

ANECDOTE OF DR. HEINE, OF
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Heine, the well-known physician of Berlin, lost once very heavily by the bankruptcy of a mercantile house. Hufeland met him a few days after, and expressed his sympathy. "I had rather you had not reminded me of it." he replied; "thank God, I have got over it." "How have you managed that?" "Well, I was unable to forget it; thought upon it night and day. All the money, won so painfully, and lost in a moment! Even my poor, innocent parents suffered, for my thoughts were wandering. My home-pleasure vanished; my good wife, otherwise so cheerful, hung her head; we sat opposite each other at table, dumb and sad; our children, that had been so full of joy, looked on with timid fear. I felt that this could not and dare not continue. The money was gone, and with it we lost our peace. I, poor worm of the earth unable to come out of this distress, took refuge with the Almighty.

I hurried to my bed-room, closed the door behind, and fell on my knees to pray with my whole heart, that strength, and courage, and joy, and rest would be restored to me. Then I felt as if God appeared and said, "Thou art a poor minister's son, and I have blessed thee in thy calling, so that thou art now a famous man. For years I have suffered thee to sport with the money thou hast lost. Now, Heine be not like a fool; cease to whimper. I have the keys of all treasures, and can far more than replace thy loss. Be again of good courage, and promise that thou wilt go joyfully back to thy calling." And I promised, and my wife and children were again cheerful, and I forgot the heaviness. I have got over it, and am once more happy with my God. And prayer has done, and can do that, if it is earnest.

On the 29th July, at five in the morning, Smyrna and its neighbourhood were visited with a severe earthquake—the worst that has been felt for several years. Much damage has been done to property, many persons have been injured, and some killed. The family of Philipp our agent, had a narrow escape from the fall of a house next theirs. Mr. Spath reports that "our Mission building did not suffer much." The shocks were still occasionally felt up to the 31st August, the date of Mr. Spath's last letter, though they were "not so strong as at first." Mr. Spath had gone into the country with his family, but was in town every day superintending the Jewish children, who are kept together at school during the winter holidays, under the pupil-teachers—visiting the Jews attending to the hall work. He continues to hold meetings on Saturdays and Sundays. The average attendance of the Jews on Saturdays was 52. This is considered very good for the hot season. The converts remain steady. A brother of one of them who was in Smyrna for some time in spring for the purpose of withdrawing our convert from us, has returned from Constantinople *be himself baptised*.

THE Rev. W. Fogo, of Taburistia, New Brunswick, has gone back to Scotland. We notice in the Church of Scotland Missionary Record a letter from him to the Colonial Committee where he discusses on the duty of the committee to the churches in this Dominion. He recommends them to continue their assistance to the congregations in the Maritime Provinces adhering to the Church of Scotland. We have reason to believe that his recommendation will be attended to. It is our duty however to prepare for the time when we shall have to depend entirely upon our own resources.