

pamphlet of this admirable writer, "materialism," and quoted it so. It is perfectly true, of course, that "naturalism," when opposed to supernaturalism, as it was in this case, has exactly the same significance as "materialism" to ninety-nine persons out of a hundred; it is perfectly true, also, that I gained nothing by the substitution, but simply put myself to the trouble of an unnecessary disclaimer; it is further true that the substitution did not in the least affect my own understanding of the meaning of the passage, or cause me to answer it otherwise than I would have done had the mistake not occurred: all this is true, and yet, this little slip of the eye is quoted by the magnanimous pamphleteer as a "perversion of his meaning,"—which he knows it was not,—and is given a place among my "sins of deeper dye." What a Rhadamanthus has here come to judgment!

Note the arts employed to make this very minute matter *look* important. "He (that is, I) changes an important word, and then resents the use of the word he has chosen to introduce." The question is not whether the *word* was an important one, but whether the *change* was of any importance; and "Vindex" knows it was not. As to my "resentment," whatever there was of it is to be found in the quiet remark: "I never professed a creed of materialism." Then it is asserted that I *chose* to introduce the wrong word. What rubbish!

However, all is well that ends well, and there is no doubt that "Vindex's" pamphlet ends well. After all this manoeuvring, and setting of sails to catch a puff from any quarter, he is able to say: "We live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved us and gave Himself for us." "We believe in a risen Lord, 'whom, having not seen, we love, in whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we rejoice.'" This of course is conclusive proof of the excellent spiritual condition of the writer, and will doubtless make amends with some for any lack he may display of so common-place a virtue as straight-forwardness in argument. Secure now in his citadel of religious sentiment, "Vindex" calls out to ask what agreement I have with him here. Let me answer. As regards my ability to use the phrases which