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FOR SOME TIME A FELLOW-COMMONER OF  
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UNDER WHOSE MANAGEMENT

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FAR HIGHER THAN IN THE TIME OF JAMES THE FIRST,

AND NOT SURPASSED

AT ANY SUBSEQUENT PERIOD IN ITS ANNALS;

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ARE VERY RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED.

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IN presenting to our readers a sketch of the CHAP. I.  
college life of an undergraduate of the Uni-  
versity of Cambridge, in the early part of the  
seventeenth century, we must beg leave in the  
first instance to assist in placing before their  
mind's eye the hero of the story himself. Let D'Ewes's  
person.  
them picture to themselves, therefore, a youth  
about sixteen years of age, having, as he com-  
placently gives us to understand, a very well  
favoured and pleasing countenance, with a full  
and quick black eye. If they have an opportu-  
nity of watching him closely, they will find that  
the ball of the right eye is somewhat dilated,  
and that he has the misfortune to labour under  
a slight obliquity of vision. Although belonging  
to the class whom Parker called Precisians, and  
their enemies, Puritans, and forbidden, therefore,