

ments, managed to make every one of them believe that *he* was the next in rotation to see "Master," so that the *oil* CHARLES received in this manner Sir ASTLEY used to calculate amounted to *several pounds a week!* But by far the most lucrative situation which Sir ASTLEY contrived for CHARLES was, his getting a house in the immediate vicinity of Spring Gardens, which he converted into a kind of *hotel* or *Maison de Sante*, where all Sir ASTLEY's patients were boarded at a good round price,—all those I mean who came from the country, more particularly those on whom the Baronet was to perform some operation. Now CHARLES not only assisted him at the operations, but had the chief care of his patients afterwards, and was, in fact, the regular dresser. This line of business paid well, for, besides the usual charges of board and lodging, Charles got many very handsome presents. Now it is no less a man than CHARLES's second born who acts in Conduit Street as the assistant and deputy of Sir ASTLEY COOPER!

"My own opinion decidedly is, that the Council of your honourable College for the support of all the practices of which I know no more strenuous advocate than yourself, dear Mr. B., should endeavour, before any public inquiry takes place, to contrive the institution of some body of laws for the better regulation of its councillors, as regards their duties towards each other as well as towards the public. If you do not manage this quickly among yourselves, any of your members who is guilty of professional misdemeanour and infringement of our honourable laws, may be summoned before a tribunal of the commonality of the College. It may come to this at last. These medical ministers may so order it, just as military men are judged of in their anti-military conduct by a military tribunal. Such things as these have crossed the minds of our legislators. Thus, for example, it was the intention of my dear friend the Duke of WELLINGTON (than whom no man ever showed more legislative wisdom), had the country continued to be blest with his pre-eminent services as a statesman, to have brought in a Bill to confer on a tribunal of clergymen, power to legislate on the numerous cases of misdemeanour of that sacred body. Lose no time, then, in getting the Council of your College to hold a meeting on the subject of Sir ASTLEY's proceedings, and believe me ever faithfully yours,"

"London, Feb. 9th, 1834."

#### THE CULPRIT MACLEOD.

*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR,—Another word on the subject of my communication with Dr. Macleod, and I hope this unpleasant business will have an end.

I parted from that gentleman in the street, and coming fresh from my interview with him, I may have given expression, in words, to what I conceived were his feelings at the moment of our conversation. At the same time I must declare I had no intention wilfully to mislead you, or injure Dr. Macleod. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Feb. 10, 1834.

J. H. TUCKER.

\*.\* This is the candid acknowledgment of an honourable man. Our experience of the upright conduct of Mr. TUCKER assured us from the first, that the acts of that gentleman were influenced by the purest motives towards all parties.—ED. L.

#### DOINGS IN CONDUIT-STREET.

*To the Editor of THE LANCET.*

SIR,—By inserting the following note you will oblige, yours, &c.

A. BALDERSON.

Although, perhaps, my most prudent plan would be to take no notice of the repeated anonymous attacks made on my character, yet I feel compelled to make the following remarks.

It is true I am the son of Mr. Balder-son, who formerly lived with Sir Astley Cooper, and who now occupies a farm in Hertfordshire. It is equally true that, at the age of sixteen, I was placed as an articulated student with Mr. Wray, who is a surgeon in Salisbury-square, Fleet-street, with whom I remained five years. I then attended the Lectures at Guy's Hospital, and became a Licentiate of the Apothecaries Company.

I settled as a medical man in Poland-street, Oxford-street, where I have lived five years, and supported, I hope, a respectable character.

I have occasionally been an assistant to Sir Astley Cooper in his professional practice.

I never intentionally deprived a brother practitioner of a patient, and had Sir A. C.'s strict injunctions never to do so.

I have still to learn the crime of my father having been in a humbler sphere of life than he is at present; and am