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REV. JOHN ROBINSON, a pastor of the Puritans, who had emigrated from England to Leyden, Holland, 260 years ago, delivered the following exhortation to those of his flock who left in the "Mayflower," for their new home in the Western world :

"If God reveal anything to you by any other instrument of His, be as ready to receive it as ever you were to receive any truth by my ministry ; for I am verily persuaded, I am very confident, the Lord has more truth yet to break forth out of His Holy Word. For my part, I cannot sufficiently bewail the condition of the Reformed Churches, who are come to a period in religion, and will go at present no farther than the instruments of their reformation. The Lutherans cannot be drawn to go beyond what Luther saw ; whatever part of His will our God has revealed to Calvin, they will rather die than embrace it ; and the Calvinists, you see, stick fast where they were left by that great man of God, who yet saw not all things. This is a misery much to be lamented ; for, though they were burning and shining lights in their times, yet they penetrated not the whole counsel of God ; but were they now living, would be as willing to embrace farther light as that which they first received. I beseech you remember it—'tis an article of your Church covenant—that you be ready to receive whatever truth shall be made known to you from the written Word of God. Remember that, and every other article of your sacred covenant. But I must herewithal exhort you to take heed what you receive as truth. Examine it, consider it, and compare it with other Scriptures of truth before you receive it ; for 'tis not possible the Christian world should come so lately out of anti-Christian darkness, and that perfection of knowledge should break forth at once."

See HINTON'S "History of United States.," by S. L. KNAPP, vol.1, 1832, page 41, note.