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subject of Mr. Godwin's essay on
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Enquir- er. The discussion started
the general question of the future
improvement of society, and the
Author at first sat down with an
intention of merely stating his
thoughts to his friend, up- on
paper, in a clearer manner than
he thought he could do in
conversation. But as the subject
opened upon him, some ideas
occurred, which he did not
recollect to have met with before
; and as he conceived that every
leatf light, on a topic so generally
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with candour, he determined to
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