

thousand strings, built adjacent to the brain, and employed by it to sift, separate and interpret, antecedent to all consciousness, the sonorous tremors of the external world.' "*Matter*," says Prof. Tyndall, "I define, as that *mysterious thing* by which all this is accomplished."

In the beginning of his article, Prof. Tyndall found it impossible to give the Power which he saw manifested in the Universe, an objective form "personal or otherwise," while the objective frames which his neighbors tried to make it fit, simply distorted and desecrated it. Now, however, he finds no difficulty in giving this Power an objective form, of the "otherwise" type. Then, science and consciousness wrapped this power around with reverential mystery; now, "I" can define "that mysterious thing" as the grossest of known existences. Then, he dared not, save poetically, use the pronoun "He" regarding it; now, without the slightest tinge of poetic fire, he can use the pronoun "it" in describing this power. Then, he dared not call it a *mind*,—it would be sacrilege; now, he finds no difficulty in calling it *matter*. Then, he refused to call it even a *cause*; now, *matter* is that *by which all this is accomplished*.

Has Prof. Tyndall failed to see his own inconsistency; or has he consciously endeavored to win proselytes to materialism by false statements?

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### DOWN BY THE SEA.

How mysterious are the ways of Providence sometimes. The miscarriage of a letter accepting the offer of an appointment as Missionary to Battleford in 1884 kept myself and family from going to that lonely place, and just in time to be there for the stirring experiences of the late rebellion. So that, instead of being in one of the Mission outposts of the far Northwest, here we are comfortably settled in one of the pleasantest town of this sea-girt Province. Windsor, where the writer now ministers to a large congregation, is one of the oldest and wealthiest towns of N. S. It is situated in the Avon river, an arm of the Bay of Minas, up which the tide of Fundy comes, sometimes rising to the height of 50 feet. It was built up principally by its extensive shipping interests, of which it still possesses a large share. At present it does an immense business in the export of gypsum to the U. S., there being inexhaustible quarries of that mineral about the town. Windsor is the seat of the oldest University in British North America, "King's College," founded by Act of Parliament in 1788, under the title of "King's College of Nova Scotia." It was granted a Royal Charter by George III. in 1802. It has experienced prosperity and seen success. Famous names grace the list of its graduates. "Sam Slick"—late Judge Haliburton—being one of its distinguished Alumni. Of late it got into troublous waters, and came through