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they were seized and tied up and the ship took off. And the ship went back to Sain and sold them for slaves. One of these young fellows in the ship managed to escape from Spain and got to England, and an Englishman took an interest in him and was very good to him. The Pilgrims said later he knew London far better than any of them knew it. He knew England well, he spoke **Ex**English well, but he was not happy, he wanted to get back to his own people.

So this wealthy Englishman said, I have a friend who is a seacaptain and I will arrange for him to take you home. So he came over to the new world and found that all his old friends were gone! The pestilence had come in and every one of them was gone. There was nobody there that he knew except the great Chief, Massasoit whom he had met once. But then he heard about this group of English settlers right on the spot where his people had lived before. So he made connections with them and came in and talked with them. They found he knew English well, and he was very friendly with them and wanted to make a repayment to them for the kindness the Englishman had shown him after he escaped from Spanish slavery.

He showed them what they could grow there, what they could plant, what was of the wild life that they could eat which was utterly different from anything they were aware of in England. He was able to interpret for them and deal with the Indians around in order to establish friendly relations with them. It would have been very difficult w for them to do this with no knowledge of the language. He was the bridge that God providentialy supplied without which it is hard to imagine how they every could have become established there in the new world and make a colony that lasted.

God in the most marvellous way providentially made possible the settlement of the Pilgrims here. It wasn't just the matter of 100 people being able to survive. It was a matter of making the great Puritan movement that was so tremendous in England not being completely killed by Charles II when he tried to wipe it out almost entirely, by giving it a great means of continuance here.

Between 1530 and 1540 they said (1630 and 1640) they sent === they said thousands of Puritant's came over to the new world. In 1540(1640) it stopped just as if you had cut it with a knife! Because in 1540(1640) the MAX party in England which/controlled by the Puritans becam to g take over control of England. was

So from 1540(1640) on hardly anybody came to New England. They were busy in England beco-ming establish there. If the Pilgrims had come to this country 20 yrs. earlier they probably would have had no effect in producing the great Puritan migration to the new world. If they had come 20 yrs. later the Puritans in England would have had no interest because they then thought they were going to get control of England. They came just at the time in the providence of God when they could have 7 or 8 yrs. to get established and prove it was possible to do it and set the example that would preserve the great Puritan movement and make it continue and be a great force. through this country and would lead others who for conscience sake, from other parts of Europe to come over here and establish themselves in the new world and set a tone for the life and development of this country different from that