THE PURITANS.

The long Puritan service ended, four firls somewhat in advance of the conregation strolled homeward through the brilliant May sunshine.

"What a beautiful day!" cried Ruth

"Perfect," added Salome Endicott. "It used to be like this in England," said little Peace Morley wistfully.

"Why so silent, Dorothy?" asked Salome, addressing the fourth girl, who had not yet spoken.

Dorothy Penrhyn looked up quickly. She was charmingly pretty, with black, glossy hair and large, dark, mischievous

"Let us keep May day!" she exclaimed, with sudden energy.

"How can we?" asked Salome. "You know we left all that behind when we came here

"But we didn't come of our own free will," returned Dorothy. "What harm can there be in a dance around a maypole? Why is every one so afraid of a little enjoyment?"

The dawning of the following day found the girls and their friends assembled upon the training field just outside the primitive Boston settlement. They brought long linen strips for ribbons, and the slender trunk of a dead sapling served as a maypole.

It was so early that no one was stirring. The newly risen sun smiled unheeded upon this bit of stolen revelry; upon the dresses brushing dew from the grass in the graceful dance; upon Dorothy Penrhyn, merriest of the group, with her laughter, her sparkling eyes, her delightful_color and quick, airy movements, the grim Puritans forgotten as she joined in the gay pastime.

Suddenly came the sound of voices and of approaching footsteps. Peace was the first to hear them. The girls ceased their dance in consternation. Then Salome Endicott remembered that this was the day for the monthly muster of soldiers under Captain Roger Winthrop.

The reveless fled precipitately. Dorothy lingered only to tear the linen strips from the improvised maypole, then, trailing them after her, hastened down the sloping field in pursuit of her companions. She was not in pursuit of the young captain. She had met him often, but she had no wish to meet him under present circumstances.

Behind an alder group they paused for breath and consultation.

"Do you think they saw us?" asked Ruth Benning. "Captain Winthrop is very strict in his ideas, they say."

Salome Endicott was out of temper from running. Most of the others were terrified by Ruth's words. Dorothy alone showed vexation at being interrupted.

"They might have waited till we finished," she wald in disgust. "It was too bad to spoil our sport in that fashion." When the girls had reduced to order the chaos of ribbons, they went home in some anxiety.

"I am so sorry for it all!" Peace confessed to Dorothy the next day. "If we are found out, what do you think the

magistrates will do?"
"I neither know nor care," answered Dorothy defiantly. "Send us back to England, I hope. I am going anyway as soon as I can.

"Why, Dorothy!" "I am," repeated Dorothy.

"A vessel leaves the day after tomor-"You can go in row," suggested Peace that."
"I'll do it," said the girl.

Her plans for the journey were soon made. The captain of the vessel was a friend of her father. Under his care she would sail directly for Southampton. She went to her room and began resolutely packing her box While she was mentally composing a note to be left for her parents, who were away from home, she heard a knock at the front door. Peer-

ing out, with an ever present fear of Indians, she saw Captain Winthrop below. "Perhaps he is coming to arrest me." she said to herself. "But I am not afraid of him. Poor fellow! I suppose he must obey orders." She went boldly down and opened the door. Captain Winthrop, tall, dignified, with blue eyes and fair hair and beard, bowed low on seeing her.

"Will you enter?" said Dorothy, bracing herself for the interview.
"I called, Mistress Penrhyn," began

Captain Winthrop, evidently in some confusion, "to see" "Yes," interrupted Dorothy, "I know.

I was expecting you. What are you go-ing to do?"
"I cannot tell yet," he answered. "I must first consult"—

"What an idiotic proceeding!" cried

Dorothy, with spirit. "Where was the harm in it, after all?" "Harm?" repeated Captain Winthrop

in perplexity Yes, harm!" insisted Dorothy. "We really must have some amusement, you

"I don't think I understand," said Win-throp, with a puzzled look.

"Why, didn't you come to"— She paused, crimson with sudden shame.
Then I should not have spoken," she added, trying to recover herself.

"I came to see your father in regard to trengthening our defenses." he said. "But you have roused my curiosity. What is it. Dorothy? Tell me." "You won't berray me?" she asked. after a little hesitation. "Certainly not."

"Well, then, we girls had a maypole

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"You danced? Qh, Derothy?"
"Yes; you seed to attempt to punish
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there are no Puritans to spoil my pleasure. My box is packed. I shall leave at

"And what is to become of me?" asked Roger Winthrop, with a glance that made Dorothy look at him in a startled way, then cover her face with her hands.

Half an hour later, when everything had been satisfactorily arranged, Dorothy said regretfully: "I suppose I must remain a Puritan, after all, and never dance again since you disapprove of it so. But," with an arch glance, "I have had one genuine celebration, and I shall never regret it, Roger, whatever you may think." -Exchange,

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