

directorates. The chairmen of ten of its 17 committees are Pre-millennialists, and, *strange* to say, its *Devotional* and *Mission* Committees are, with but two exceptions, believers in the Pre-millennial doctrine. Of its Bible classes, with one exception the teachers are also from the same school. But still further we find that with very few exceptions the General Secretaries throughout Ontario and Quebec, including the Travelling Secretary, are not only believers in this truth, but advocates of it; and still again, so far as our recollection serves us, there has not been a solitary instance where evangelistic services have been held under its auspices, in which the evangelists did not hold and teach this same truth. But leaving Canada we find the same rule obtains in the United States—for in conversation with one of the most prominent Y. M. C. A. workers of that land (but a few days ago), he said, "Now that you mention this subject, I must say that with one or two exceptions, the men who have made their mark as Secretaries and Bible teachers, are Pre-millennialists. In fact I don't see how a man *could* be a student of the Word of God, and an honest teacher of its truths, apart from holding and promulgating this doctrine." Now, if those persons who, on the public platform advocate the claims of these Associations, honestly mean what they say when they speak of the Y. M. C. A. as the "right arm of the church," as the "helper of the church," as the "most aggressive form of Christian work," as "composed of the best working element of the churches," then they must be consistent and cease speaking of Pre-millennialism as inimical to missions or missionary effort; otherwise by their own words they stand condemned.

[FOR OUR MISSION.]

The World's Hatred—Continued.

John 12 : 10, 11.

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But never did Satan, the god of this world, more fully overstep the mark. He made every preparation for that day. He summoned one of his firmest allies to be present to witness and help in that scene. Saul was there. Better for Satan's kingdom on earth if Saul had not been present. Who knows what Saul thought that day. Who knows but that the witness of the dying martyr had caused some conviction; and, like many men who are convicted, and wish to drown, by greater excesses, the voice of conscience, Saul went forth breathing threatenings and slaughter; but the prayer of Stephen receives its answer. "Forgive them." Yes, even young Saul the persecutor was forgiven. You know the scene on the way to Damascus. A few days have elapsed since Stephen prayed, when a man enters the synagogue of Damascus and preaches fervently and boldly

that Jesus the crucified is the Son of God. It is Saul taking up the evidence at the point where the world compelled Stephen to stop.

But what is the matter now? There is a meeting in Damascus—and what for?

"And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: But their laying wait was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him."—Acts 9 : 23, 24.

It is the same old story. The world is roused. Its feelings have been touched. Jesus must be killed because he testifies against the world. Lazarus must be killed because he testifies of Jesus. Saul, the once popular man, the earnest and zealous friend of the Priests, is now day and night searched for, that he may be killed. Why? Because the world is no better than it was 40 years before. It hates Christ just as fervently; and if it has not Christ on which to vent its hatred, it will do it on the one who is most like Christ.

And it does not matter as to the quarter of the globe in which you dwell what language the people may speak—what colour they may be—it is just the same. The hatred of Christ will speak out. What made the savages of the Sandwich Islands kill the missionaries. The devil was roused at this invasion of his territory. The hated Jesus was to be preached, and the one who was to preach Him must be killed. He took counsel with the savage chief as he did with the cultured chief Priest for similar kind of work. But here again he was beaten back, and to-day the once hated Jesus rules almost supreme in these Islands. Again, read:

"And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him"—Gen. 4 : 8.

What made Cain hate Abel, and kill him? Because Abel was a righteous man. Abel was a witness against his acts and thoughts, and he could not bear this. What put Joseph in the prison? Because he was an honest witness for God. His presence in Potiphar's house was an hourly testimony to that woman that she was a sinner. What made Saul hate David? Because God was with David. What made Jezebel hate Elijah? Because Elijah was a living testimony that she and the priests of her false god were alike wrong.

"And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may enquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so."—2 Chron. 18 : 7.

Only one man, and he is hated. What made Ahab hate Micaiah? Micaiah could have secured a friend in Ahab, but only on one condition. He must speak to please Ahab. But the prophet would not. The messengers sent by Ahab tried to persuade Micaiah