

The Scarlet Line.

JOSHUA ii. and vi.

THE city of Jericho was a very rich and populous city in the land of Canaan. It was inhabited by people who had forgotten God, and cared only for the riches and pleasures of this life. We are not told that they were openly filthy and immoral in their lives, like the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. Doubtless they were much like the rest of the world, striving how to get on in it, careless about God; and if a thought of judgment came across their minds, they put off the unpleasant thought by persuading themselves, "The world will last out our time;" "God is merciful;" "We are not