Editor's Note

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PREFACE

Alan Simpson was born in 1912 in Gateshead, England. He went to school in Newcastle-on-Tyne and then to Oxford University. As an undergraduate he was at Worcester College and as a post-graduate at Merton College, Oxford, and Harvard University. He received a B.A., an M.A., and a D.Phil. He then lectured on British and American History at St. Andrews and Dundee. During the Second World War he served from 1939 to 1945 in the Royal Artillery. Afterwards he became an Assistant Professor of Chicago University, then an Associate Professor, Donnelley Professor of History, and Dean of the College. From 1964 until 1977 he was President of Vassar College. He is now on the board of trustees of Salve Regina - The Newport College, and other organizations. He has written a number of books, including *Puritanism in Old and New England.*

His wife, Mary McQueen McEldowney, was born in the United States. She attended Knox College and Oxford University.

Alan and Mary Simpson have edited or written a number of books together, including *Diary of King Philip's War* by Colonel Benjamin Church and *I Too Am Here: Selections from the Letters of Jane Welsh Carlyle.*

The following article demonstrates what can be done with imagination, research, and hard work. A supposedly exhausted subject is shown to have new life and fresh interest.

Perhaps in view of the many interesting articles published in the *Bulletin* on the subject, it should be added that at one time Alan Simpson's leisure time recreation was planting trees.

— George Woodbridge