

because families from every part of the Union, even from New Orleans, three thousand miles off, are said to frequent its healing waters.

The roads about this neighbourhood are sandy, the country poor but undulating; and among the many agreeable rides, is that to the charming little lake of Saratoga, where an unexpected scene of rich farms and pastoral beauty is displayed. A few miles further, is the neat village of Ballston, with some large handsome hotels for visitors to the springs of that place. The soil about there is richer, and has evidently been much longer under cultivation; but the houses are often unpainted, and have not that clean, comfortable appearance of the newer settlements to the west. One reason given me was, that the occupiers were generally tenants instead of owners, the farms in that quarter being very extensive. The hire of a labourer, they told me, was fifteen shillings a-week, besides meals.

Another excursion, and very naturally a favourite one with the American public, is to the remains of Fort Edward, and thence to Bemiss Heights, where, on October 17, 1777, General Burgoyne and a British army of 6000 men, were compelled to surrender to General Gates. A road from thence runs along the side of the Hudson to Waterford, a fine village, and so on to the Cohoes Falls, and Albany.