ſoo noodigh ende Goddelick werk eyndelicke euisten efſte
gebracht, ende dſte onſe Christeliche yer ende
voornemen voldaen mochtie worden, hebbent wy volgens
het exemplē der eerſter Kercken by de tijden der Oudt
vaderen, als oock op het exemplē der Nabuerige ende
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STUDENTS of Quaker literature will find the article on the Library of George Fox (p. 3) a study after their own hearts. The readers to whom it makes no appeal may pass on to read of early tea-making on Nantucket Island (p. 23) and of the doings and sayings of Irish Friends in Limerick (p. 59). There is a sad story connected with the article on "Our Recording Clerks" (p. 36), also an amusing reference to Mercy Bell, who eluded the doorkeepers and preached to men Friends from the side-gallery of their meeting house (p. 42), and also secured a hearing in the House of Lords. Meeting librarians should look through the pages on "Current Literature" (p. 69). Attention is drawn to the beautiful piece by George Fox, "A Summer Religion" (p. 50).

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