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My subject tonight is pioneering days. ~~Pioneering~~ Pioneering Days.

When I was asked two or three months ago to speak at ^{this} ~~the~~ banquet tonight I began to consider what would be a good subject to take. My consideration was greatly affected during ~~the~~ ~~the~~ the spring vacation by the fact that I made a visit to Jamestown.

= Nowhere that I know does one get so clear a picture of what it meant to pioneer in America as in Jamestown. Many of the great scenes of suffering, and of ~~struggle~~ struggle, and of accomplishment of past days are ~~now~~ today covered with skyscrapers, or built up with modern establishments of one sort of another. At Jamestown, however, one stands on a neck of land stretching out into the bay, with water on three sides. ~~A~~ A church is there in a very ruined ~~in~~ dilapidated condition. There are a few foundations of buildings.

That is about all. It is easy to imagine the situation of those men ~~who~~ who landed after ten¹ weeks of being ~~o~~ tossed on the waves crossing the Atlantic Ocean ocean. They ~~landed~~ ~~then~~ looked around for a place here where they could ~~build~~ ~~homes~~ build their homes and (make) a stockade to protect them from hostile ~~Indians~~ Indians. After a short time the ship prepared to depart. They saw the ship move out across the bay, head down the river and out into the vast ocean.

There they were, left alone with the elements, with nothing at all in the way of modern conveniences ~~(the only things they had)~~ and very little in the way of the conveniences that were available in England at that time. For years they/had to wait before another ship would come bringing new equipment

and more colonists. They doubtless were well aware of the fact that four years before earlier Sir Walter Raleigh had made several efforts to colonize the North American coast. In 1585 he sent/100 ^{a group of} one ~~hundred~~ hundred people to Roanoke Island ^{an English} island to found/~~a~~ colony. A year ~~later~~ later famine and hostile natives Indians had killed more than half of the people, and when the next ship came they begged to be allowed to ~~f~~ depart. Another effort