

is the king of this world. He is wherever we go or stay, always trying to destroy us. He has the upper hand, not only of men, but of God i. e. nearly everything. He has defeated God for the time being, times without number. He has ruined our whole race except the Jews, and all the Jews except a few faithful souls. His great work is fighting God, and God's great work is fighting him. At last, after tremendous fighting, God will capture and bind him, but not until the Devil has accomplished his end of ruining nearly all the human race. What a costly, partial and pitiful victory therefore God will finally win !

Mr. Newell constantly calls God righteous, just, loving and merciful, and yet he is continually attributing to him commands and deeds which are cruel, vengeful, shocking to every moral instinct, as black as anything attributed to the heathen deities. With such a conception of God as this, one does not wonder that Mr. Newell denies the doctrine of God's universal fatherhood.

Such, then, are some of the teachings heard in the Massey Hall Bible class, to which three or four thousand of the people of Toronto go every Tuesday night.

I want to tell Mr. Newell, that it is not Bible scholars like President Harper who make infidels. Such scholars counteract infidelity, make infidelity impossible, by giving men conceptions of the Bible and God and religion that are reasonable, and worthy, and noble ; conceptions that win men instead of shocking and repelling them. The men who make infidels are religious teachers who insist that thinking men shall trample their reason under foot, as Mr. Newell constantly insists, and who thrust on their hearers views of God and the Bible that are unworthy, unreasonable, medieval, shocking to the better feelings of the soul. I know whereof I speak. For more than twenty-five years my ministry has been largely among young men. For more than fifteen years my work was among the students of the largest of the American state universities. What did I find? Hundreds and hundreds of young men who had lost their religious faith. What had been the cause? In the great majority of cases, unreasonable, unintelligent, and unworthy teachings concerning religion, generally concerning God and the Bible. What was the remedy? In nearly all cases I found it to be rational, worthy and noble views of religion, the Bible and God. Thinking men do not give up their religious faith from choice. When men turn their backs on the Bible or God, we may know, in nine cases out of ten, that the trouble is with the ideas which they entertain on these subjects. Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me." Wherever Jesus is lifted up