

sa," and Miss Veals, on "The Evangelization of India." There was a public meeting held in St. Paul's Church, in the evening, Rev. Prof. McLaren in the chair; a summary of the Annual Report was read by Mr. McMurphy, and addresses were delivered by G. C. B. Holland, Baptist Missionary, Rev. J. A. Murray, London, and Rev. R. J. Laidlaw, Hamilton.

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SOLOMON'S FALL.

A constant reader of the Record requests us to answer the following questions.—1st. Do the Scriptures give us any account of Solomon's return to his former belief concerning God, after his transgression which we find recorded in the eleventh chapter of 1st Kings? 2nd. Was it after Solomon's transgression that he wrote the Proverbs?

ANSWER. (1) The Scriptures do not expressly state that Solomon repented of his defections. But, accepting the book of Ecclesiastes, written by him in late old age, as a practical confession and recantation of the sins and follies of his earlier life, there is every reason to hope and believe that he became sincerely penitent, and that what God had said to David concerning him, in 2 Samuel 7: 14, 15, was fulfilled in his experience. (2) The date of the Proverbs is uncertain, though it is generally believed that this book and the Song of Solomon were written in the fervour of Solomon's first love to God, the

former about the year B. C. 1014, the latter possibly ten or fifteen years later. Ecclesiastes is supposed to have been written B. C. 977—seven years after the reference in 1 Kings xi: 7. and two years before his death.

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THE CATHOLIC PRESBYTERIAN for April opens with an article on "The Protestant Outlook," by Dr. Donald Fraser, of London. Principal Rainy contributes a paper on "Dr. Chalmers." The subject of another, is "Patrick Hamilton," one of the heroes of the Reformation. The "Notes of the day," by the Editor, Dr. Blaikie, are always interesting. JAMES BAIN & SON, Toronto; \$3 per annum.

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