

most valuable portions of the work will be found the introductions to the several books, especially to the Epistle to the Hebrews and the Revelation. With respect to the authorship of the former, Dr. Whedon takes the conservative view that it was undoubtedly written by St. Paul, and in support of this view adduces arguments which it would be difficult to confute. The suggested solutions as to the difference in style from the other Pauline epistles carry great weight and, to our mind, conviction with them. The analytical synopses of the several books greatly assist the reader in their study and comprehension. The fulfilled and unfulfilled prophecies of the Revelation are judiciously treated, and the errors of certain false systems of interpretation—that difficult *crux* in the exposition of this book—are pointed out. On the important subject of the millennium, in the note on Rev. xx. 6, the following pregnant passage occurs :

“As we are here (in the 20th chapter) still in the land of symbol, there is ample reason for applying the symbolic interpretation to this number. We have the number of universality, *ten*, raised to a cube, and producing on the year-day principle 360,000 years. The 1,260 years of Antichristic rule dwindle thereby to an insignificant event in the earthly reign of Christ. Glasgow well says, ‘Against the hypothesis of the contracted millennium there is this startling objection: that it assigns to Antichrist a more extended reign than to Christ. But if the reign of Jesus be 360,000 years, and the end of Antichrist or heathenism be speedily approaching, their duration is of no moment, being, at most, about 7,000 out of 360,000, or one-five hundredth part.’ We are then only in the morning dawn of human history. Progress is the law, not only in nature and in history, but in the Messianic kingdom. It is not only the few that are finally saved. Entirely correct is the inference drawn from the doctrine of the millennium by Dr. Bellamy, that the number of the lost in comparison to the saved may finally be as the number of malefactors now hung to the rest

of society.” See also “Whedon on the Will,” p. 359.

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