Pilgrims
Esther Kem Thomas
offered the invocation. The Rt. Rev. Monsignor E. J. O'Hagan of Waterloo pronounced the benediction.

The event was a notable one with over 400 assembled, and following the presentation program a reception was given in the executive suite of offices, in charge of Mrs. Hoegh, wife of the governor, at which refreshments were served.

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**Pilgrims**

By **ESTHER KEM THOMAS**

They sowed their grain
on rugged unknown soil,
That gallant few,
And reaped a harvest
from their prayer and toil—
They sowed faith, too!

They worked for sustenance,
they fought for life;
Their numbers grew,
And in their hearts
  grew thankfulness . . .
And faith, anew!

We have their pilgrimage
to carry on,
Rough roads to hew
Toward peace and unity
  and world-wide dawn—
Faith sees us through . . .

And when our heritage
of hill and plain
We pause to view,
We offer thanks that
  when they sowed their grain
They sowed faith, too!

—from "Gracious Bounty"