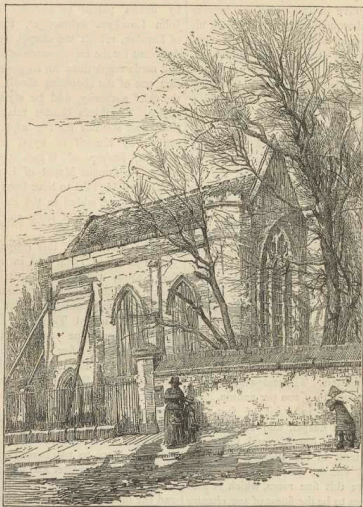


Britain, and who excelled as a critic, philologer, and antiquary, was master of the old school for some years prior to 1655.

The poet Hayley, Gibbon the historian, Lovibond the poet, George Alexander Stevens, author of the popular "Lecture upon Heads," George

to the south of the London road; but although allowed by charter to be continued for eight days, it has dwindled down to three days, the last being devoted exclusively to what is known as the pleasure fair. It is supposed that the fair was at an early period held in the church, since various enter-



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Keate, George Charles Cholmondeley, and his relative the late Marquis of Cholmondeley, were all distinguished scholars of Kingston school; and to their names may be added others conspicuous for talent and learning.

Formerly three fairs were held yearly at Kingston—namely, on the Thursday in Whitsun week, on the 2nd of August and following day, and on the 13th of November and seven following days. The latter, locally termed the Great Allhallowtide fair, is now the only one kept up. It is held in a broad open space called the Fairfield, which lies

tainments as well as "miracle plays" were given in the building; but the proceedings were stopped by William of Wykeham in all churches in his diocese of Winchester. Kingston is now, however, in the diocese of Rochester.

Kingston-on-Thames has always been a place famous for its amusements. To this Butler refers in the second part of "Hudibras":—

" Thus they pass through the market-place,
And to the town green hie apace,
Highly fam'd for its Hocktide games,
Ye'leped Kingston-upon-Thames."