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regarding

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The Pageant in ~~1907~~ and the Roger Bacon Commemoration in 1914 temporarily awakened public interest in the history of Oxford. The former was eminently spectacular, finer in fact than any theatrical display could be, from the possibilities due to the immense size of the stage. Captain Rowell's ride, in a Charles I scene, was a quarter of a mile in extent, and he thundered over the temporary bridge as no actor could ever dream of doing. The whole pageant was finely carried through, and we can almost believe Mark Twain's account of it, in which he relates that he met that greatest ^{of} widowers, Henry VIII, in the streets, and found him a much more pleasant personage to talk to than he expected. But all this is past and gone, though the whole literature, down to the picture postcards, is in the Bodleian, available for reference, let us hope, for all time.

