§v.] NUMBER OF VISITS. [nyrropuction;   
   
 when his first visit to Corinth ended, and xx. 2, when the second Epistle   
 was sent from Macedonia. But these limits are further narrowed by   
 the history itself. From xviii. 18 to xix. 9, when we find the Apostle   
 established at Ephesus, is evidently a continuous narrative. And as   
 plainly, no visit took place between the sending of the first and second   
 Epistle, as is decisively proved by 2 Cor.i. 15—23. Now the first Epistle   
 was sent from Ephesus, in the carly part of the year in. which he left   
 that city, 1 Cor. xvi. 8. So that our point of starting is the settling   
 at Ephesus, Acts xix. 10, and our terminus, the spring preceding tlic   
 departure from Ephesus, Acts xx. 1. During this time, a visit to   
 Corinth took place.   
 5, Let us see whether any hints of his own throw light on this necessary   
 inference. In 2 Cor. xi. 25, we read “thrice I sujered shipwreck,” and   
 this in a description of his apostolic labours: so that we must not go   
 back beyond his conversion for any of these shipwrecks. Now his recorded   
 voyages are these: (1) From Cwsarea to Tarsus, Acts ix. 80. (2) Pos-   
 sibly, from Tarsus to Antioch, xi. 25: but more probably this was a   
 land-journey. (3) From Seleucia to Cyprus, xiii.4. (4) From Paphos   
 to Perga, xiii. 13. (5) From Attalia to Antioch, xiv. 26. (6) From   
 Troas to Philippi, xvi. 11, 12. (7) From Macedonia to Athens, xvii.   
 14, 15. (8) From Cenchree to Ephesus, xviii. 18, 19. (9) From   
 Ephesus to Cwsarea, ib, 21, 22. (10) From Ephesus to Macedonia,   
 xx. 1. Of these, it is certain that no shipwreck took place during (6),   
 for it is minutely detailed: it is extremely improbable that any took   
 place during (8), (4), and (5), as the account of the first missionary   
 tour is circumstantial and precise. The same may be said of (7), in   
 which the words “they that conducted Paul brought him to Athens,”   
 will scarcely admit of such an interruption. It is hardly probable that   
 any shipwreck took place in those voyages the purpose of which is   
 described as being at once attained, to which class belong (8) and (9),   
 and, if it is to be counted as a voyage, (2). The two left, of which we   
 have absolutely xo account given, are (1) and’(10). It is quite pos-   
 sible that he may have been shipwrecked on both these occasions, and   
 such an assumption with regard to (10) would suggest another inter-   
 pretation of the difficult allusion, 2 Cor. i. 8—10. But: even assuming   
 this, more voyages seem to be required to account for three shipwrecks.   
 It is true that the evidence thus acquired is very slight—but however   
 trifling, it is at least in favour of, and not against, the hypothesis of an   
 unrecorded visit to Corinth.   
 6. The nature of the visit may be gathered in some measure from   
 extant hints. It was one made “in sorrow,” 2 Cor. ii. 1, where see note:   
 why, we might well suppose, but are not left to conjecture: for he tells   
 them (2 Cor. xiii. 2 and note) that during it he warned them, that if   
 he came again, he would not spare (the sinners among them); and 2 Cor.   
 21 :