

Longe's Commentary on the Holy Scriptures. Revelation. By John Peter Lange, edited by Philip Schaff (Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids 2, Michigan, \$3.95.) This volume completes the New Testament division of Lange's Commentary. It is one of the most interesting books in the entire series.

There have been many commentaries on Revelation. Some of them are unsatisfactory because they contain unchristian interpretations. Others are unsatisfactory because of insufficient scholarship. Still others seem to lack in judgment. The present commentary has none of these faults. Professor Lange was a man of keen intellect, thorough orthodoxy, and extensive knowledge of Biblical passages and teachings. His understanding of the original languages of Scripture was outstanding. A commentary on Revelation by such a man is bound to be especially valuable.

In a truly scholarly and believing commentary on Revelation it is natural to expect to find premillennial views. Those who interpret the book in other ways ~~reach~~ ^{perplexing} a ~~confusing~~ variety of conclusions. In order to escape its premillennial teachings they find it necessary to take so much of the book as symbolic that one is practically left free to make it mean anything he wants. If an interpreter takes the words as they stand, and attempts to make sense out of them, he is forced to come out with a premillennial interpretation. The present Commentary does exactly this. Most graciously and fairly it describes other views of Revelation, ^{but it} points out clearly and positively that premillennialism best fits the statements of the book.

Revelation is the only book in the Bible in which a special blessing is declared to belong to those who read it, and a special