

Connecticut, came from Holland. Roger Williams, the founder of Rhode Island, was a Welshman, but knew Dutch so well that he taught the language to John Milton. The mother of William Penn was Dutch and he lived for some years on the continent. New York and New Jersey were settled by the Dutch West Indies Company.

Taine, in writing of the Netherlands of that time, said: "Internally their government is as good as their external position is exalted. For the first time in the world, conscience is free and the rights of the citizen are respected. In culture and instruction as well as in the arts of organization and government, the Dutch are two centuries ahead of Europe."

It is interesting to note that as much as we condemn the persecutions in Massachusetts Colony, they were as nothing compared to what had happened in England before and after their day. They <sup>Puritans</sup> simply acted on the lessons they had learned in England, thru the acts of the English church and the English government.

The Quakers under Penn in Pennsylvania and the Dutch in New York and New Jersey never persecuted anyone and lived in greater peace with the Indians than any other colonies. While Rhode Island, founded by Roger Williams, was outstanding in its tolerance.

Whatever was bad with the Puritan was not nearly so bad as the acts of the Englishmen who did not come to America, but remained at home. Yet in spite of this we find criticisms from English writers of which the following is an illustration.

The Saturday Review, of England, published Jan. 29, 1881, in an article, concerning the American Puritans, contained the following:- "The savage brutality of the American Puritans,