

of the upper trades and the wealthier part of the populace. They viewed religious and social reform with less zeal than did the separatists although they were very concerned that the Anglican church show itself distinct from the Roman communion in every way.

(3) Anglicans

These were members of the Church of England and accepted establishmentarianism as it stood and argued for the reality of such privilege. Many who came to the colonies were land holders and persons of commercial advantage. They disdained the separatists and generally distrusted the Puritans.

(4) Quakers

While in some way a form of separatists, the Quakers were really a newer sectarian body that had come to make a great deal of experience and divine presence. The non-deferral of Quakers in general to persons of rank and importance had made them almost unsavory in English society. But they tended to be successful merchants and were mostly from the upper echelons of society. As a rule the separatists regarded them as doubtful mystics and the puritans saw them as heretics.

(5) Romanists

Persectued in England by the Anglicans, the English Roman Catholics were not very well trusted in the Roman See as the Roman church thought of them as having adopted too much of the liberties allowed in ecclesiastical matters in England.

(6) Prisoners

Doesn't seem like a likely class for religious settlement but the colonies were seen as a good place to send them (note Australia) and a quantity eventually came to the colonies to work out their time. You can't say religious freedom was their quest but many became involved in the religious life of the colonial church...

When coming to the American continent, these often hostile bodies did not immediately put down their guns, so to speak, but in time became an amalgamated English constituency of the theological make-up of America. They are vaguely reminiscent of a story about the English sparrow and the starling..a story which I will likely tell at this time to the chagrin of more interested students who wish we would stick to the material and get on with the course.