

I pass now to the second question which I mentioned: Who is President Harper, whom Mr. Newell has singled out, not once, but again and again, for denunciation?

The question is quickly answered. For a time he was Principal of Denison University, Ohio; later he was Professor of Semitic Languages and Biblical Literature in Yale University; and for some years past he has been President of the University of Chicago, which means also the head of the Divinity School, one of the largest, perhaps the very largest school for the training of students for the ministry of the Baptist Church, in the world. He is the editor of "The American Journal of Semitic Languages and Literatures," a quarterly of the highest class, devoted largely to Old Testament studies, and of "The Biblical World," a monthly devoted wholly to Biblical study. Probably there is no man in America who is doing more to promote study of the Bible, perhaps there is no one else who is doing so much, as President Harper. And it is done side by side and in the closest possible co-operation with the leading Biblical scholars and teachers of the world. Nor is this all. He is active and earnest in helping on religious education in other ways. Probably some of you had your attention drawn to the great Convention for the Promotion of Religious Education, in public schools of all grades, in Sunday Schools, and in colleges and universities, held in Chicago three weeks ago. Four hundred delegates were present, from twenty-three states and several foreign countries, and representing twelve different Christian denominations. It was the inauguration of what bids fair to prove the most important movement for the promotion of religious education that we have ever had on this side of the ocean. President Harper was one of the leading spirits in planning and calling that Convention, and at the Convention itself he was at the front again in planning the permanent Association which was the result of the Convention. I call attention to this, because it shows how earnestly, how efficiently, and in how many ways he is working for the promotion not only of education but of religion.

This, then, is the man who Mr. Newell declares is determined to overthrow the Bible, and whom he places above Ingersoll as a promoter of infidelity. Can you think of anything more unwarrantable or more unchristian than such an attack? If Mr. Newell was determined to make it, why did he not make it in Chicago, where President Harper is known, and where there would be no lack of defenders? Think of the unfairness and the cowardice of coming here to Toronto, 500 miles away, and in a foreign nation, to make his assault, where the one injured could make no reply. Though I