

their wives and children had to work out in the fields. Why should they work? We men can do it. Others said, "Our wives are asked to do these services for other men around here. Why should they do that?" Some thought they had to work too hard. Others thought they did not get enough. Good Christian people, but the communistic system just did not work, and ~~the~~ in the summer they took what they had grown, and it was all used up before the next winter was over. They had to go six weeks with just the barest of ~~the~~ subsistence rations for the first couple of years. Then they changed the system, and they gave the land to each family and said, "This ~~is your~~ is your land; you develop it as you can. You will be paid for what you produce." They established a system of free enterprise, and the next year there was enough for all and money to send back to pay the ~~the~~ adventurers for the cost of sending them. So, in the providence of God, they were able to see this error and to remedy it. What difference does it make that this little group of unskilled people, this ~~is~~ little group of poor ~~people~~ people, with little education, that they . The colony of Plymouth was absorbed by other colonies within a few years. They were unable to get ministers who held exactly their view. Their views were a little peculiar on certain points. They got a minister from England, and he proved to ~~be~~ be a bad moral character and they got rid of him, got another one, and they had some problems with him, and then they got another and found he was out of line with their ideas, and in the end the Plymouth colony was simply absorbed by another colony, and there was not much accomplished by this little colony. But in the providence of God, the success of this colony was one of the most important things in all history, because, in England, in the north of England, there were thousands of Puritans who were anxious