

follow later with their beloved pastor. Before the embarkation John Robinson prayed long and earnestly over the departing Pilgrims that "God's free people" might prove themselves worthy of the Master they had forsaken all to serve; but he charged them before God to follow him no further than he followed Christ.

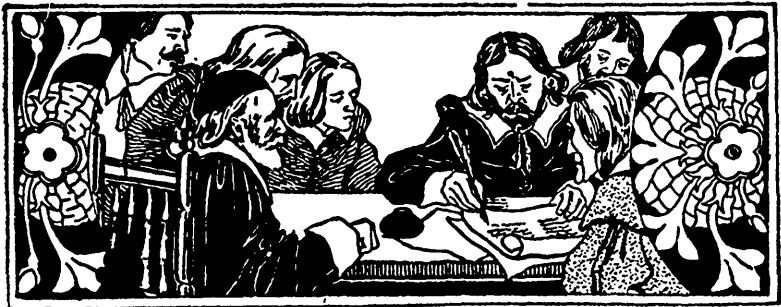
In a contemporary picture, showing the Pilgrims leaving Delfshaven the dozen or so Pilgrims wending their way down the quay are evidently portraits.

Clad in doublet and hose, and boots of Cordovan leather,
Strode with a martial air Miles Standish,
the Puritan Captain."

reached the new settlement in 1629.

The sojourn in Holland was a peaceful resting time between their struggle for freedom in England and their struggle against the bitter hardships awaiting them in the new country. Here they learnt the never-forgotten lesson that the strength and beauty of the Churches lies in steadfast conviction and in charity.

The "Speedwell," having proved unseaworthy, was abandoned on reaching Plymouth, and it was the "Mayflower," with one hundred brave and loyal souls, that set sail on September 6th, 1620, for the east coast of North America. John



THE COMPACT IN THE CABIN OF THE "MAYFLOWER."

Elder Brewster, the spiritual leader of the little band, may be recognized by his bell-shaped cap bordered with white, while the "Speedwell," so unfortunately misnamed, lies to the left of the panel, and is flying the flag of the House of Orange; the women and children with some of the men may be seen on board.

John Robinson, the devout and holy teacher, was not to lead his flock to the Promised Land of liberty, for he died in 1625, before he had been able to join his people in their new home; his two sons, John and Soare Robinson, with the remainder of the Pilgrims, safely

Alden was hired as a cooper at Southampton, where the "Mayflower" victualled. Wordsworth fitly says:

Well worthy to be magnified are they,
Who, with sad hearts, of friends and country took

A last farewell, their loved abodes forsook,
And hallowed ground in which their fathers lay;

Then to the new-found world explored their way,

That so a church, unforced, uncalled to brook

Ritual restraints, within some sheltering nook

Her Lord might worship and His word obey
In freedom.

The first half of the voyage proved uneventful, but after that