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*VISIT XIII.*

THE duke was early on the  
ensuing day. No sooner,  
said he, had the first usher con-  
cluded, than the second began his  
history in the following words:

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The humiliations, brother, and the miseries which I have experienced are in no wise inferior to your own. I was born in an obscure village in the North of England, of parents who maintained themselves by agriculture. My father would fain have had me follow the same profession; but my grandfather, whose wife had been the daughter of a Welsh vicar, was desirous of beholding me in the pulpit, and being a positive old man, over-ruled my reluctant family. It was determined, therefore,



fore, that, as soon as I had laid in sufficient Latin, I should apply to be admitted a Servitor at the university of Oxford.

At length the time arrived when I quitted my native fields for a venerable dormitory in the college of St. John. In this lowly condition of life, I employed myself diligently in acquiring the countenance and assistance of my superiors, amongst whom one Doctor Abfalom had most compassion on me. This was a Senior Fellow, of a little

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round fat body, and of the deepest erudition. He possessed withal a sort of ferocious good-nature, if so I may denominate it; he would do one a friendly action very readily, but with a roughness and inclemency of air and language that were truly mortifying to the object of his benignity. He was pleased to harbour a good opinion of me, which I repaid and improved by emptying his spitting-pot, waxing his boots, dusting his library, and such like dutiful behaviour. At times too, in a case of need, I even harnessed

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harnessed his palfrey. I must def-  
cant, for a moment, on this extra-  
ordinary beast. Doctor Absalom  
was the most regular of mortals :  
he went out every day to take the  
air, exactly at the hour of noon.  
His palfrey, which grazed in a little  
field adjoining to the chambers of  
its lord, used to come up to the  
back door, when the great clock  
struck twelve, as if praying to be  
saddled and bridled : infomuch  
that in all the colleges, and even in  
the town of Oxford, it became  
proverbial to say, *as punctual as*