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## **Hogarth moralized**

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The Public Lecture.

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## THE PUBLIC LECTURE.\*

Here we have a strange collection of Geniuses, as well graduates † as under graduates ‡ of one of the universities, gathered in order to attend the solution of some philosophical question. They are habited according to their different ranks or colleges ; some in round caps, some in square ones, and others in hats, the badge of a master's degree. They all seem very attentive, but few of them able to comprehend. They are in general described as a parcel of lubberly boys, supposed as it were, to be turned wild from school, unpolished and unknowing. By the subject the lecturer is discussing, in which we perceive he admits a *vacuum*, § a subject that has puzzled philosophers in all ages of the world, we are taught how idly and to what little purpose, lads at the university pass the greater portion of their time, and the folly of that part of academical education, which consists in teaching what, in fact, is not to be taught, and unravelling things in their nature incomprehensible. The third is

\* [The scene is laid at Oxford, and the person reading universally admitted to be a Mr. Fisher of Jesus College, Registrar of the University, with whose consent this portrait was taken.] J. I.

† Those who have taken a degree.

‡ Those who have been admitted to no degree.

§ Space unoccupied by matter.