

bourg, Quebec and Montreal had just fallen into the hands of the English. French domination in the north was now at an end; and with it Indian massacres and the horrors of border warfare. This promised rest to the colonies was never enjoyed since the coming of the *Mayflower*. About these events and the future which they promised, the two young clergymen talked, as they sat together in social intercourse.

As a Congregationalist minister Mr. Wiswell enjoyed the friendship of the Rev. Daniel Rogers, the Rev. Mr. Elliot, the Rev. Mr. Mayhew, the Rev. Mr. Condy and the Rev. Mr. Cooper. On April 30, 1759, he was ordained pastor of the Independent Church at Falmouth. In 1764 Mr. Wiswall united with the Church of England; and established an Episcopal Church at Falmouth, which he named St. Paul's. On the 8th of October of this year, there being no bishop in the colonies, he sailed for England for the purpose of being regularly ordained. On Dec. 22, he arrived in London and received deacon's orders, and in the following February was ordained priest. He returned to New England in May, 1765.

On the 17th of December, 1761, he married Mercy, daughter of Judge Minot. She was born at Fort Richmond on the 11th of July, old style, 1733. Their son Peleg was born April 8, 1763. The father writes:—

“This was a remarkable hard winter. On the 7th of April snow was three feet deep in the open fields, and so covered with ice that people walked on the surface.”

On the third of March, 1765, his son John was born. His daughter Elizabeth was born on the 28th of January, 1767. Bradstreet, his son, was born April 26, 1769. Peleg Wiswall, his father, died on the 2nd of September of the same year, aged 81. For more than forty years he had been master of the chief grammar school of Boston. He had the honor of educating a number of the principal men who took part on each side of the revolutionary struggle.

Of him his son says:—“He never joined in any party. Like the famous Atticus, he had intimate friends among all