

bill, by granting such additional powers to the present colleges of physicians and surgeons in England, Scotland, and Ireland, as would enable them to prevent improper persons from intruding on the rights and privileges of the regularly qualified practitioner; but on this subject I must beg leave to refer you to my letter, published in the *London Medical Gazette* of August 14th, in which letter I pretty fully explained myself.

I really, after much consideration, can see no good reason for creating a new medical faculty, and abolishing the old. If, as you say, "the statutes by which its highest branch is even now regulated, bear date above three centuries ago;" if, as we all know, the surgeons were formerly united with the barbers; and if, after the lapse of so many years, medical science has so much advanced, that the laws of these two institutions require to be revised and improved, let it be done; but do not abolish or destroy the colleges. If Westminster Abbey or St. Paul's Cathedral required repair, would you pull down these two sacred edifices merely because they were old? would you not rather from time to time renovate, repair, and strengthen them?—I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

G. HARVEY.

Castle Hedingham, Essex,
October 26th, 1840.

•• We make it a rule to interfere as little as possible with an author's expression of his sentiments or ideas. The few phrases which we omitted in Mr. Harvey's letter, did not, certainly, weaken the force of his arguments.

SIR A. COOPER AS LORD RECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW.—Two meetings of the members of the medical profession, and of the medical students of the University, favourable to the election of Sir Astley Paston Cooper, Bart., as Lord Rector of the University, have been held this week in the Argyll Hotel, Mr. R. Macgregor, surgeon, and lecturer on chemistry, in the chair. Gentlemen of every shade of political sentiment were present, and unanimously resolved to support Sir Astley, who is brought forward entirely on scientific grounds. The Duke of Wellington has refused to be put in nomination, it is reported at College. —*Glasgow Courier*.

NEW JOURNALS.—M. Velpeau is about to publish a new medical journal, to be entitled "The Surgical Review." The journal will be published on the first of every month, and will be exclusively devoted to surgery. We understand that a new monthly journal is, also, about to appear in Edinburgh.

DR. CARSWELL.—It had long been known amongst the friends of Dr. Carswell that he was about to retire from University College, but Dr. Carswell was desirous that no announcement of his intention should be prematurely made. We believe that Dr. Carswell has now formally tendered his resignation, as professor of morbid anatomy in University College, and as physician to University College Hospital. We regret to state that this step has been chiefly occasioned by the delicate state of Dr. Carswell's health.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

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The communication of Dr. Black shall appear in our next number.

X.—The letters on the *German Spas* will appear at intervals only. The author wishes to remain *incognito*.

We would feel obliged to our friends in the Provinces, who forward newspapers to us, if they would mark, by a cut, those paragraphs to which they desire to direct our attention.

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