

in the *Medical News* of Philadelphia of the 12th instant). Could you travel through this country you would be surprised to find what little influence these "great weeklies" have had over the medical profession in reference to the International Medical Congress. The "quarreling" you refer to lies with the editors of the "great weeklies" and a few of their special friends, who had assumed to themselves that *they* were the American medical profession when they only formed the six hundredth part. You say: "To attract the workers of other countries the sections must be controlled by the men most eminent in their respective departments (eight, so far), but the present officers of sections, with few exceptions, do not reach beyond a respectable mediocrity." I venture to assert that the names of the gentlemen placed by the Committee at the head of the sections are the peers of any member of the profession in the United States, and there is no one even in the great Eastern cities that will dare to throw down the gauntlet to the contrary. I deeply regret such a comparison should come from the profession of a neighboring country; but perhaps the "great weeklies" of our neighbors do not any more represent the profession there than ours do here—especially in the matter of the International Medical Congress. You say if certain things cannot be done, "give it up." I can assure you this advice will not be heeded—the American people never *give anything up*; neither will the *medical profession give up the Congress*. The American Medical Association, speaking for the medical profession, invited the Congress to meet in Washington. The invitation was accepted. The American Medical Association will see that all arrangements are made for its reception in its own way, and I can assure you and the medical profession abroad that the most perfect and elaborate arrangements will be made for their reception, and it will rest solely upon themselves whether they will be present to attend and aid in making the Congress more instructive and more useful than any before.

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### Obituary.

—The sudden death of Dr. Marsden of Quebec, immediately after his return from attending a meeting of the Québec Central Board of Health at Montreal, has caused a deep and widespread sorrow throughout this province. Dr. Marsden was born in Lancashire, England, in 1807, and came to Quebec in