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## THE MILLENNIUM IS HERE.

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**S**OCIALISM is all right but many of its sociologic principles need overhauling. One of these is that the capitalist and the workingman are not brothers. Socialism puts the case even stronger: it pronounces the working class and the capitalist class irreconcilable enemies. Now, a theory must fit the facts; if it does not it must be discarded,—at least by sensible folks, whatever else fanatics may do. Does the theory touching the inherent enmity between Capital and Labor fit the facts? Let the following fact answer the question.

The Socialist Labor Party's state organizer for Ohio reports from Sherrodsville, as published in these columns{,} that

“The dues (of the miners) are being checked off in the office AND NOW THEY ARE ALSO CHECKING OFF THE TEN PER CENT. FOR THE STRIKE OF THE ANTHRACITE MINERS.”

There might have been room to doubt the brotherly relations between Capital and Labor even in sight of the capitalist checking off his workingmen's dues to the Union. The argument was strong that nothing short of fraternal relations could explain the capitalist's going out of his way to serve the Union by acting, without pay, as its financial secretary. The point was clear enough, it must be admitted; nevertheless, there was a color to the Socialist contention that the capitalist's conduct in the matter was a bit of hypocrisy. But is the Socialist left with as much as a peg on which to hang his “theory of hatred” now that the fact is ascertained that capitalists, and mining capitalists at that, check off the Union assessment for the strike of the anthracite miners? Surely not. The Miners' Union is in a battle against their employers, and these identical employers see to it that the treasury of the Union be kept supplied with the sinews of war. This is a fact, unquestioned, unquestionable and robust. Theory must conform with facts. What

becomes of the Socialist theory? A mass of rubbish! Capital and Labor are more than brothers, they are twins. And the Bro. Capitalist loves his Bro. Labor so much that he will assist Labor even when it attacks Capital.

And yet there are people who are on the look-out for {the} millennium. Why, it is right here. The psalm of the psalmist is in full operation.

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