

built in the so-called American quarter make a good effect; it is indebted for its fame, and the preference given it by Foreigners over other towns, entirely to its beautiful environs, and to the great number and variety of its treasures.

The climate of Dresden is pleasant and healthy, though subject to frequent changes of temperature, which may be ascribed to the distant mountain chains in the East. The purity of the air and the climatic state of the town may be the reason that Dresden has hitherto been spared by epidemics, or, if they do make their appearance, to their brief duration.

Dresden is far from being a large metropolis, though the good Dresdeners are very zealously indulging in big, imposing expressions proclaiming the greatness and importance of the town. Let the Anglo-American Colony some fine morning make up its mind to shift to some other place, and Dresden would at once sink to the level of a middling country town interesting chiefly for its Gallery of Pictures and the attractiveness of its vicinity.

Dresden with its suburbs, contains 180,000 inhabitants, in about 6000 dwelling-houses. It numbers some 400 streets and lanes, 36 squares, and 5 public gardens. The population is on the increase, and new streets are being laid out.

The city is divided into four parts: 1) the Altstadt (old town, or town proper) is the centre of traffic, on the left bank of the Elbe; and encloses the best public buildings, and churches,