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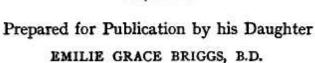
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# PART I

# THE STUDY OF THEOLOGY IN THE MIDDLE AGES

### CHAPTER I

## THE STUDY OF THEOLOGY IN THE NINTH AND TENTH CENTURIES

 A palace school was established by the Franks for the training of princes and nobles; when Charlemagne appointed Alcuin as its superintendent, it rapidly became a great centre of learning.

The palace school was founded by one of the predecessors of Charlemagne for the training of the sons of princes and nobles. As a court school it moved about with the monarch from place to place. Charlemagne himself was trained there. He had some knowledge of Greek as well as Latin, and studied with the grammarian, Peter of Pisa; possibly also with Paul the Deacon († 797), a Benedictine monk and noted Lombard scholar, who taught Greek at his court for a time, and afterwards wrote a history of the Lombards.

The school of the palace was reorganised by Alcuin, and became celebrated during the eight years of his superintendence. His classes were frequented by Charlemagne himself, the members of his family and

<sup>1</sup> Vide Maître, Les Écoles spiscopules et monastiques, pp. 84 seq.