

BARRATT, III, p, 83:-

"A singular story attaches to the large mausoleum of the Lewer family, in the south-west<sup>x</sup> corner of the churchyard. Some hundred years ago Mr. Henry Lewer, a wealthy city merchant, who had a house in Pimlico, which district was then mainly open fields, was moved to take a country walk one summer afternoon. He bent his footsteps in the direction of St. John's Wood, and up to Hampstead. Arrived there, he sat down to rest on a tombstone in the churchyard, and as he surveyed the scene was so much struck with its beauty and the extent of the view that he resolved that "if he could not become a resident of Hampstead in his lifetime he would make it his last resting-place when dead." That very night on arriving home he sent for his solicitor and made a new will in which he directed that he should be buried in just that one corner of Hampstead churchyard. This instruction was duly carried out. He left a sum of money to be expended on a feast when any of his descendants died."

<sup>x</sup> [in fact, south-east]