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sum - the ~~g~~ big sums of idemnity which were paid China then, the other nations all took them but the U.S. said No, we're not taking the indemnity, but we are going to have that money which is paid as indemnity provide for Chinese students to come to America and to study. There is a tone of philanthropy, a tone of higher morality which has been typical of American political life with all the wickedness that comes into political life anywhere, there has been a higher tone at least until recently than almost any other country, and the reason is the background of the original settlement of America and that goes back to God's marvelous working in bringing the Pilgrims, in ~~bringing~~ preparing Wm Brewster to be one of their great leaders, in bringing them, in making it possible for them to come safely, in making it possible for them to survive, and insending the message of what they were able to do out just at the time when it would have the great effect that it did. Let us pray:

Our Father, we thank you for the Pilgrim Fathers. We thank you that their memory is still honored in this country . We thank you that the effects of their work, while they have disappred = disappeared in many ways, yet have remained to ~~w~~ quite an extent in our country, the tremendous effect they have had through the centuries. O our Father we thank you for how wonderfully you have worked in the past, and we know that/~~He is God~~ the God who worked so wonderfully then is living today, He is active today. Our God we pray that you will work in the lives of each of us and make our lives count for Christ. Help ~~us to~~ us to win souls to a knowledge of our Saviour. Help us to show Christians how to grow in grace, to lead them in the study of the Word. O our Father we pray that each one here will be one that you will use greatly to accomplish your purposes in the days ahead. We pray in Jesus' Name. Amen.