

### MEDICAL ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND.

At a council held on Thursday, November 19, 1840, the letter from the secretary of the British Medical Association having been read, it was—

*Resolved*, "That the council will appoint a deputation to confer with deputations from the other medical associations whenever a meeting can be arranged. It is, however, the opinion of the council, that efforts should be made to ensure a full assemblage of delegates from all parts of the empire."

13, Molesworth-street, Dublin,  
Nov. 20, 1840.

Sir:—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 6th instant, and having submitted it to the council of the Medical Association of Ireland, I am directed to forward you the above resolution. I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. MAUNSELL.  
To C. H. Rogers Harrison, Esq., &c.

The following notice of motion was given, to be taken into consideration at the next meeting of council:—

"That at the next meeting of council, representatives be appointed from this association to meet the delegates from other associations and medical bodies, and to confer with them on the best means of promoting the cause of medical reform both in and out of Parliament."

The meeting was further occupied in discussing *seriatim* the clauses of Mr. Hawes's Draft of a Medical Bill, when having proceeded as far as the 28th clause, an adjournment took place to Tuesday next, the 1st of December.

### GUY'S HOSPITAL.

NOTES RESPECTING MR. B. COOPER.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—I am authorised, by Mr. Bransby Cooper, to forward to you a contradiction of certain statements respecting him, contained in your Journal of last Saturday, in a letter signed J. C. Larren. Mr. Cooper not only did not use any of the expressions there attributed to him, but was not at the hospital on the morning mentioned. It has been found, upon inquiry, that no pupil connected with Guy's Hospital bears the name of your correspondent. I am, Sir, yours obediently,

THOMAS LONGMORE.  
Guy's Hospital, Nov. 23, 1840.

Guy's Hospital, Saturday, Nov. 21.

Sir:—I send you the following remarks in answer to the letter in your Journal of to-day, signed "J. C. Larren:—"To those who know Mr. B. Cooper personally these

remarks would be unnecessary; but as the extensive circulation of your Journal will cause the complaint of your correspondent to be read by very many, who know him only by name, I feel certain you will in justice insert this reply. So far from there being a word of truth in the letter, the fact is, that if at any time a student, on addressing Mr. C., removes his hat, Mr. C. invariably requests him to replace it; and this has been so often repeated that we have ceased to consider it either a mark of disrespect to remain covered or of respect to uncover in his presence. In addition to this, Mr. Cooper was not at the hospital last Sunday morning, the day mentioned.

Mr. Callaway, as usual, on that day, visited Mr. Cooper's patients, and, I need hardly say, was equally innocent of any such expressions.

You will, I am sure, consider such misrepresentations highly reprehensible, and be glad to repair, as far as possible, any injury they may have occasioned. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

A STUDENT OF GUY'S HOSPITAL.

### APPLICATION OF THE VACCINE LYMPH.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—As much disappointment frequently attends the use of ivory points in the practice of vaccination, will you pardon my suggesting to your numerous readers, that the point itself should never come in contact with the child's arm, but that a drop of the child's blood, taken on the point of a sharp lancet, should be first thoroughly incorporated with the dry scale of lymph on the ivory point, and the child then vaccinated with this solution in the usual way. I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

GEORGE GREGORY.  
31, Weymouth-street, Nov. 25, 1840.

### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*Mr. J. B. Brown's* note is an advertisement. His experience must tell him that the little operation in question, has not a novelty left to hang a reputation upon.

*N. D.*—The best work "for the study of diseases" is Elliotson's "Practice of Medicine," edited by Rogers; the best edition of Celsus, that by Dr. Milligan, second edition.

The communications of *Dr. Blake, Mr. Ashbury*, and many other correspondents, next week.

We are again obliged to defer the memoir of the late distinguished surgeon Gräfe, of Berlin, by Mr. Simeon Bullen; it shall, however, appear next week.