

elder brother, sons to a hedger and ditcher in Yorkshire, were quill-winders in a clothing factory, but after studying a "Young man's Companion," withdrew to push their fortunes; the elder to London, where he opened an academy of the *Abisselfa* order; the younger, in one of those Yorkshire schools promising every thing for nothing, for his board and £10 salary, with £3 extra by teaching rough matters to the peasants, corruption of *pagus*, a fountain in Greek. Pagans anciently signified husbandmen declining the holy war, likewise those who preferred their old to any new creed; 'twas applied to heathens in 350. Officiating as writing-master in a lady's school, wherein a male teacher should never enter, he soon inveigled one of the pupils of some fortune into a trip to Gretna Green, near the village of Springfield, bordering the bridge of Sark, dividing Scotland from England; it is a public house of the Pig and Whistle order, kept by Jack Sowerby, patronised by plebeians; the other, there being opposition, is nearer the Green, 9 miles from Carlisle, called Gretna Hall, a comfortable road-side inn, conducted by the owner and his son, frequented by the aristocracy: the blacksmith's fee was fifteen guineas, but smaller satisfies his successors, whose average business is 200 per annum: 'tis variously spelt in its churchyard, but Gretna prevails: marriages here are now illegal.

Arriving in the metropolis after the Gretna Green affair, he bought an establishment in W——d where Mr R—— joined him. In a street crowd how many men of sense, think ye, are amongst them? verily fewer than would have saved Sodom and Gomorra, still visible in the Dead Sea, therefore marvel not at the success of these brothers—these sages of the schools, whom I regard in a secondary light to Universities; whose chancellors, vice-chancellors, superior and inferior officers, are well represented by our principals, masters, tutors, and assistants; the one not less severe in its ordinances, than the other necessarily so in its institutes; the superior of both bound by equal ties to observe—but hold, I was not formed for legislating. Of all dealers in such particles as except, from, by, and but, that I ever knew, they were the largest, on which Secubia drew up a treatise for disputants in the Council of Basle. Being alike addicted to the word Lick, I remarked it is considered low and improper. They replied 'twas a dictionary word. Granted, I rejoined, but without discussing its authority, 'tis certainly a bad one, and ought to be avoided. All dictionary words are