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THE METROPOLITAN CHURCH.

There was a certain individual in the Old Country, who, because he was rich, cherished the delusion that he was great; he consequentlyaped the practice of royalty, and caused a bit of bunting to float from his residence when he was at home; such of his neighbors therefore as cared to maintain calling-relations with him, had the option of making their calls when the flag was visible or when it was not, and the majority probably elected to call when there was no flag to be seen. One of the disadvantages of greatness, and perhaps somewhat specially of pulpit-greatness is, that when a certain measure of popularity has been secured, the idol of the ostensibly worshipping assembly is apt to conclude that the number of his admirers is legion; when his name is announced as the individual who is about to hold forth, in any particular place, it probably no more occurs to him to estimate the number who

may absent themselves on that account, than it did to the affluent booby who was wont to hoist his flag from the roof of his mansion. It is to be feared that it may not be altogether consolatary to the Reverend Dr. Hunter to learn that there was at least *one* present in the Metropolitan Church on the 26th Nov., who would not have been, but for the announcement of Dr. H's name, in connexion with the conduct of the service on that occasion; the person referred to, heard the reverend gentleman announce the delivery of a disquisition on the subject of "fast-driving, a mile in 2.40," on the first occasion of his listening to him, and he has subsequently learned something of the practical illustration afforded by the reverend Doctor, of the art on which he dilated; he has heard of his "labouring night and day," 1 Thess. ii, 9, not certainly "because he would not be chargeable." but for