

because in 1640, when they began fighting against the king's forces, the Puritans said, "We are needed here, and we can win anyway" and by 1650 they had won. So nobody thought of going to America anymore between 1640 and 1660, and by 1660 they had lost the urge and after 1660 they had no further chance to preach or to present their ~~Scriptures~~ ^{Scriptures} in England, and Puritanism simply died out in England after 1660. But this very sizeable group of earnest, consecrated, ~~Christian~~ ^{Christian} people, had come across the ocean with the wonderful providence of God and showed the way it could be done, and shamed the other people into stepping out and doing what they knew God wanted them to do. So when England sank into the lowest level of ethics it had ever seen with King Charles II and his court setting the example, ^{and} the low level remained until the middle of the next century, over here there was this that had an influence all through this continent, the influence of which, even though apostasy ~~had~~ ^{had} taken over so much of New England, and Unitarianism 200 years later was so successful there, nevertheless the influence spread, and is felt throughout the world today.

So I felt that this incident in history, this terrible tragedy of the way that the Puritan movement was wiped out and had almost no influence in England during the succeeding century, ~~partly~~ ^{partly} due, of course, to the inability of the people to agree to overlook little differences and work together to establish a condition of freedom for each to study the Bible and to present it as they believed it should be. They could not agree when they had everything their own way, and they lost out and lost everything and nothing remained except their writings, which, of course, have had a real influence in the world since. But God simply moved this sizeable group over here and