

heroism from the dense wilderness. Then all Honor to the primary explorers and colonists, of whatever name or nationality.

Even the uncivilized Indians, then sole occupants of the landscape, now share the blessings of Christianity and refinement, which accompany the spread of Civilization and Commerce. Hence, all are benefited greatly, as the following pages amply illustrate, by the admirable enterprise and, daring which centuries ago "converted the spears into Pruning hooks," and caused the forests "to blossom as the rose" in agricultural and other products, useful alike to the conquered and their successors.

Closely following the memorable Discovery of America by Christopher Columbus who landed on an island in the West Indies which he named San Salvador, October 12, 1492, and which is now believed to be the one known as "Watling's Island," one of the Bahamas, came the Expedition from Bristol, England, equipped by King Henry VII, under command of Sir John Cabot and his son Sebastian, which reached Nova Scotia, in summer of 1497. Marquis De La Roche, a French adventurer, visited the Province in 1598; DeMonts and other explorers from La Cadie, surveyed our coast waters in 1604, and founded Port Royal, Annapolis, the following year, naming the country Acadie or Acadia. Sir Samuel Argall of the English Colony of Virginia, founded May 13, 1607, destroyed Port Royal in 1613, as it was within the limits of Virginia's Charter.

The section of PURITANS, called PILGRIM FATHERS, who had been driven from England to Leyden *via* Amsterdam, Holland, in 1608, by Religious Persecution, greatly dissatisfied in their adopted country, resolved in view of all the circumstances, to settle in the wilds of America. Crippled by poverty, substantial aid from some source was imperative. In 1617, Messrs. John Carver and Robert Cushman ventured to England, hoping capitalists would assist their brave undertaking. After some disappointments, a Joint Stock Company, comprising themselves and some London merchants was formed. While the latter furnished all necessary funds, these two Delegates cheerfully pledged seven years' entire service as their proportion of the investment. Repeated failures intensified their ardour. Finally, the ship MAYFLOWER, one hundred and eighty tons, was chartered to convey the company across the broad Atlantic. The bravest and most robust left Leyden for Delft-Haven, accompanied by their revered Pastor, John Robinson, and the remaining members of his congregation, to which they all belonged, where they took