

# THE FREE LANCE.

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

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## THE COLLEGE MAN AND CITIZENSHIP.

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Human life has a two-fold significance. It is both for the perfection of the individual and the development of that composite whole which we call society or humanity at large. In order that man may properly live in society there are certain recognized principles defining the rights and duties of the individual. The observance of these principles is government. The highest conception of government to which the world has yet attained is that found in the form known as Democracy. It is upon the principles of this system that the foundations of our national life and character rest. The corner-stone is a free and enlightened people. In the education of her citizens rests the stability of our nation. Religious toleration, the best fruits of the last four centuries, and our system of universal education, gives us strong grounds for believing that our nation may attain permanency never before reached by any other people. The college, the bread of our educational system, is indissolubly linked to the American Democracy. It is alert to all problems of social and political development. For all men, of whatever calling, the American college has its word of welcome; its touch of power. It is the mainspring of opportunity and preparation to the large majority of those who guide