discoveries, and the proofs afforded by geological researches of the omnipotence and benevolence of the Almighty Creator of the Universe, the orator concluded by urging upon the consideration of the "junior" subordinates in the profession the benefits they would derive by combining with their practical duties the study of "the sciences." This, he observed, would form an agreeable employment, to which they might resort amidst the drudgery and disappointment attendant on their low occupation as apothecaries.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—I have the honour to send to you the following resolutions, unanimously adopted at a most numerous general meeting of the students, held this day, at University College. I am, Sir, your very obedient servant,

JOHN TAYLOR, Chairman.
University College, Feb. 15, 1837.

Resolved,—1st, "That this meeting denies the truth of the assertions made, and strongly disapproves of the sentiments expressed, by the author of the letter in THE LANCET of February 11th, signed, "An University College Pupil," and is desirous of declaring its firm conviction, that the duties of the chair of surgery in this institution, are, in every particular, performed in the most efficient manner."

2nd, "That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the Editor of THE LANCET, and that he be requested to insert it in the next No. of his Journal."

AWARD OF THE ROYAL MEDAL.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—Having the pleasure to be one of the "immediate friends" of Mr. Kiernan, I have deemed it a duty to state, in reply to the latter paragraph of the letter of your correspondent F. R. S., that Mr. Kiernan expressed to me his decided regret at the publication of the letter alluded to, signed T. J. I think I am almost warranted in affirming, that since the adjudication on the 30th November, Mr. Kiernan has not in any way promoted the discussion relative to this unfortunate business.

Permit me, Sir, to conclude by quoting the sentiment of your correspondent F. R. S., "that inquiry into the *circumstances* and *propriety* of that award, is most certainly called for." I have the honour to be, your obedient servant,

WILLIAM J. E. WILSON.
55, Upper Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square.
Jan. 15, 1837.

ANATOMY IN DUBLIN.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR:—Every friend of science and humanity must be gratified to observe the progressive advantages of the Anatomy Act. The first conviction for a breach of that law took place in Dublin, in 1834. Since that time several of the resurrection gangs have been banished to Spain. The public mind is now reconciled, and parents send their sons to Dublin to study, without dread of danger to their lives or morals from the contamination of nightly exhumators. The parish authorities having become friendly to the change, the supply of subjects is regular, and, being fairly distributed to every school in rotation, the dissections are conducted with much greater care than formerly. There is no disappointment to any student who is desirous of improvement. It is just two years since THE LANCET published a statement of approbation on the subject, from the professors, and it is pleasing to find that their good opinion of the law is confirmed by longer experience. I enclose the resolution passed by them at their first meeting this year, and remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

ARTHUR HASSALL.

"Dublin, January 17th, 1836.

"We, the undersigned teachers of anatomy in the City of Dublin, consider ourselves called upon to state, for the information of his Majesty's Government, that the most satisfactory results continue to follow the enactment of the Anatomy Bill. The supply of bodies is amply sufficient for the purposes of instruction; the practice of exhumation is rendered unnecessary, and, if perpetrated at all, is only resorted to by persons seeking for teeth for the use of dentists.

"For these most satisfactory results, we consider ourselves indebted principally to the judicious arrangements, official firmness, and praiseworthy impartiality of the Inspector, Sir James Murray; and we here venture to express a hope that the chief secretary will have the goodness to continue that support and countenance to his exertions, which the Government has been hitherto pleased to offer:—

"Arthur Jacob, Prof. of Anatomy, R. C. S.
Rob. Harrison, Prof. of Anatomy, R. C. S.
J. Nolan, Demon. of Anat., Univ. of Dublin.
H. Carlisle, A.B., Demon. of Anat., ditto.
William Hargrave, M.B., Lect. on Anat. and Surg., Digges-street School.

J. Hart, M.D., Lect. on Anat., Park-st. Sch.
And. Ellis, Lect. on Surg., Peter-st. School.
G. T. Hayden, Lect. on Anat. and Surg., Original Peter-street School.

John H. Power, Lect. on Anat. and Physiol., Richmond Hospital School.

J. Denham, Lect. on Anat., Marlborough-st. School."