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in Mexico, the long peninsular reaching southward, but on the history of those Jesuits there between 1698 and 1770 when they were driven out and the privations the men endured and the tremendous efforts they made in order to spread the knowledge of what they thought was right was really something that many of us protestants could take as a great example, but of it today there remains only a few ruins and a good bit of superstition and very little of real Christianity. Their stress was on an organization, it was on certain observances, certain words; and not upon the Word of God as the foundation of Christianity, and I think that is why the work has not lasted. I remember reading in "Time" magazine two years ago that in Latin that a Roman catholic magazine had stated that in Latin America, Mexico and South America seventy-five per cent of the people never go to a Roman catholic church. They are all nominally Roman catholics, and they often say that protestants have no right to send their missionaries there, that that's a Roman catholic area but according to "Time" magazine one of their own magazines stated that actually there is very little hold of the Roman catholic religion upon the great mass of the people. There is an anti-protestant attitude which is , and there is a desire to have the blessing of the at certain crises in the life, but as a religion affecting the heart there is simply comparatively ineffective today. It is sad to think of the tremendous effort and labors of these great men, some of them, who carried on the extension of the Roman catholic church into those areas and to think of how little it has affected the hearts and lives of the people or what remains of it today. They were sincere men, I think, men truly doing what they thought was right, men with sincerety but without proper knowledge, men who were putting the word of the pope or the decisions of the word of God and what it meant.

Now we will go on to B, The Religion of the Early English Settlers. The religion of the early English settlers, and of course the English settlements in North America were not made until over a century after the discovery by Columbus and after the great Spanish settlement. The story is told that Roger Babson once was having --