

den, so that indeed one can hardly go any where in or beyond the city without stepping upon classical ground. Even the present king John is a man of great literary ability, and has made a translation of the Divina Comedia, besides several other poetical productions which deserve high praises.

With respect to the Church Dresden is decidedly a Protestant city, counting about 163,000 Lutherans. The catholic Church numbers only 10,000 souls, the Reformed Protestant Church about 2000, and the Jewish persuasion 1300.

The water is generally rather indifferent, in some parts of the town it is considered even injurious to health. The water in Johannisplatz has a bad reputation on account of the place having formerly been a burial ground. Strangers will do well to abstain from drinking much water, or, at least, to mix it with wine.

## Public Buildings and Institutions.

### Churches.

Among the 16 churches of Dresden, there is indeed no old Gothic cathedral capable of rivalling those of Vienna, Strasburg, Nurenberg; but yet there are several, whose external peculiarity of style is well calculated to interest and attract the lover of architectural art. The first to be mentioned is:

The **Kreuzkirche**. This, the metropolitan and principal parish church was three times burnt down. The present building was erected in 1764—1792. Its steeple, 330 feet high, affords