laugh at some vain-glorious boasting about "our destiny," none
can doubt that from this stock is to spring the people who will
supersede every other in the northern, if not also in the southern
continent of America :—

———"Immota manebunt
Fata tibi   .   .   .   .
Romanos rerum dominos."

Soon after our arrival we walked to the levee, or raised bank
of the Mississippi, and, ascending to the top of the high roof of a
large steamer, looked down upon the yellow muddy stream, not
much broader than the Thames at London.   At first I was dis-
appointed that the " Father of Waters" did not present a more
imposing aspect ; but when I had studied and contemplated the
Mississippi for many weeks, it left on my mind an impression of
grandeur and vastness far greater than I had conceived before
seeing it.   We counted thirty-four large steam-ships lying at the
wharf, each with their double chimneys, and some of truly mag-
nificent dimensions.   The vessel we had chanced to enter, had
her steam up and was bound for St. Louis, and we were informed
that she would convey us to that city, a distance of 1100 miles,
in five days, against the current, for eighteen dollars, or 4l., board
included.

We next went, for the sake of obtaining a general view of the
city and its environs, to the top of the cupola of the St. Charles
Hotel, the most conspicuous building in New Orleans, finished in
1836, the lofty dome of which is of a beautiful form.   Within
the memory of persons now living, there were to be seen on the
site of this massive edifice, ducks and other water birds, swim-
ming about in pools of water, in a morass.   The architect began
the foundation by placing horizontally on the mud a layer of
broad planks two and a half inches thick ; in spite of which, the
heavy building has sunk slightly in some places, but apparently
without sustaining material injury.

If a traveler has expected, on first obtaining an extensive view
of the environs of this city, to see an unsightly swamp, with
scarcely any objects to relieve the monotony of the flat plain save
the winding river and a few lakes, he will be agreeably disap-