

# ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN SAXONY.

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## INTRODUCTION.

### I.

SKETCH OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE DESIRE  
FOR EDUCATION IN GERMANY AND OF THE  
EDUCATIONAL LAWS IN SAXONY.<sup>1</sup>

IN the twelfth and thirteenth centuries, as the importance of towns in Germany increased, the mercantile and commercial industries required that the children should receive some sort of education which, from existing circumstances, they were unable to obtain in the schools of that date. All these schools were connected with the church, with convents, or with the cathedral of the town, and were frequented almost entirely by those studying

<sup>1</sup> Taken from the official introduction to the Educational Law and from the Law itself.