

But actually it was one of the most important events in world history. The reason for it was this: Here was this little group of pilgrims that decided we must leave Eng. We cannot submit to these conditions. Then when they went to Holland they decided we must *fight* despite all the dangers and the difficulties, the apparent impossibilities of it we must go across the seas -- 9 weeks of travelling in a little boat like that with the tremendous danger. We must do it in order to establish a place where we can have the life in accordance with the Bible as we understand it. And in Northern England there there were thousands of people who were saying, We don't like the ~~of~~ conditions in the churches. We don't like it but we can get by. We can get along. We can study the Bible ourselves. We'd like to change, we would like to do away with a lot of these ceremonies, but how could we ever live over there? How could we make the trip? We'd probably die by the way, or we'd be killed by the Indians, and so they probably never would have come if it had not been for the Pilgrims. But when the word got back of what the Pilgrims had managed to do, that these poor people without many talents, without much skill, without == with very little resources -- that they were able to survive and get along, and Charles I, James's son was making the pressure against the Puritans a little stronger than what it had been. In 1628 another group came over, and they settled not far from the Pilgrims and they felt that they differed from them in some things, but soon they found they had more in common with them than they did with any of the other people whom they had left and they became good ^{friends} friends, and cooperated and then started in 1630 great numbers to come. Three-fourths of the population of Boston Eng. moved over and they established a town here which ~~we~~ eventually became called Boston and which today is more than 100 times as big as Plymouth. But whole towns in Northern England made up of people who wanted to follow the Bible and who were being oppressed by the legal authorities, decided the Pilgrims could do it, we can do. Whole towns came bringing people who were ^{trained} skilled in this skill and that skill and the other ~~skill~~ skill. Within the next twelve ~~year~~ years 90 graduates of ~~C/An~~ Cambridge U. came over, and of course they were a minority among the whole group, but they had leadership, they had people of training, people of ability. They established in New Eng. then a large area of people who were wishing to put the Bible primary in their lives and in their activity. And the story of what the