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of the leaders were definitely premillenial. And I mention those great Scottish leaders of a century ago, like MacChane, and the two Bonar's, and Rutherford, and they were very strong and very clear premillenialists in their viewpoint and in their attitude. Whether it has ever been characteristic of the majority of Presbyterians I do not know but it always has been held by some who were honored leaders of Presbyterianism. And I personally am convinced that as the time of the Lord's return draws nearer, there is nothing that Satan kxxxx hates so much (except the great doctrine of the atonement of Christ) except for that there is nothing Satan hates so much as realization of the fact that upon this very earth here where he has had his greatest victory, that upon this very earth.xXXXX he is going to be so chained that he can no longer do his evil work, and Jesus will reign in righteousness and establish peace throughout the earth. Perhaps it wasn't so important - this truth x a while back but as the day grows nearer it becomes more important and Satan hates it more. And I see an utterly irrational hatred of premillenialism among many people from whom I would expect something different. And I think that if Satan cannot lead them away from loyalty to the great things of the Gospel, he will try to lead them astray on this. I do not think we should draw a line on this and say we should not have fellowship with people if they do not understand this blessed truth but I think we should do our best to bring them the blessings we have in these wonderful premillenial teachings of the Word of God.

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I asked someone at supper tonight, "How can I in only two or three hours properly discuss our heritage of Presbyterianism?" Well, I couldn't, but I don't think I should keep you two or three hours anyway. I think I have touched upon the main feature - I hope I have not tried to cover too much ground and Amade it clear - but I think the main thing is-Presbyterianism historically is main line Christianity; it is not a sect, it is not an ism, it is main line Christianity. And our views are held in common, every one of them, with many other denominations and the points that are different from that of some other denominations, when those are true Christians, mostly such as a sect, it is not an ism to put up lines of separation but thet we should