

directing agency, whereas really it has nothing to say on these topics ; it relates to *amount* alone. Philosophers have been far too apt to jump to the conclusion that because energy is constant, therefore no guidance is possible, so that all psychological or other interference is precluded. Physicists, however, know better ; though unfortunately Tyndall, in some papers on Miracles and Prayer, thoughtlessly adduced the conservation of energy as decisive. This question of "guidance" is one of great interest, and I emphasise the subject further on, especially in Chapter IX.

### *Conservation of Matter.*

Take next the "conservation of matter" — which means that in any operation, mechanical, physical, or chemical, to which matter can be subjected, its amount, as measured by weight, remains unchanged ; so that the only way to increase or diminish the weight of substance inside a given enclosure,