fortunately for the child, the latter course, otherwise she would in all probability, be still lying on the board, under the erudite skill of Mr. George Lewis Cooper.

I have only further to remark, that if Mr. Cooper, instead of completely forgetting himself, and making the discourteous assertion, "that he did not come to meet me in consultation as a medical man," had conducted himself in the "gentlemanly and professional manner" hinted at in the conclusion of his letter, I should have shrunk from bringing such a case as this under the notice of the profession.

I am, Sir, your very obedient servant,
Sherborne, August 26, 1850. WM. HIGHMORE, M.D., M.R.C.S.

REMOVAL OF A LARGE TUMOUR FROM THE FACE OF A CHILD.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—I beg leave to remit, for insertion in your paper, the following interesting case of fibrous tumour, that occurred in the practice of Mr. J. B. Fife of this town, during the past week—interesting considering the age of the patient, and the extent to which the disease had arrived when presented to notice.

E. J. T., aged three years, a native of Darlington, was brought to Newcastle, with a large tumour occupying the left side of the face. It extended from the cartilage of the nose to the ear, and from the outer canthus of the eye to below the angle of the lower jaw. It imparted to the touch the feeling of a dense fibrous structure. It commenced before the child had attained its second year, and came on while suffering severely from dentition. The extent of the disease rendered an operation questionable, but at the earnest request of the friends, the following day was determined on for its removal. The child being placed under the influence of chloroform by Dr. Glover, Mr. J. B. Fife commenced the operation by two elliptical incisions, extending from the outer canthus of the eye to the angle of the lower jaw. The integuments were then laid back, and the dissection of the base of the tumour commenced: its adhesions to the bone were exceedingly tense, so much so, that after the tumour had been removed, it was found necessary to pare the surface of the zygoma, and then to apply the actual cautery. A pledget of dry lint was then laid over the wound, and the face bandaged. The tumour weighed five ounces and a half. Since the operation, the child has progressed favourably, and the wound now presents a healthy granulating surface.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,
THOMAS JOSEPH TURNBULL, Dresser.
Newcastle-on-Tyne, Aug. 3, 1850.

THE MEDICAL PROFESSION NOT TRUE TO ITSELF. AN EPISODE.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Having during the last few weeks seen in your truly valuable periodical several communications respecting union surgeons, we have taken the liberty of transmitting for publication, at your earliest opportunity, the following facts:—

In May of the present year, the board of guardians of the Haslingdon Union issued an advertisement soliciting applications for the office of medical attendant upon the paupers belonging to the township of Newchurch, rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Cockroft: this township is the most extensive one in the union, having an area of 5857 acres, an extent of seven miles by three, and a population of upwards of 16,000; in it there is also a workhouse, containing a large number of paupers; for the attendance upon this large district, the finding of all medicines, also leeches, the board proposed the very liberal salary of £35 per annum, exclusive of extra vaccination fees, being a reduction of £10 per annum upon that given to Mr. Cockroft. The medical men resident in the township called a meeting amongst themselves to consider the propriety of making application for the office at the reduced salary; the result of this meeting was, that a memorial was addressed to the board, stating, that owing to the onerous nature of the duties required, it was the firm determination of all present not to apply unless the salary was raised to the old sum—viz., £45: this memorial was signed by all the medical men in the township, excepting Mr. Charles Chrimes Taylor, of Cloughfold, who was not present at the meeting, but who, when waited upon by Dr. Stewart, of Bacup, and informed of the steps adopted, stated distinctly that he would not accept office, nor apply for the appointment at the reduced amount. The board of guardians, still adhering to their purpose, again issued advertisements in some four or five provincial papers, in order to

attract some candidate for the appointment into the township; happily they did not succeed; but at the last meeting except one of the board, Mr. Taylor, contrary to his express promise, applied for the appointment at the reduced salary, and was consequently accepted.

In the latter part of April last, the medical men in the district formed a medical book-club and medico-ethical association. Mr. Taylor was waited upon and requested to join us. To this he expressed his willingness in strong terms, saying such an association had long been wanted, and sincerely hoping we should succeed. The association got into good working order, books were put into circulation, and all went on prosperously, when one day we received a note, of which here is a copy:—

"Cloughfold, May 28, 1850.

"SIR,—I beg to inform you that I must forego the pleasure of joining the medical book-club established in Rossendale, for reasons which I need not advert to, save that they do not refer to any of your rules passed at the meeting held at your house, which are most excellent, and to all of which I can most cheerfully assent.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

Henry Lord, Esq."

C. C. TAYLOR.

When we meet with treatment of this kind at the hands of the profession, what must we expect from boards of guardians and the public? The above remarks need no comment from us, as they are a plain, unvarnished statement of facts. Many more particular details might be given, but we fear for your space.

Hoping that you will not fail to insert this communication at your earliest convenience,

We remain, your obedient servants,

HENRY LORD, M.R.C.S.E.,

EDMUND WHITAKER, M.B. Lond., &c. &c.

Committee of the Rossendale Medical Book Club.

Stacksteads, near Rochdale, August 24, 1850.

THE ADMIRALTY CIRCULAR AND NAVAL ASSISTANT-SURGEONS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Can you favour me by the insertion of the following brief letter to Dr. Healy. We are desirous that no time should be lost in resisting the three years' domestication contemplated for a qualified medical gentleman on his first joining her Majesty's naval service. Can you point out the course to be rigidly pursued by us? We entreat you to use every exertion.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

AN ASSISTANT-SURGEON, R.N.

To Michael Healy, Esq., M.D.

DEAR SIR,—Permit me to thank you for your many generous and kind exertions in our behalf. From the tenour of your letter in THE LANCET of July 27th, 1850, it appears you desire to know the feeling of the corps. Let me entreat you to resist a compromise: the working of the Admiralty circular of July 17th, 1850, will, in many instances, be a mockery. The vote of the House of Commons can be carried into effect, and it must be; there are no "practical difficulties." Those who have worked hard in the cause will pursue it until justice be obtained "in an unqualified and unshackled manner." We cordially agree with you, that our warmest acknowledgments are due to the hon. and gallant member for Chippenham. Let every assistant-surgeon that can petition the national medical colleges to resist the Admiralty compromise, do so, and use every exertion that the vote of the British legislature be not nullified by such a cunning manœuvre as the recent circular respecting "the rank and position of assistant-surgeons" of the royal navy.

Your obliged and obedient servant,

AN ASSISTANT-SURGEON, R.N.

Medical News.

APOTHECARIES' HALL.—Names of gentlemen who passed their examination in the science and practice of medicine, and received certificates to practise, on

Thursday, Aug. 22, 1850.

BLACK, JAMES HURDIS, Dysart, Fife, N. B.

DALGAIRNS, CHARLES ANDERSON, Guernsey.

RIGBY, JOHN, Preston, Lancashire.

WHEELHOUSE, CLAUDIUS GALEN, Leeds.