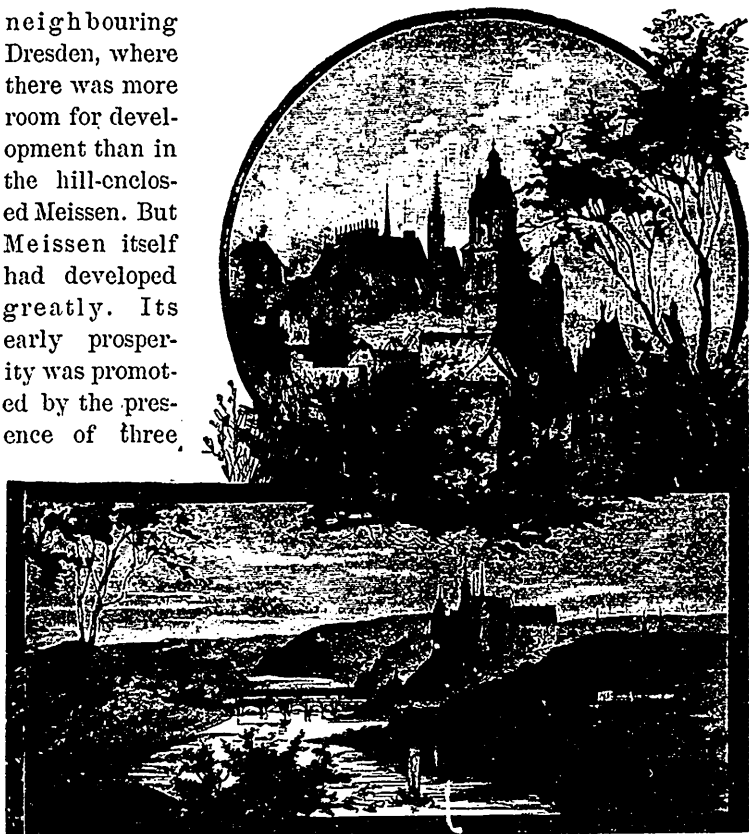


Pious began the introduction of the Reformation into the Albertine lands (1539). Finally, here stood the first German manufactory of porcelain, and a lofty castle was built by Albert the Brave, which, throughout the wide kingdom, has few equals.

Already, in 1270, Henry the Illustrious had removed the Residence to the neighbouring Dresden, where there was more room for development than in the hill-enclosed Meissen. But Meissen itself had developed greatly. Its early prosperity was promoted by the presence of three



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courts; for burgraves, margraves, and bishops lived here together in a narrow space, each one striving to outdo the others.

The once proud seat of the thousand-years-old dynasty is now quiet; Meissen has stagnated for a long time. The castle of the burgraves, the residence of the bishops, and the palace of the electors have fallen into decay, and even the ruins of the fortifications are but few. But, in spite of this, we are still drawn there, not only on account of its high German culture, but also