

In England there were hundreds of people who felt as they did and wished to depart from the church of England. But there were thousands of people in England who wanted to stand by the Scriptures but were against what James was introducing into the Church of England, but did not wish to break with the Church of England. These people included many wealthy people, many leaders, many highly trained people, many people with great resources and great ability. But I doubt if any of them would have had the courage to have attempted that dangerous stormy crossing over the ocean, landing in a cold difficult area and trying to set up a new life there if the Pilgrims had not proven it to be possible.

So a group of these people got a boat about 8 years after the Pilgrims had come, and they got into the boat and as they left England they say, We are not separating from the church of England, but we are only separating from its impurities, we are separating from the evils in the church. But for the sake of standing true to the Word we are coming over to America here and we are going to carry on as the Pilgrims have. So during the next 20 yrs. thousands of people came over from England. The great Puritan migration which set the tone for subsequent American history. The Pilgrims did not set the tone to any great extent; They were a comparatively small group of people. Eventually they were assimilated by the others. Yet they had considerable influence with the others. The others when they came over found it impossible to keep up the contact with the Church of England they had expected and they found that if they followed the Scripture as they wanted to the church which was coming increasingly under James and his son Charles was more ready to repudiate them than to favor them, and so eventually the two groups came together and established a regime in which the Bible had a high place -- as high a place in people's lives and though as it has ever had anywhere in the world.

This was established then in N. England and had a great effect upon the future of this country. But in subsequent decades -- a century and a half -- gradually people's faith lessened, people's enthusiasm lessened and it was about 130 yrs. later when the Great Awakening came. There were two places where this Great Awakening began. One was just a few miles north of here where a Log College was established by a minister who came over from Northern Ireland. There he established this Log College as he called it to train men to go out and do evangelistic work in this area here.

I don't know how many of you have seen the book written about a century ago, reprinted comparatively recently, a book by Prof. Alexander one of the first Professors of Princeton Theological Seminary called the Log College. In this book, Prof. Alexander tells about the founding of the Log College, about the great man who founded it, about his sons and about what each of them did, and their influence that went all through the Middle Atlantic states and did a tremendous part in reestablishing fervor and love for the Lord in this area.

About the same time that happened, Jonathan Edwards up in Northampton, Mass., preached his great sermons on the sovereignty of God, on the wickedness of man, on the necessity of looking to Christ alone for salvation and a great revival broke out there. Whitefield the great British evangelist came over here as a young man, and became acquainted