

be paid back over the next few years. So they had to get the king's permission, and one of the adventurers spoke to the king about it, and the king said, "Well, how are they going to live?" "Oh, they will live as fishers." "Oh" he said, "a good profession - the apostles own profession" and he was not displeased that it might advance the glory of England and it would not hurt the religious arrangements in England, since they were so far away. They were afraid that if they got near Virginia, the ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ regulations might be extended to them pretty soon. So while they talked about going to Virginia, their actual plan was to try to get as far from Virginia as they could, yet not to go south of Virginia where they might get into the Spanish sphere of influence. It was a tremendous undertaking for a group of poor people, with very little in the way of ~~xxxxx~~ skills, very little in the way of special training. There were very few educated men among them. There was William Brewster who had had some good experience, and who was considered as one of the real leaders of the party. They had one man ~~xxxxxxx~~ trained in medicine. They had a man who had some experience in military life. They had maybe six or eight who you would consider as trained men in some line or other. The rest of them were unskilled labourers and they had no means, nothing practically to bring with them. They knew nothing about how to survive, except they wanted to get as far from Virginia as they could. So they were able to make the arrangement that they should land on the coast of New England. In God's providence, in the nine months that these hundred people took in coming over, ~~xxxxxxxxxxx~~ only one died on the trip, and a baby was born, so they landed with exactly the number which had left England. There was one sailor who had been constantly blaspheming and calling them crazy religious fanatics and making himself very disagreeable to them, and about half way over, when they got into the storm he was