

worshipping of angels which the Apostle warns us against. Had John remembered the glory he had in Christ he would not have done this, for "as He is, so are we in this world." (1 John iv. 17.)

ECCLESIASTES AND CANTICLES.

"The words of the preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. Eccles. i. 1.

"The song of songs, which is Solomon's.' Cant. i. 1.

In Ecclesiastes we see a man capacitated to test everything under the sun. He is high and wealthy, endowed with wisdom, and has all under the sun at his disposal and command; and he uses his resources and capabilities, does great work and that of all sorts to find out the good that would satisfy. Nothing that is great, or expensive, or magnificent, is withheld from him. He walks the full and ample range of all human promises, and traffics in all the productions that spring up under the sun.

In the Canticles we see one that is as it were nobody; that has no memorial on the earth at all; that has nothing and is nothing. He may be an object of the least possible amount in the reckoning of the world. In palaces, and vineyards, and servants, and singers, and instruments, and wisdom, in all this and the like he is poor indeed. It is the contrast that strikes us in these two little writings. The one was king in Jerusalem, the other nobody.