

things which are seen were not made of things which do appear."

There is, indeed, no doctrine of the atheistical school which so completely dethrones God from His empire as this of the eternal existence of matter.

But Professor Drummond goes beyond even this; he not only denies, in common with the writers of the school referred to, that matter *was* created: he denies that God *could* create it. "Matter," he says, "is uncreatable." Translated into plain English, this boldly affirms that God is not Almighty!

We cannot wonder that a writer who has been lured into such a maze of error by the teaching of false guides like Herbert Spencer, should sometimes be inconsistent with himself, and contradict in one place what he affirms in another. And the most cursory reader of his book will find him contradicting himself continually. In his preface he says: "Is there not reason to believe that many of the laws of the Spiritual world hitherto regarded as occupying an entirely separate province, are simply the laws of the Natural world?" And again: "Now this was not simply a scientific colouring given to Religion, the mere freshening of the theological air with natural facts and illustrations: it was an entire re-casting of truth. And when I came seriously to