

nine weeks on the ocean, landed, not in the generally comfortable area of Virginia, but farther north on the bleak New England coast. What a place to start a colony in December! A terrible winter followed. Of the hundred colonists who came, half of them died that winter. But the other half were not discouraged. They had come, not to seek their fortune (s), but to seek to follow the dictates of Almighty ~~God~~ God, and they were determined to carry through the undertaking.

Human speaking the effort of the Pilgrims was doomed to failure. Few of them had any special or training. There was one physician among them, and one man who had had some experience in war. The rest were mainly untrained English people, trades people(?), loving the Word of God, but with little in a material way to suggest that they would succeed where so many more able and more well-to-do had failed in the past. Humanly speaking they would certainly have failed had not God in His providence in a number of ways marvelously delivered them and enabled them to carry on. The generally Chn° orientation that was typical ~~from~~ of our nation up until within the last few decades received a tremendous impetus from the success ~~f~~ of the Pilgrims, with the great providential help that God ~~gr~~ gave them, and their determination to, as Luther said, "Let goods and kindred go, This mortal life also; The ~~nd~~ body they may kill: God's truth abideth still."

I myself of course have had not experiences similar to that of the early settlers/^{at} ~~of~~ Jamestown, or of the Pilgrims of Plymouth. I have to a very slight extent enjoyed pioneering experiences in my wilderness journeys. In these trips I have sometimes gone as much as two or three weeks without seeing a human being. Carrying all ~~my~~ of my food on my back, and often all of my water, even, I have disappeared into the wilds, communing with nature, and returning with renewed strength of body and of nerve to carry on my ~~task~~ task. I shall never forget one experience that I had in 1943. I went into a region