

antiquity of this family, and the services they have rendered to their country, assuredly place it among the most honourable in England."

Mr. Waller, of Allentown, was a kind, hospitable and genial gentleman. His family kept up their kindly interest in Frances, or "little Fanny" as she was called, as long as she lived. She was a general favourite, being lively and intelligent, winning the hearts of all her friends.

In 1798 the rebellion broke out in Ireland. Frances was then but four years old, but the exciting events of that time made a lasting impression on her mind. Miss Harriet Beaufort, a niece of Mr. Waller's, who was then an inmate of Allentown House, in a work published many years afterwards, describes the events of this period. The account is too long to transfer to these pages, but a few of the events more nearly concerning the household may be mentioned. The rebels were in the habit of drilling at night in the fields and out-of-the-way places; the sound of their voices and horns blowing could often be heard at the house. The military scoured the country, but the rebels had such secret means of communication that it was difficult to get at them. The house was prepared for defence, the lower windows were planked and made bullet-proof, large stones were placed on the upstairs window-sills ready to let fall on the heads of the enemy. The young ladies learned to load and fire guns. The coach and farm horses were kept ready, that in case of attack the females might be sent to Enniskillen or Dublin for safety. A skirmish took place at Vinegar Hill, about eight miles from the house, the rebels were dispersed, and everything settled down to its usual course.

In the year 1800, Mr. Waller took his family to London for a year. Frances went to stay with her grand-uncle, Rev. Dr. Beaufort, rector of Collon, in the County of Louth. He was the only son of the Venerable Archdeacon de Beaufort, descended from a Huguenot family, and was well known for his literary attainments, being one of the founders of the Royal Irish Academy, and is said to have assisted in establishing Sunday schools in Ireland. Miss Harriet Beaufort was his daughter. Another daughter, was married to Mr. Edgeworth of Edgeworthstown, in the County of Longford.

At Collon, Frances' tastes were first formed in music, drawing