

WHO WERE THE PILGRIMS?

THE great American festival, Thanksgiving Day, was established by the Pilgrims who went to America in 1620. To understand who these Pilgrims were and why they went to America we must go back to the north of England and to about the year 1600.

There, in the village of Scrooby, a group of people gathered together who wished to enjoy religious freedom. In thus following the dictates of their conscience, they defied the laws of the realm, and for this they suffered heavy penalties and persecutions.

Because of these persecutions they were forced to leave England. There was one country where they knew they would not be persecuted—that was Holland. After some difficulties they managed to escape to Holland

in 1608. They went to Leyden in Holland and there established a settlement.

But though they found freedom in Holland, it was not really home to them. Life was very hard. So after long discussions, it was decided to go to the wild country of the New World.

After necessary permission had been granted, they went to England and found a ship, the *Mayflower*, waiting for them. More persons joined their group in England, so there were 102 in all aboard the *Mayflower*. The *Mayflower* set sail from the harbor of Plymouth, England,

on September 6, 1620.

It is difficult today to realize the hardships and perils of that voyage. One man died, and a baby was born during the voyage which was very rough and stormy.

At last, on November 19, 1620, they reached the bleak and desolate shores of North America where Massachusetts is now situated. There they landed and founded a settlement. It was these people who celebrated the first Thanksgiving Day.



Pilgrims Going to Church

REVIEW

1. When did the Pilgrims go to America?

2. In what country did the Pilgrims first live?

3. Why had they grouped themselves together?

4. Why did

they leave England?

5. Where did they go from England?

6. Why did they not wish to remain in Holland?

7. Where did they decide to go after leaving Holland?

8. In what ship did they sail to America?

9. How many persons were in the company?

10. Where did they settle in America?

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BIRD INFORMATION

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makes the foot convenient for walking, as well as for swimming.

Birds are studied all over the world. Their cheerful songs, bright colors, and many pleasing ways are all very attractive. Birds are also very valuable because they destroy many injurious insects.

The study of the distribution of bird shows some are found all over the world and others in two or more different regions, but most species of birds are found in only one geographic region.

When we study the birds of the East Indian Islands (of which the Philippines are a part), we discover some very strange facts about the distribution of birds. A part of the East Indian Islands lies in the Australian region and a part in the Indian region; the line between the two is very sharp. Thus the islands of Bali and Lombok (in the Malay Archipelago just east of Java), though but 20 miles apart, differ as greatly in their animal life as do Africa and South America. This indicates that the two islands were separated ages ago, and the deep strait between them is the dividing line between Asia and what was once the

BIRD OF THANKSGIVING

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REVIEW

1. Where did the early colonists of America find the first turkeys?
2. Describe the turkey.
3. Tell of the habits of the turkey-hen.
4. Tell of the care of young turkeys.
5. What turkeys were the ancestors of the present domestic turkey?
6. Are any turkeys grown in the Philippines?

Australian continent. And so we find a difference in the birds of the two divisions.

There are today between 13,000 and 14,000 species of birds found in the world. These are classified and grouped, just as the books in a library are classified and placed on shelves according to their contents. Just as in the library the books are not arranged according to their size or the colors of their covers, so with birds—their classification is made according to the structure rather than upon similarity in appearance.

REVIEW

1. What is an invertebrate?
2. Is a bird an invertebrate?
3. Millions of years ago

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The Young Citizen, and then answer the following:

11. Did the early colonists have sufficient food? Why not?
12. What happened to many of the colonists?
13. What kind of weather did the colonists experience?
14. To whom did the colonists go for food?
15. Did they receive food from the Indians? Why not?
16. Where had the colonists sent for food?
17. Did the food ship finally return?
18. Do you think these colonists were brave?
19. Did they develop into a great nation?
20. What nation did they become?
21. Do you think that settlement has influenced the Philippines in any way? How?
22. Read again all the Thanksgiving material in this issue of *The Young Citizen*, and then answer all of these questions. Your teacher will help you with any which present difficulty.

what animals were the ancestors of birds?

4. Tell why there is a difference in the feet of birds.