

Association, Philadelphia. The title page is missing, but the preface, whose first page is reproduced ante, shows that it is one of the many issues of the States-General version. This issue is not recorded by the British and Foreign Bible Society, but it is very similar to their copy of *H.C.* 3316, title page undated, but probably published about 1657.

The translation, which was initiated by the Synod of Dort, 1618, was carried out at the expense of the States-General of the United Netherlands by a band of scholars, between 1628 and 1635. The States-General preface is dated 29 July, 1637. The whole Bible in this version was first published in 1637 and it became and remains the standard Dutch Bible. An English translation of the whole work, complete with its notes, was published in London, 1657.

The volume under notice belonged at one time to Joseph Bevan Braithwaite, at whose death in 1905 it was purchased by Joshua L. Baily and after his death was presented to the F.H.A. When in J. B. Braithwaite's possession the book was rebound by William Crump, a London Friend, who preserved the old cover with the brass clasps. This cover was in 1914 sent to America and is now with the book. Notes on the book, its possible use by George Fox and its history are in *Bulletin F.H.A.* iii. 156 ; xiv. 68.

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## On Bible-burning

Henry More to Lady Conway. Aug. and Sept. 1670 :

" A Quaker whyle I was in London brought out severall parcells of choice books amongst which was also the bible, and began to burne them in Cheap side or the Exchange."

" The Quaker that would have burnt the bible is one Penniman, who published a papyr after for his excuse, which, as I am told by a judicious person, does but continue the report as to his intention, supposing being moved from the Lord, but before any mortall man should force him to burne any profitable part of the bible he would loose I know not how many lives.

" But he doth not disavowe but that a motion from the Lord (which are very cheap amongst them) might make him. This is the summe of his Apologie. Neither do I think that it is so far from the spiritt of a reall Quaker to burn the bible when as the letter of it is so little believed by them. For that unbelief takes away the very sense of the bible, the Fire consumes only the paper."

NICOLSON, *Conway Letters*, 1930, pp. 303, 306.