

was at Pavia reconciled to his nephews Rudolph II. and Ruprecht I., and restored to them all the possessions taken from their deceased father. In the document concerning this restitution, the upper and lower castles are mentioned, whence we may conclude, that

the latter must have been built long before, and founded by the first counts Palatine, when they chose Heidelberg for their residence. The elector Rudolph II. died Oct. 4, 1353, and probably greatly improved the castle during his reign.

### THIRD PERIOD.

*Of the time when the buildings of the castle still existing were built, from the year 1346, to the enlargement of it by the foundation of edifices beyond the walls of the castle, probably about the year 1433.*

#### 10. RUPRECHT I. OR SENIOR, ELECTOR AND COUNT PALATINE,

youngest brother of Rudolph II., born at Wolfrathshausen in 1309. His first lady was Elizabeth, countess of Namur, and his second, Beatrix, daughter of William, duke of Berg, whom he married in 1358; he succeeded in 1353, to the government, after the decease of his brother with whom he had reigned conjointly.

Under the government of this elector, who was a great lover of the arts and sciences, Heidelberg may be said to have been fitted first to be a proper town and residence. Amongst the grand plans he had formed for the benefit of the town and the country, were: the building of the ancient chapel, or the present *band-house*, together with the large cellar of the castle (Tab. I. 26) in the year 1346; the endowment of the university of Heidelberg in 1386, the foundation of which he had laid already some time before; the enlargement of the town of Heidelberg, by ordering, in 1388, that the village of Bergheim should be pulled down and annexed to the town, and the foundation of the present church of the holy ghost. He died at Neustadt on the Haardt in the

year 1390, without issue, and was buried in the choir of St. Aegidi. The following epitaph was inscribed upon his tomb:

*Anno Domini MCCCXC. ipsa. Die. Beate. Juliane. Virginis. Obiit. Illustris. Princeps. Rupertus. Dux. Senior. Fundator. Hujus. Ecclesiae.*

The first statue to the left, in the second row of the successive reigning counts Palatine having resided at Heidelberg, at the building of Frederic (IV.), is a fine representation of this prince.

#### 11. RUPRECHT II., COUNT PALATINE AND ELECTOR,

a son of Adolph, born about the year 1325, married Beatrix, daughter of the king of Sicily, succeeded his uncle in 1390 or 1391.

This elector endeavoured to enlarge the university and the town of Heidelberg, giving to the former 13 houses, which he had taken from the jews, whom he had expelled from the town, causing the village of Bergheim to be pulled down and annexed to the town, and granting several privileges to all that would build new houses. The tithes belonging to the church of Bergheim,