

meeting between Richard II. and Wat Tyler, says that after the rebel was struck from his horse by William Walworth, 'then a squyer of the kynges alyted, called John Standyshe, and he drewe out his sworde, and put into Wat Tyler's belye, and so he dyed.' For this act Standish was knighted. In 1415 another Sir John Standish fought at the battle of Agincourt. From his giving the name of Duxbury to the town where he settled, near Plymouth, and calling his eldest son Alexander (a common name in the Standish family), I have no doubt that Miles was a seion from this ancient and warlike stock." — *Young's Chronicles of the Pilgrims*, foot-note, p. 125.]

Page 312. *God has sifted three kingdoms to find the wheat for this planting.*

[In Stoughton's Election Sermon of 1668 occurs the first use, apparently, of this oft-quoted phrase: "God sifted a whole nation that he might send a choice grain over into this wilderness."]

Page 313. *And beside it outstretched the skin of a rattlesnake glittered.*

[As a matter of history, the first recorded instance of the rattlesnake skin challenge was in January, 1622, when Tisquantum the Indian brought a defiance from Canonicus, and the governor returned the skin stuffed with bullets.]

Page 313. *Judging it wise and well that some at least were converted.*

[The poet here uses the sentiment of John Robinson when he wrote to the colonists after the first encounter with the Indians: "Oh, how happy a thing had it been, if you had converted some before you had killed any!"]

Page 319. *With Stephen and Richard and Gilbert.*

[These names are not taken at random. Stephen Hopkins, Richard Warren, and Gilbert Winslow were all among the Mayflower passengers, and were alive at this time.]

Page 322.

*Rounded the point of the Gurnet, and leaving far to the southward*

*Island and cape of sand, and the Field of the First Encounter.*

[The Gurnet, or Gurnet's Nose, is a headland connecting