

AN ABSTRACT

OF THE

HISTORY of the OLD TESTAMENT.

CHAPTER I.—From GENESIS.

§ 1. *Of the Creation.* Gen. i. ii.

GOD created heaven and earth; all the things we see, and all those which we do not see; in a word, the whole universe. He created it of nothing, by his only word; and by his will; and for his own glory: he made it not all at once, but in six days, and in such order as he pleased. The first day he made the light; the second day he made the heavens; the third day he formed the earth and the seas, and made the herbs, trees, and plants of all sorts to rise out of the earth; the fourth day he made the sun, moon and stars; the fifth day he made the fishes and the birds; the sixth day he produced from the earth all other kinds of living creatures, and then he made man, to have the command of all other animals. On the seventh day God rested; that is to say, he ceased to produce any new creatures. When God made man, he formed the body out of the earth, and then breathed into it the breath of life; (*Gen. ii.*) that is to say, he created for it a spiritual and immortal soul, made after his own image and likeness; inasmuch as the soul of man is a spirit like him, capable of knowing and loving him, and made for him. The first man was named Adam; and God gave him for his companion a woman, named Eve; whom he formed out of

