

Lent Lectures.

LECTURE 1st.—MARCH 11th, 1835.

THE course embraces the progress of Religious knowledge, from the creation to the Birth of Christ. The great importance of the subject falls naturally under three great divisions—1st. The progress of Religious knowledge before the flood.—2nd. From the flood to the death of Moses.—3rd. From the death of Moses to the Birth of Christ. The two first divisions formed the subject of our Lent Lectures in 1833, and 1834; and the third was left for our consideration this season—but a brief notice of the substance of the two former seems necessary, to enable us to proceed satisfactorily with the remaining part. The religious knowledge of our first Parents and their descendants consisted of certain facts which they saw, or which were revealed unto them, and their reflections and reasoning on the same. The facts were fourteen in number.—1st. Adam and Eve found themselves made in a state of maturity; 2nd. To them it was revealed that one God created the Universe; 3rd. They were placed in Paradise; 4th. The Sabbath was consecrated; 5th. The history of the Creation was revealed; 6th. In Paradise a law was enjoined them, and the penalties announced which were to follow its transgression; 7th. They were tempted, seduced, and fell; 8th. They were expelled from Paradise; 9th. The promise of their triumph over their enemy; 10th. Appointment of public worship after the fall; 11th. Divine institution of Sacrifice; 12th. The death of