

and society highly interesting to her friends and acquaintance, and were such as render her loss irreparable to an afflicted husband, son and daughter. She was sister to Mr. Hill, author of 'Observations on France.' "

Isaac Walker was the greatgrandfather of the seven brothers who were noted cricketers, born between 1826 and 1844, whose exploits are recorded in *The Walkers of Southgate*, by W. A. Bettesworth, a volume of 439 pages, published in 1900. (Presented to D by William F. Nicholson.) The estate of Arno's Grove has been partly cut up and built over.

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## *A Quaker Wine-retailer's Fortune*

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" Mr. Gray, who died at Tottenham at the age of 85, has left behind him 120,000 l. He has given to each of his three sons and two daughters 20,000 l. ; has left to his relict, the sister of Isaac Walker, esq. of Lincoln's-inn-fields, 1200 l. per annum, and 20,000 l. in her own disposal, to the Quaker's Seminary at Ackworth, to Christ's Hospital, and to the Philanthropic Society, 1000 l. each ; to St. Luke's hospital 500 l. ; besides several smaller legacies to various charitable institutions, and other private legacies. All this fortune was raised from the retailing of wine in small quantities, in a vault in Newgate-street, to chance customers, before the general prevalence of taverns or public-houses where wine was sold " (*Gentleman's Magazine*, 1794, II. 956).

This was Abraham Gray, a Friend, of Tottenham. His wife, Rebecca (Walker) Gray, died a month after her husband.

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The Testimony of London Yearly Meeting in the year 1718 :

" A Testimony against an undue liberty which too many under the profession of Truth run into, to the great grief of faithful Friends—by many Men among us putting on extravagant Wigs, and wearing their Hats and Cloths after the vain fashions unbecoming the gravity of a religious People : and too many Women decking themselves with gaudy and costly apparell, Gold Chains, Locketts, Necklaces and Gold Watches exposed to open view, which shews more of pride and ostentation, than for use and service, beside their vain imitation of that immodest Fashion of going with naked Necks and Breasts, and wearing hooped Petticoats inconsistent with that modesty which should adorn their sex."

Copied from Norris MSS. ix. 46 (D. Case 52).