

sort must have taken place in England once, as an old Puritan writer testifies :—

“Some run about the streets attired like Monks, and some like Kings,
Accompanied with pomp and guard, and other stately things;
Some like wild beasts do run abroad in skins, that divers be
Arrayed, and eke with loathsome shapes, that dreadful are to see;
They counterfeit both bears and wolves, and lions fierce in sight,
And raging bulls; some play the cranes with wings and stilts upright.”

Now we eat pancakes.

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“Passages from the Diaries of Mr. Philip Lybbe Powys, of Hardwick House, Oxon,” (A.D. 1750—1808) have been edited by Mrs. Climenson, and make an interesting volume, giving an admirable picture of the life of the gentry of that period. Life at Bath when in its glory, London life and amusements, masqued balls and plays at Lord Barrymore’s Wargrave Theatre, afford attractive peeps of life in the closing years of the last century.

Proceedings of Societies.

BERKS ARCHÆOLOGICAL SOCIETY. — The winter course of Lectures has for various reasons been abandoned this year, but a very valuable and interesting Lecture by the President, C. E. Keyser, Esq., F.S.A., on the Doorways of Berkshire Churches will be given on May 3rd, at 3.30, when the annual meeting will take place. The Lecture will be repeated in the evening. On February 2nd the Society in conjunction with the Literary and Scientific Society held a conversazione in the Town Hall. The Municipal Museum and Art Gallery were thrown open, portraits of worthies and other exhibitions displayed, and the Rev. Allan Cheales gave an interesting description of the ancient borough charters and the mace. There was a large gathering and a very pleasant evening resulted.