

"compliment" was only a sophistical pretext for effecting the real purpose of the promoters of the Essence.

To this Messrs. Baumgarten and Co., replied by a letter in which, after disclaiming the imputed intentions with regard to the name "Liebig," they expressed their desire not to mislead the public, not to give offence to the medical profession, and not to offend the sensibilities of the Baron's friends, all of which, they said, our correspondent's letter sufficed to show they had done. They then gave the assurance that immediately on receipt of our correspondent's second letter they sent to their advertising agents to stop the objectionable advertisements, and that the name of Liebig should never appear in future. But while Messrs. Baumgarten and Co. were candid enough to remove the "imposing" name of Liebig from their flourishing title of advertisement, Dr. Hassall has not even attempted any explanation of his extraordinary certificate, although for more than a month the opportunity has been open to him. He has not even attempted to excuse the help which he gave towards the sale of a mixture which passed under a name calculated to mislead the public; a name, which he found so objectionable, that he did not repeat it in his certificate. Dr. Hassall has not, as he ought to have done, retraced a step to which in an evil hour he was seduced. His name has appeared as defending the Invigorative Essence advertised by the vendors of *axtra mankaz*. The unanimous judgment of all right-minded persons must be, that he has thus disgraced the profession and the college of which he is a member. The College of Physicians, it is to be hoped, will take the subject formally into consideration, and bring the question to the issue of either purifying the member of the infection, or ridding itself of the infected member.

This climax of the crying abuse of advertising articles of sale in conjunction with certain recommendations from members of the medical and chemical professions, which has of late become more frequent than ever, proves that it is necessary to make some inquiries into the nature of those certificates, called testimonials. They mostly set forth that the writer had instituted a careful microscopical and chemical analysis of the substance in question, and that he had found it to be of the nature described by the advertisers. According to the properties of the article recommended, certain finishing strokes are added to the larger features of the testimonial, which are intended to exhibit the candour of the writer, the search of his analysis, or penetration of his intelligence. Thus the analysis of Mr. Souchong's green tea yielded some Prussian blue, but it was less in quantity than in ordinary green tea, or less than might have been supposed. In this manner, the analyst establishes a basis of candour upon which the superstructure of his testimonial rests. If the article analyzed was Mr. Treblestout's beer, it has of course been found wholesome, and free from such noxious ingredients as strychnia, and the amount of extract which it contained was so large, that the analyst was able to pronounce it more nourishing than any other description of beer in existence. Another ingenious inventor, Mr. Chicory, who wants to make life Olympic by feeding man with nectars of his own production, offers them in the shape of essences: among them his essence of coffee ranks first; and the analyst, who has, of course, watched this essence the necessary number of years, as he has no other chemical virtue of the substance to declaim upon, dilates upon its durability, which is of course greater than that of any other similar production. The freedom of bread from alum; the excellence of vinegar, as testified by its fine colour and freedom from sulphuric acid; the distinction of green pickles done in silver pans and "consequently" free from copper, have all been the subjects of such certificates. A great many others it is useless to recount or even to remember.

#### TUMBLETY TUMBLED UP AGAIN.

"From an officer in the Potomac army, whom we met yesterday, we derive, says the *Buffalo Express*, the astounding information that the notorious Dr. Tumblety, who cut