

for the times. There was enough to fill a large closet, and when she married again it all went with her to Boston. William Tyler writes to Sir William Pepperrell, July 5, 1745: "Your sister Frost came to town to see her son Joseph who was thought would have died and Rev. Dr. Colman has persuaded her to come and live with him and they are to be married in thirty days from this date."

The news of the capture of Louisburg had reached Boston two days before, and a general illumination took place. Mary Pepperrell Frost had been a widow thirteen years, and was now sixty years old, twelve years younger than Parson Coleman. They were married by Rev. Joseph Sewall, D.D., August 12, 1745. Dr. Colman, the first pastor of the Brattle Street Church was one of the most distinguished ministers in New England. In high intellectual cultivation he had but few equals. To nature as well as to culture he was indebted for a most graceful and winning manner and pleasing address, which constituted one of his most distinguishing accomplishments. Born in Boston October 19, 1673, graduated at Harvard at nineteen, he spent four years in London, where he was ordained August 4, 1699, and at once returned to Boston and commenced to preach. He was invited to be President of Harvard in 1724, but declined.

The parsonage must have been well stocked with silver after the arrival of the third wife of the popular parson. Wedding-gifts were always numerous to the clergy in colonial times, when they occupied a much higher position in political life than they do now. His colleague says: "The music of his voice, the propriety of his accent, and the decency of his gestures showed him one