

He refers to visiting Boston in the summer of 1757, where he says the regiments of Governor Shirley and Pepperell, which, with recruits from all the colonies to the number of eight thousand, were ready to invade Canada, take Quebec and Montreal as Louisbourg had been taken years before. At the time of his settlement as a Congregational minister in the town of Falmouth, the tragedy of deporting the Acadian French from this province took place. In this event, John Wiswall took a lively interest. With the removal of the Acadians, the New England States would be less exposed, in case of another war between Britain and France.

In 1759, as pastor of the Congregational church in Falmouth, he was keeping house, but was not yet married. At this time his sister, Mrs. Stevens, her daughter and son Robert came from Halifax to make him a visit, and to keep his house for a time. After a happy winter she returned in the spring, leaving with him her son Robert. He then engaged a widow Hall as housekeeper. While his domestic affairs were in charge of this estimable lady, he entertained the Rev. Jacob Bailey and his young wife, who were on their way to Pownalborough on the Kennebec River. To appreciate fully this visit of Mr. Bailey, whose wife was a sister of the Rev. Joshua Wyngate Weeks, well known at a later time in the city of Halifax, it is necessary to read the *Frontier Missionary*, by Rev. Mr. Bartlett, which gives an account of the life of this interesting clerical character. The rectory of the serious young parson of Falmouth was for once enlivened by the extraordinary social gifts and contagious humor of Jacob Bailey and his talented and sprightly wife. Mrs. Hall forgot her widow's weeds, and the young clergyman, in whom was the perfection of old-time clerical proprieties, failed not to join in the merriment created and sustained by his happy guests.

Mr. Wiswall was then on the eve of going to Brunswick to marry a daughter of Judge Minot of that town; and no doubt lighter conversation, arising from this and other events, was mixed with discourse of a more serious nature. Louis-