

Another point on which I eventually found myself quite unhappy was in relation to premillennialism. When the seminary was founded the attitude was taken that it would stand for the Word of God and the great doctrines of the Reformed Faith, but that it would not take any specific position on the millennium. After a few years I found that when premillennialists, from whom at that time the great bulk of the money to support the institution was coming, would ask whether the institution was against premillennialism they would be told: "Of course not, Mr. Woolley and Mr. MacRae, who are premillennialists, are members of the faculty. Yet according to what I heard from the students, Paul Woolley in his teaching of church history, never brought out any point but that many of the great leaders had been premillennialists, and there was little or nothing in his teaching to lead anyone to know that he himself held premillennial views. I, myself, ~~was~~ was teaching beginning Hebrew, Aramaic, Babylonian, Old Testament Introduction and other subjects into which the millennium did not enter. On the other hand, Dr. Stonehouse and Mr. John Murray were attacking it in their classes and constantly doing everything they could to undermine belief in premillennialism, so that the students, at least three-fourths of whom were premillennialists when they came to the seminary, graduated with hostile to premillennialism or still holding the name but a bit ashamed of it, and with no brooding whatever in any of the evidence for it. I came to feel that I was being used as a smoke screen for the presentation of attitudes in which I did not believe.

I was greatly pleased with Kuiper's statement about the limited atonement but I felt quite differently about him one time when a graduate student made a statement to me about his teaching. This man had quite a reputation as an evangelistic preacher. He was now taking Kuiper's course in doctrinal preaching. He said to me, "I used to speak a great deal about 'believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, but", he said, "I don't say that anymore. I see now that no persons can believe unless the Lord