

## **Richard Fowler**

A boy of rather a stubborn disposition with tolerable abilities, yet not extremely quick. He had a fine powerful voice and could modulate it with great judgement, for which reason he was frequently selected as a reader in Chapel when he generally gave satisfaction to the audience who not unfrequently were lavish both of praise and pence which contributed in a great degree to give him an air of confidence and self- importance which eventually raised his ideas above his rank and made him despise a mechanical trade preferring a clerk's situation and through his misbehaviour leave the school before he otherwise would have done, unprovided for any situation