

under President Jackson, and well established were those firms whose resources met the emergency. The firm of B——, in which I had an interest, held its own, and came up equal to the test; in consequence of this, money flowed in rapidly, and prosperity crowned our affairs. The hurry of the spring trade sales was rapidly giving place to the usual re-action in our large warehouse. Hogsheads of sugar, and barrels of molasses, with bags of coffee, chests of vanilla and cocoa, had been shipped in large quantities, and invoices for purchasers, invoices for Customs, calculations of nett profits, and other kindred subjects received their full share of attention. The season had been very prosperous, and I felt that it was a propitious time for me to put my long cherished design of travelling north, into execution. My health was suffering much from close confinement, and so, leaving our sage senior partners to conduct business, brave the yellow fever, mosquitoes, and heat, I sailed to Boston, from which place as a centre I made journies to the principal cities and villages of New England. Never shall I forget my sensations as I beheld the hills and mountains of my native State, rising grandly in the distance. I had grown to manhood beneath the fervid rays of a southern sun, and my eyes had been accustomed to the gentle features of a warmer clime; still a natural swelling of strong admiration filled my heart to overflowing amid these scenes of my early childhood, and I hurried on to the White Mountains, where, joining a party, we proceeded to visit several beautiful lakes and spots of wild grandeur, with which the Granite State is so plentifully sprinkled. There is a kind of enthusiasm imbibed and breathed in with every breeze that rustles the massy foliage, and sounds through the wilderness of trees, amid the deep glens and mountain passes of picturesque New England, that animates the whole man, if he has a soul to enjoy the grand and beautiful. The pure mountain air acted upon me like exhilarating gas, and soon my blood, which had been long accustomed to a sluggish flow, quickened its course, and my health improved, while my spiritual man expanded day by day. I no longer wondered at the bravery and fearless attachment to truth which so many of our northern statesmen have displayed, or at that indomitable spirit of freedom which has caused the halls of legislation to resound with their eloquence and manly zeal. Nature seems to compensate for the roughness and even sterile quality of the soil