

..The text of the copy is the reproduction of original

And the KJV was read in all the churches as the Bishops Bible had been read before. And the sermons in most of the English churches at that time presented the great fundamental truths of the Gospel. There were many very fine godly people in England who were quite satisfied with the King's regime --- but the Pilgrim Fathers felt we must be free to follow not only the great things of the Gospel, and its clear teachings, we must be free to study the Bible and to build our lives in all their details on what we ourselves find there.

So when they found they could not carry out the desire they wanted, they decided they could not go back to England under King James' control, they decided to come over across theseas. As they came across the natural thing to do was to go where the English already had a colony - to Virginia. To Virginia, in 1670, the English had sent a colony of people who proved to be shiftless, lazy, etc., and ~~thirteen~~ years most of them ~~had~~ were either //within two dead or had gone back to England. So they sent a new group in 1669 and ~~a~~ one governor succeeded another. Finally in 1617 they decided we must make a change in conditions in Virginia; we must establish a really Christian situation, in Virginia.

So the orders were given and the Pilgrims said, If we're going to go to Virginia we might as well go back to England. We'd be under King James' authority must as much. What did King James' authority mean in Virginia at that time? I read 30 yrs. ago a book called the Pilgrim Fathers by John Brown which is a most fascinating account of all the author could gather together of facts about the Pilgrim Fathers. I was glad to see that the Pilgrim Publications of Pasadena, Texas reprinted this book in 1970, so I could get my own copy. But in this book he says that in Virginia at this time, every man and woman twice a day was required to go to church to hear divine services. on pain of losing her or his day's allowance for the first omission. For the second to be whipped, and for the third to be condemned to the gallows === galleys for six months. On Sundays the penalty for neglect was still more severe. Every man or woman shall in the morning repair to divine service and sermons and in the afternoon to divine service and catechisms upon pain for the first fault to loose their provision and allowance for the whole week following. For the second to lose a cent allowance and also to be whipped, and for the third to suffer death. These were the laws King James introduced in Virginia in order to force the people under the sound of the Scripture and the preaching of the ministers most of whom were godly Christians. But it was a condition that did not last, and it did not have any great effectiveness. When they found how well the poor people up in New England were getting along they revolted against it and eventually established individual freedom, there too. But it is individual freedom which is a result of the Gospel which no nation had before the U.S. that enabled the U.S. to make the progress that it has made.

CLAUDE B. BROWN, JR. PRESIDENT
 115 BIRCH VILLAGE, B'K
 EDWIN A. MONTANA, B'K
 VIRGINIA V. MURKIN, B'K
 B. VIRGINIA BARNETT, B'K
 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
 MONTGOMERY D. BROWN, B'K
 ROBERT G. MILLER, B'K
 1008 NORTH BIRCHWOOD STREET
 MONTGOMERY, ILLINOIS

THE AMERICAN SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTION

COPY