

inexpressible personal experience, we could all unite, recite the Apostles Creed together, knowing it to be false, and form a world-wide ecclesiastical monstrosity that would live happily ever after in ecumenical bliss.

The Gospel According to John. By George Allen Turner, Ph.D., and Julius R. Mantey, Th.D. Grand Rapids, Michigan: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, n.d. Pp. xiii, plus 420, including bibliography and index. \$8.95. Reviewed by Dr. M. Tenney, (Dean of the Wheaton Graduate School, Wheaton, Illinois)

Commentaries often tell the reader everything except what he wants to know about the text that he is reading. This commentary is a happy exception, for it provides in plain language a usable guide to the study of JOHN. The book is divided into two main sections: an Introduction, which summarizes the influence, peculiar features, problems, authorship, date, provenance, and distinctive teaching of the Gospel, and the Commentary proper, which is organized by chapters, and based on the American Standard Version of the Bible. Under each chapter the text is cited in full, with appropriate exegetical notes, and a running exposition. Dr. Mantey provided the exegesis of chapters six through twenty-one; Dr. Turner supplied the exegesis of the remaining chapters and the total exposition.

The exegesis is thorough, Biblical, and conservative. Individual word studies enrich its interpretation, and numerous cross-references integrate JOHN with the rest of the Bible. The structure of the text is outlined by sub-heads in the chapters and by diagrams. Footnote references in small type afford ample resources of investigation for those who desire scholarly research. The authors show a wide acquaintance with modern literature on JOHN, and incorporate the best of recent interpretations in their discussion.

The running exposition is easy to follow, and does not lapse into trivia, nor wander off into fanciful tangents. Useful illustrative material is included that adds to interest for the casual reader, or that will aid the preacher who is preparing his next sermon.

Maps and a selected bibliography on JOHN enhance the usefulness of this book as an aid to study. The index, however, is all too brief, and could well be expanded to include more theological subjects.

For the scholarly reader, the chief value will lie in the digest of varying opinions in interpretation and in the footnotes which serve as a partial index to current literature on JOHN. The commentary is generally non-technical; but it contains much information that the technical scholar can use to good advantage.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Theological Society will be held at Toronto Bible College, Toronto, Canada from noon, December 27—noon December 29, 1967. For further information write to Dr. K. S. Kantzer, program chairman, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois 60015.