

to Mr. Browne's own merit, he was appointed to the deanery of Elphin, in the County of Roscommon, in 1793, at the age of thirty-six, and was soon afterwards promised the bishopric of Waterford, but he died suddenly in 1796. Frances thus describes what she could recollect of this period :

"My dear father was seized with gout in the stomach, which carried him off so suddenly, that he fell dead across my mother's bed, to whom he had been talking. This sudden afflicting blow brought on an attack of paralysis from which my dear mother never recovered, though she lived many years, but deprived of the use of her limbs; she was left a widow with small means and three young children. My recollections of my dear father are very faint. I remember his sweet, youthful appearance as he held my hands and made me dance while he whistled. Of the house I can only remember a narrow stair-case on which a pretty gleam of bright sunshine came one evening and showed the flowers on the carpeting of the stairs. I remember the tune my father whistled, which, for many years, I always called 'papa's tune,' which has kept it fresh in my memory to this day (May, 1867)."

As soon as Mrs. Browne was able to travel; she went with her children to reside with her brother, the Rev. M. H. Noble of Charlesfort. In the year 1796, Mrs. Brown went to Bath in England, whither she had been advised to go by her medical attendants. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss S. Noble, who devoted her whole time and attention to the invalid up to the time of her death which occurred on the 12th of March, 1809, at Bath.

Frances was adopted by her great-uncle, Robert Waller, Esq., of Allentown, where his family had long resided. The original seat of the family was Gromsbridge Hall in Kent. One of his ancestors, Richard Waller, in the reign of Henry V., had the honour of taking prisoner the Duke of Orleans at the battle of Agincourt. which event is commemorated on their coat-of-arms. The French prince was kept prisoner at Gromsbridge till ransomed or exchanged. From a younger branch of this family were descended the Wallers of Beaconsfield, of whom was Edmund Waller the poet, whose biographer says, "The