

in their private solicitations at the throne of Grace.
And so commending you to the Grace of God in
Christ, we shall ever rest,

“ Your assured friends and brethren,*

“ JO. WINTHORPE, Gov.

“ *and others.*

“ From Yarmouth,

“ Aboard the ‘Arabella,’

“ April 7th, 1630.”

Notwithstanding the affectionate language of this valedictory address, it appears that they knew what measures had been adopted by the first portion of the adventurers, under their agent Endicot, for establishing Congregationalism at Salem, and were fully informed of what the inhabitants of Plymouth had done. In one short month after their arrival, they commenced to lay the foundation of a church, as dissimilar as possible from that to which they had so recently called God to witness they were so warmly attached. Subsequently their principles were formally developed and were distinguished by Mr. Cotton, their leading divine, at Boston.

First. The subject matter of the visible Church, viz., saints by calling. Such as are acquainted

* Some portion of the address, imploring the prayers of their dear brethren, is omitted.