on reflection, I found I could apply for assistance to no fitter person than the able Editor of *THE LANCET*, a Journal justly esteemed and supported by the great body of London surgeons, who, as I have explained, are considerably interested in effecting the object about which I have written. As to the interest I myself take in this matter, I think it fair to state the cause of it. It is this:—As an Irish student about to take the diploma of the London College of Surgeons soon, I consider it my duty and interest to make that diploma as respectable as possible; beyond this the removal of the disqualifying cause can never be of the least use to me individually, for I possess no interest with any grand jury.

With respect and esteem,

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

L.

Dublin, Aug. 17, 1831.

P.S.—On looking over my letter, I find that I forgot to mention that I have spoken on the subject to several London surgeons, and a vast number of students intending to take the London diploma, and that they all expressed the greatest anxiety about removing the disqualification.

PROPOSAL FOR OPENING THE LONDON LYING-IN HOSPITAL TO MEDICAL STUDENTS.

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—Believing you are ever ready to attend to any suggestion which may conduce to the public welfare, I venture to address you in the hope that through you the public, but more particularly the junior branches of the medical profession, may be benefited. In passing up the City Road, a thought has often struck me that the City of London Lying-Inn Hospital, at present appropriated for the instruction of females only, might, under proper regulations, be converted into a highly useful school for the instruction of medical pupils in the obstetric art—viz. if the physicians were to give clinical lectures after the fashion of those in Paris, to the pupils admitted to the practice of the hospital—say one half of the fee to go to the funds of the charity, the other to the lecturer, I will venture to say that the majority of the Borough pupils, with those from St. Bartholomew's and the Middlesex, would be very glad to resort to such a practical school, instead of the mere theory they now have. It is a pity, Mr. Editor, that amongst all our *public* schools we have not one, at least in the eastern district of London, where a young man can learn his profession as an accoucheur practically; and I put it to the good sense of

any reasonable man, what an awful responsibility devolves on a practitioner who is intrusted with the lives of a mother and child for the first time, having only a theoretical knowledge of his profession. Surely, Mr. Editor, all our institutions were originally intended to benefit the public and the rising generation, and I do not see how this can be more effectually done, at least in one point of view, than in endeavouring to preserve the lives of women and children. It is absurd to have such an institution as the City of London Lying-Inn Hospital exclusively for female pupils, for you cannot (at least it is not done in this country) teach women practical anatomy, the basis of all our knowledge. And we have had too many unfortunate examples of the ignorance of midwives in this science.

The adoption of the foregoing plan would add considerably to the funds of a charity, and at the same time diffuse useful knowledge among those willing to avail themselves of it. Trusting to your notice of this institution to bring about a reform,

I am, Sir,

A JUNIOR STUDENT.

Sept. 9, 1831.

CURIOUS PROFESSIONAL "CIRCULAR,"
"N.B." AND "CARD."

To the Editor of THE LANCET.

SIR,—As a portion of the pages of your Journal is at this time devoted to a few *trifling*, quackish, and non-professional practices, I beg that you will publish the following "card," "circular," and "N.B.," for the amusement and edification of your readers.

Yours faithfully,

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Pall Mall, Sept. 14th, 1831.

"MR. HEALEY,
"SURGEON, ACCOUCHEUR, &c. &c.
"84, St. James's Street.

"Mr. Healey begs leave to inform Mr. —, that he has removed from No. 84 to No. 15, St. James's Street, where his practice, &c., will be conducted for the future.

"Mr. H. feels happy to avail himself of the present opportunity in returning his most sincere thanks and fervent acknowledgment for the liberal assistance received, of which he will ever feel much pleasure in being mindful, and hopes his constant assiduity may merit a continuance.

"15, St. James's Street.

"N.B. The most genuine medicines dispensed with accuracy, and retailed five-and-twenty per cent. under the usual charges."