

THE FREE LANCE.

"His good blade carves the casques of men, for the Free Lance thrusteth sure."

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STUDENT LIFE IN PARIS.

THROUGH a period stretching back to almost the beginning of the Middle Ages Paris has been a famous resort for students from all over the world. They flocked thither in such numbers and so monopolized a portion of the town that one part of Paris was early recognized as the students' quarter and, as Latin was the language of the learned, that section of the city on the left bank of the Seine became the *Quartier Latin*. We do not know exactly when the Latin Quarter was first so-called, nor do we know when schools were first established in the city. If you go out of the Sorbonne to-day and cross the *rue du Sommerard* to the *Musee de Cluny* you will be shown some Roman ruins and hear of the ancient palace of a Roman emperor which once stood on the site of the Cluniac convent. If there was a palace why not a school, also under the patronage of Constantius Chlorus or of Constantina the Great. We do certainly know, however, that in the ninth and tenth centuries the successors of Charlemagne founded schools of learning at Paris, and that the city soon became a notable centre for scholars to resort to. The University of Paris was itself created in the year 1200 A.D. by royal edict of Philip Augustus, which united under one management the various schools and colleges already in