

but so many battle-fields for the warrior of the West.

A few particulars respecting the power of the Indians at the date referred to, will place this matter in a strong light. Within the boundaries of what is now called the State of Maine, alone, there are supposed to have been at that time,—not far from the commencement of the seventeenth century, and but a few years before the settlement of Plymouth, — eleven thousand savages of various tribes. Some of them continued so warlike and mighty in numbers, even long after the whites commenced their settlements in that Province (so called,) as not only to give *them* great trouble, but to wage frequent and bloody conflict with the remote Indians of the river St. Lawrence, and with the Mohawks of New York.

In the remaining part of New England, south and west of Maine, there were five large Indian confederacies, each of which consisted of several tribes united under one Chief Sachem, or Sagamore.

Of these, the PAWTUCKET tribes inhabited the southern section of New Hampshire. The MASSACHUSETTS occupied chiefly the shore of that large and beautiful bay which still bears