

spite of suffering and weakness, is a precious evidence of God's grace and power, and brightly sets forth the lustre of His goodness to one so unworthy, and I would that every word in this book should be to the praise of Him whose love first gave me the charge, and whose power has ever since sustained me in fulfilling it.

"SUSIE SPURGEON."

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7,298

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## THE METHODIST CHURCH.

### QUEEN STREET.

The service of this church was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Hunter, on the evening of the 2nd inst. The reverend gentleman has the reputation of apeing the buffoon of Bond Street, in the ordinary way, but on this occasion at least, he fell short of the Bond Street standard of effrontery; the ostensible subject of his discourse, on which the reading of the Scripture was brought to bear, was "Queen Street Church and 1882;" the *object* of it was to "lengthen the cords and strengthen the stakes" thereof, in other

words, to enlarge it, erect new school-rooms, etc. The portions of Scripture selected for the occasion extended from Numb. xiii. 1-3; and from xiii. 21. to xiv. 24.\*

It is a common practice in churches, and like many other practices, it lacks intelligent support, to exhort by illuminated texts, and otherwise, to "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;" it might be instructive for those in Queen Street who find themselves confronted by these words overarching the pulpit, to inquire if by their utmost endeavour they can "worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;" if they will refer to the margin of the passage (Ps. xcvi. 9), they may find in that "*new song*" which awaits a *new order of things*, Israel exhorted to "worship Jehovah in the glorious sanctuary," etc., and if they can apply such words to the present, or to the resuscitated Queen Street Chapel, the synagogue worshippers will be unlikely to enter a protest against their so doing. "The beauty of holiness" would not appear to be likely to be advanced greatly by the class of harangues which are habitually advertised in connection with the Queen Street Methodist pulpit, the latest specimen of which as announced therefrom on the evening of the 2nd inst. is, "fast-driving—a mile in 2.40." No sooner had the gentleman, whom by a stretch of courtesy we must designate "reverend," com-

\* As the subjoined notes relating to the portion read, happened to be in the possession of the writer, they are given in this place. Numb. xiii. 22—"The city of Tanis is the Zoan of Scripture, the modern San or Zan. It has extensive mounds and remains of a small temple of the time of Remeses the Great, remarkable for its having at least ten, if not twelve obelisks. The name of Osirtasen III. found there shows that an older temple once stood at Tanis."

"The present desolation of Zoan shows how completely the prophecies against it have been fulfilled. Isa. xxx. 4; and Ezek. xxx. 14."

"Numb. xiii. 23—"Bunches of grapes from the vineyards of Hebron sometimes weigh 6 lbs., each grape of which weighs 6 or 7 drachms. Sir Moses Montefiore told the Scotch expedition that he procured a bunch about a yard in length."