

husband's mothers, which also includes a great deal of primary material. That was where we found Roger Williams and discovered that he still was a very strange sort of person!

AAM: He surely was. He's the founder of the Baptist churches of America. Very few Baptist know that he started the church by he and the other 10 or 15 members pouring water on each others heads to baptize each other. That would shock any Baptist today. He was only a member of the church for 9 months and then he left it because of his disgust with the attitudes of some of the others.

Twenty years ago, I believe, the Massachusetts legislature revoked the edict of exile against him so now he can return to Massachusetts! But Rhode Island refused to give up his grave so he's still there.

Lady: I remember reading a book of my dad's called See These Banners Go. It was a summary history of the beginnings of all the big major denominations. It made me very sad. They had practically all come to no good end. But that's a book that would be interesting for your children to read. Bit by bit I'm trying to accumulate.

AAM: In England people talk as if Henry VIII founded the Church of England. Actually the Reformation in England was a product of Martin Luther. In fact the men who started the Reformation in England were Oxford students who would get together to read Luther's works. The other students called them the Germans because they were reading these German works. They were the men who spread out through Eng. and started the Reformation. Henry VIII wanted to get a divorce. He had written a book defending the RC views. For that book the Pope gave him the title "Defender of the Faith." Which the British monarchs still hold! Henry VIII broke with the Pope and allowed these reformers to preach and have good positions and have great advantages. Then the latter part of his life he swung back to quite a Romanist position and began burning people to the stake.

After Henry died his son Edward was only 10 yrs. old. His uncles were very strong Protestants. They ruled England. During the next 6 yrs (from when he was 10 to 16) the reformation made tremendous strides in England. Then his older sister, Mary, the daughter of the woman whom Henry had divorced became queen and she wanted to bring England back to Roman Catholicism. She burned the bishops at the stake. The people were so tired of the Wars of the Roses in which thousands had been killed as these two competing forces fought for the rulership of England. They were ready to do almost anything. That's why they put up with Henry's swift changes. Then strong ultra protestantism under Edward and strong ultra Romanism under Mary. When Elizabeth came in she was very very skillful. She was able to keep the forces together. When she was crowned she held a Bible in her hand and showed she was standing with the Protestants. But she wanted to be the ruler of the English church. She forced the English to retain a lot of their forms and ceremonies that they didn't want and she wouldn't allow them to have meetings for discussion of the Bible, etc. Most of the evil in the Episcopal church, most of the harmful things come from Elizabeth(?)

Lady: I'd never known that from the history books.