

## *What was one of the biggest problems in Plymouth?*

Sickness. There was terrible sickness in Plymouth that first winter.

There were some days in February when only six or seven people were well enough to take care of the ones who were sick.

By spring, about half of the Pilgrims and sailors were dead. Three whole families died during this terrible time.

The brave little group of Pilgrims sadly buried their dead. They did not mark the graves in any way. They hoped the Indians would not find out how few Pilgrims were left alive. They were afraid the Indians would attack if they knew.