

to study the Bible, to stand by the Word of God, and who felt oppressed by James' oppressive measures, and who said, "Oh, I wish we did not have this oppression of the government, but what can we do about it?" Somebody said, "Why don't you go to America?" "Go to America, way across the ocean, leave our nice homes here, leave our establishment here, our connections, our ~~xxxx~~ relationships? How can we do that?" They just did not have the courage to do it. Educated people, people well trained, people who loved the Lord, but they would not have had the ~~xxxxx~~ courage to do it. But when they heard how this little group of uneducated people with very few skills ~~xxxxx~~ undertook this task, and in the providence of God they succeeded in it, the people felt that if they could do it, how silly for us to say that we cannot do it. So between 1620 when this little group of 100 came and 1640, there were 26,000 people who came to New England in that brief little time, all of them puritans, people who loved the Lord, people who wanted to live in accordance with the Word of God. Whole towns came over, including the people trained in every kind of special trade or special skill, many highly educated, graduates of the universities there. People brought their equipment with them. The towns simply were, you might say, almost lifted up and moved over here, and they made progress in a worldly way. The ~~xxxxxxx~~ progress was made in these twenty years that the Pilgrims would not have been able to make in a century. So by 1640, there was this great group of 26,000 ^{people} ~~xxxxxxx~~ spread through New England, worshipping God, studying the Scriptures. They established Harvard ~~xxxxx~~ University very soon as a place to train people to know the Word of God and to present it in truth and they set a pattern and a standard and they had very large families, which was a great help on the farms. They ~~xxxxx~~ multiplied very rapidly, and even though between 1640 and the next century, there was practically no additional migration through that area,