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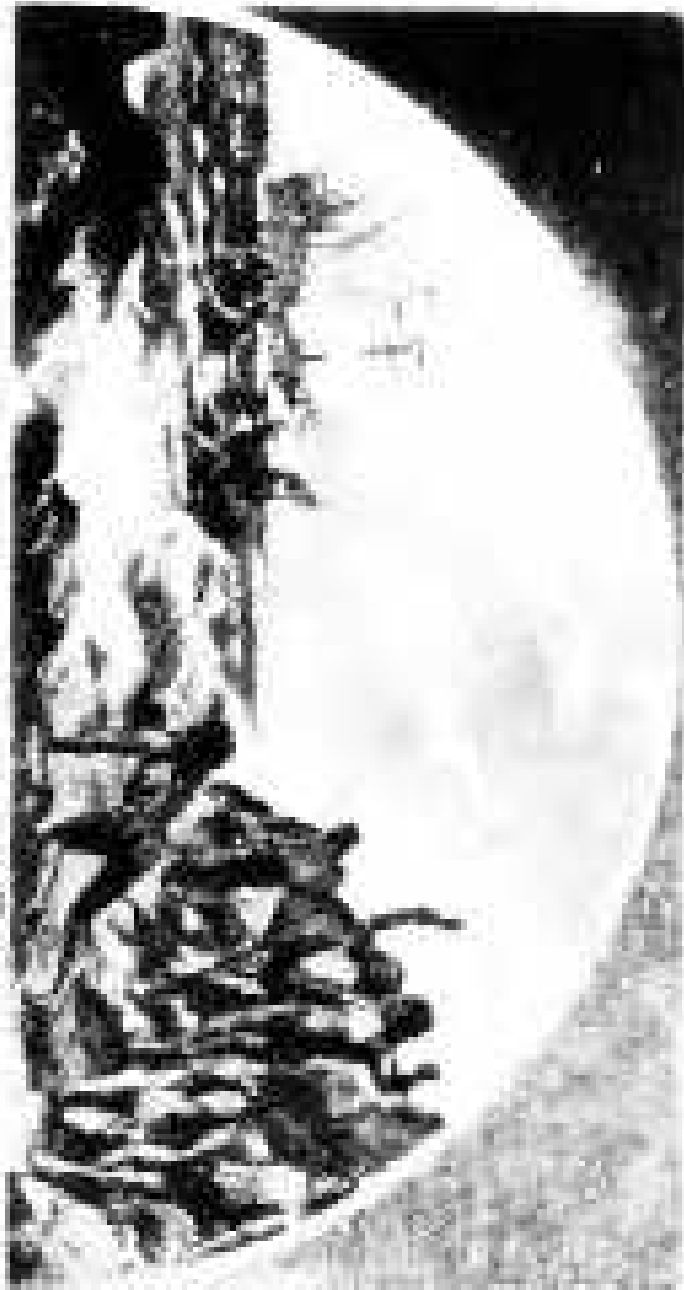
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Being an exact copy of parts of the original report of this VOYAGE, in his caravel the "GOLDEN HIND," including a description of the first religious service in English ever held in AMERICA, and also the date of his departure for ENGLAND, JULY 25th, 1579.

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THE NARRATIVE

"In 38 Deg. 30 min. we fell with a convenient and fit harborough and June 17 came to anchor therein. " " "

The next day, after our coming to anchor in the aforesaid harbour, the people of the countrey shewed themselves, sending off a man with great expedition to vs in a canow. " " "

The 3 day following, viz., the 21, our ship hauing receiued a leake at sea, was brought to anchor neerer the shoare, that, her goods being landed, she might be repaired; but for that we were to preuent any danger that might chance against our safety, our generall first of all landed his men, with all necessary provision,

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to build tents and make a fort for the defense of our selves and goods; and that wee might vnder the shelter of it with more safety (what euer should befall) end our business; which when the people of the countrey perceiued vs doing, they came down to vs, and yet with no hostile meaning or intent to hurt vs. * * *

Their men for the most part goe naked; the women take a kinde of bulrushes, and kembering it after the manner of hemp, make themselves thereof a loose garment, which being knitte about their middles, hanges downe about their hippes, and so affordes to them a covering. They are very obedient to their husbands,

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and exceeding ready in all services. * * *

Against the end of three daies more (the newes hauing the while spread itselſe farther, and as it seemed a great way vp into the countie), were assembled the greatest number of people which wee could reasonably imagine to dwell within any conuenient distance round about. Amongst the rest the king himselfe, a man of goodly stature and comely personage, attended with his guard of about 100 tall and warlike men, this day, viz., June 26, came downe to see vs. * * *

In the meane time the women remaining on the hill, tormented themselves lamentably, tearing

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their flesh from their cheekes, whereby we perceived that they were about a sacrifice. In the meane time our generall, with his companie, WENT TO PRAYER, AND TO READING OF THE SCRIPTURES, AT WHICH EXERCISE THEY WERE ATTENTIVE, and seemed greatly to be affected with it. * * *

This one thing was observed to bee generall amongst them all, that every one had his face painted, some with white, some blacke, and some with other colours, every man also bringing in his hand one thing or other for a gift or present. * * *

Few were the dayes, wherein they were absent from vs, during

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and kingdome, both by the king and people, into her maiesties hands; together with her highnesse picture and armes, in a piece of sixpense currant English monie, showing itselke by a hole made of purpose through the plate; vnderneath was likewise engraues the name of our generall, etc. * * *

And now, as the time of our departure was perceiued by them to draw nigh, so did the sorrowes and miseries of this people seeme to themselves to increase vpon them.

The 23 of July they tooke a sorrowfull farewell of vs, but being loath to leaue vs, they presently ranne to the top of the hills