

has a fine portico, but has been docked of a storey in height, the late Duke of Devonshire not wishing to have any "grand" neighbour. The estate belongs to the duke, who has laid out Grove Park for villa residences. A church, St. Paul's, has



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been built, and a district formed out of Grove Park and Strand-on-the-Green, of which latter place we shall have more to say presently. The edifice consists of chancel, nave, and aisles, and is in the Early Decorated style of architecture; it was erected chiefly at the expense of the ducal owner of the estate, and at a cost of about £5,000. The Grove Park estate adjoins the Chiswick station of the South-Western Railway. A road from Grove Park, called Sutton Lane, to Turnham Green, passes Sutton Court, once the residence of the lord of the manor, but now a school. Its grounds adjoin those of the Duke of Devonshire. Sutton Court was at one time the seat of the Earl of Fauconberg; the grounds attached to it had in them, two centuries ago, a very pretty maze or wilderness, somewhat after the fashion of that at Hampton Court.

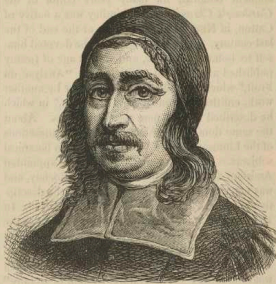
A few minutes' walk brings us on to Turnham Green, which is here separated by a branch of the Metropolitan District Railway from another grassy plot to the west, called Acton Green, which leads on towards Gunnersbury.

According to Stukeley—whose word, however, must always be taken with some little reserve—the road from London to Regnum—possibly Ringwood, or Chichester—went through Turnham Green and Brentford. Of Turnham Green, and of the skirmish

of the Royalists with the Parliamentary army at the "Battle of Brentford," we have already spoken at some length;* but we may be pardoned for adding, on the authority of Whitlocke's "Memoirs," that when the Parliamentary army was here, such was the popular enthusiasm that the ladies of London sent them all sorts of supplies in the way of wine and good cheer, and even helped in throwing up the trenches. John Evelyn tells us in his "Diary" that he "came in with his horse and arms just at the retreat," but adds no further details.

Sir John Chardine's gardens, at Turnham Green, are mentioned more than once by John Evelyn as being very fine, and full of exquisite fruit. Sir John Chardine was a learned man and a great traveller, and having returned from the East with a good fortune, was made Paymaster of the Forces under Charles II.

A few years ago Turnham Green was a lonely and unlovely common, flat and dreary, and earlier still a favourite resort for footpads and highwaymen; but now it has grown more civilised, and the entire neighbourhood is putting on a more artistic look. On the west of Stamford Brook Green there has just sprung into existence a veritable village, or rather, a little town, of "Queen Anne's" houses. These are built in groups of two, or isolated, and stand in small patches of ground, with gardens mostly laid out in the style of our



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great-great-grandfathers, or perhaps of a date still earlier. The land all around is level, and the houses

* See "Old and New London," Vol. VI., pp. 560-61.