

THE INSTRUCTOR.

No. XLIII.]

MONTREAL, FEBRUARY 27, 1836.

[Price 2s.]

TRAVELS

ILLUSTRATION OF SCRIPTURE.

And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow: and continued his speech until midnight. And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where they were gathered together. And there sat in a window a certain young man named Eutychus, being fallen into a deep sleep: and as Paul was long preaching, he sunk down with sleep, and fell down from the third loft, and was taken up dead. Acts. xx. 7-9.

The house in which I am at present living, says Mr Jowett during his residence in Greece, gives what seems to be a correct idea of the scene of Eutychus's falling from the upper loft while St. Paul was preaching. According to our idea of houses the scene is very far from intelligible; and, besides this, the circumstance of preaching generally leaves on the minds of cursory readers the notion of a church. To describe this house, which is not many miles distant from the Troad, and perhaps, from the unchanging character of oriental customs, nearly resembles the houses then built, will fully illustrate the narrative. On entering my host's door, we find the first floor entirely used as a store; it is filled with large barrels of oil, the produce of the rich country for many miles round. This space, so far from being habitable, is sometimes so dirty with the dripping of the oil, that it is somewhat difficult to pick out a clean footing from the door to the first step of the staircase. On ascending, we find the first floor consisting of an humble suite of rooms, not very high. These are occupied by the family for their daily use. It is, on the next story that all their expense is lavished. Here my courteous host has appointed my lodging. Beautiful curtains and mats, and cushions to the divan, display the respect with which they mean to receive their guest. Here, likewise, their splendour, being at the top of the house, is enjoyed by the poor Greek with more retire-

ment, and less chance of molestation from the intrusion of Turks. Here, when the professors of the college waited upon me, to pay their respects, they were received in ceremony and set at the window. The room is both higher and also larger than those below. It has two projecting windows: and the whole floor is so much extended in front beyond the lower part of the building, that the projecting window considerably overhangs the street. In such an upper room, secluded, spacious, and commodious, St. Paul was invited to preach his parting discourse. The divan, or raised seats, with mats or cushions, encircles the interior of each projecting window and I have remarked, that when the company is numerous, they sometimes use large cushions behind the company seated in the divan; so that a second tier of company, with their feet upon the seat of the divan, are sitting behind higher than the front row. Eutychus, thus sitting, would be on a level with the open window; and being overcome with sleep, he would easily fall out from the third loft of the house, into the street, and be almost certain, from such a height, to lose his life. Thither St. Paul went down, and comforted the alarmed company by bringing up Eutychus alive. It is noted, that 'there were many lights in the upper chamber.' The very great plenty of oil in this neighbourhood would enable them to afford many lamps; and the heat of these and so much company would cause the drowsiness of Eutychus, at that late hour; and be the occasion, likewise, of the windows being open.

ALGIERS.

As the great charm to a stranger is the picturesque variety of its population, you must put up with my describing its diverse races. Of these, the Jews are a race that are surpassed by no other in usefulness and industry. Their appearance and dress are so familiar to us in Europe, that I need not portray them