

These true-hearted men did not come as does the conqueror ; for neither the roll of drums nor the blare of trumpets heralded their advent. On the other hand, they did not come in fear and silence as might fugitives from their native country. With their hymns of lofty cheer they made the depths of the desert gloom resound.

What were the Pilgrims seeking in this far-off land ? Were they in search of precious stones, or the spoils to be gained by sea or land ? No ; their object was to enjoy religious liberty. This boon they found in their new home, and we may well call the soil where they first trod, sacred ground.