

so many things are—a book with a title, without the first leaves and introduction. With you our race receives a foundation, a stem and root, even in God and in father Adam.’’

NOTE.—In later lectures and in answers to questions Dr. Orr explained his positions on certain points which had arisen in local discussion. He did not regard the narratives of Creation, the Fall, the Flood, etc., as myths, but as narratives enshrining the knowledge or memory of real transactions. The creation of the world was certainly not a myth, but a fact, and the representation of the stages of creation dealt likewise with facts. The language used was not that of modern science, but, under Divine guidance, the sacred writer gives a broad, general picture which conveys a true idea of the order of the Divine working in creation. It is a marvel for its agreement with science, not for its disagreement with it. Man’s fall was likewise a tremendous fact, with universal consequences in sin and death to the race. Man’s origin, he believed, could only be explained through an exercise of direct creative activity, whatever subordinate factors evolution may have contributed. The flood was an historical fact, and the preservation of Noah and his family is one of the best and most widely attested of human traditions. In these narratives in Genesis and the facts which they embody are really laid the foundation of all else in the Bible. The unity of revelation binds them up with the Christian Gospel.