

THE PULPIT COMMENTARY.

VOLUME REVELATION.

THE Introduction contains much valuable matter. The traditional authorship of St. John the Apostle is accepted without hesitation. The writer believes the earlier date (about 69 A.D.) to be the true one, and supports his opinion by a chain of careful reasoning, showing fully that the testimony of Clement of Alexandria leaves scarcely room for doubt on this point.

Patmos is believed to be the place where the book was written, though the possibility of other theories is admitted.

Perhaps the most valuable part of the whole Introduction is that which deals with the manuscripts of the Greek text. A full and descriptive account of every known Greek MS. of the book is given, and the writer is evidently familiar at first hand with all that scholars have written on the textual criticism of this peculiar book. Even those students who are familiar not only with Scrivener and Tischendorf, but also with Delitzsch and Tischendorf's continuators—Gregory and Ezra Abbot—will find new and interesting information in this department. The clearness and definiteness which are marked features of the whole work are here also conspicuous. Tables are given (1) of those MSS. of the book which have been satisfactorily collated ; (2) of those which are only imperfectly known, though sometimes cited ; (3) of those which have never been cited because the readings of them are utterly unknown.

Similar remarks will apply to the section on the *Versions*. Much valuable and interesting matter is given, which makes this part of the Introduction certainly abreast, if not ahead, of anything previously published on the subject.

Perhaps the most generally interesting part of the whole is that which deals with the history of the printed text. The account is brief but adequate, and it shows the base-