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## PLACES OF PUBLIC WORSHIP.

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IN Liverpool, there are at present sixteen places erected for public Worship, belonging to the Establishment—one of the Church of Scotland—four Baptist Chapels—three Independent Chapels—one Quakers' Meeting-house—six Methodist Chapels—two Presbyterian (or more properly Unitarian) Chapels—four Roman Catholic Chapels—and one Jew's Synagogue.

### *ST. NICHOLAS, or the OLD CHURCH,*

Commonly so called from being the first erected, is of very ancient date; but there are no traces of its antiquity farther back than 1588; when it is recorded that the Earl of Derby coming to his residence (mentioned page 7), and waiting for a passage to the Isle of Man, the Corporation erected and adorned a sumptuous stall in the church for his reception. There formerly was a statue of St. Nicholas in the church-yard; to which the sailors presented offerings on their going to sea, to induce the saint to grant them a prosperous voyage.

This church was a parochial chapel under Walton, a neighbouring parish; till, by act of