

the one hundred and twenty were dead of wounds and disease. The sounds of their sufferings so impressed itself on that scholarly historian, George Percy, third President of the Colony, that he pictured it in one of his reports, whose virility is today, the wonder of the English writers.

“Burning fevers destroyed them, some departed suddenly, but for the most part they died of mere famine. There were never Englishmen left in a foreign country in such misery as we were in this new discovered Virginia. * * * * There was groaning in every corner of the Fort most pitiful to hear. If there was any conscience in men,” says the historian, “it would make their hearts to bleed to hear the pitiful murmurings and outcries * * * some departing out of the world, sometimes three and four in a night; in the morning their bodies trailed out of the cabins like dogs to be buried.”

It came to the point, “when ten men could neither go nor stand.”

This was the sickly season when, without knowledge of malarial disease, they were in their half-starved condition at the mercy of the agues and fevers. But happily, the change of the season came at last; the winter, a bitter one on both shores of the Atlantic, drove away the pestilence.

Then came the picturesque incident over which historians of late have quarreled so much, when according to Smith's account, his life was saved by the young Indian Princess, Pocahontas. Time fails to repeat the arguments in this place. To me they appear to establish the fact beyond reasonable question. However, that may be, that winter the small remnant of men explored and charted the waters of the Chesapeake with its noble tributaries to the Falls of the Potomac, where the Capital of the Nation now stands, as within a short period afterwards they explored the northern Chesapeake and the Susquehanna, mapping their discoveries with an accuracy which is the wonder of the present time.

A conspiracy plotted by Kendall, in the absence of the exploration party, to seize the pinnace and sail northward to