

THE NATIONAL CONVENTION.

From all the indications of the day it is now pretty evident, that the proposed medical convention in New York will not be *national*. We have stated heretofore, that the University of Pennsylvania and the Medical Institute of Louisville will not be represented in it.— We learn that the Ohio Medical College, and the St. Louis and Boston medical schools also decline sending delegates. From the tone of Professor Paine's valedictory lecture it is quite certain the University of New York will not take part in it. All this is to be regretted. A convention in the right spirit, national in feeling and aim, composed of representatives from every part of the country, would be felt in its elevating influences by the profession in all the length and breadth of the land. But we begin to doubt whether the eyes of any now living will ever be gladdened by the sight of such a convention.

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VOYAGE OF A NATURALIST.

We recommend to all who have a taste for natural history two neat little volumes, from the press of the Harpers, under the above title; they are from the pen of CHARLES DARWIN, M.A., F.R.S., and are among the most engaging that we have ever read. Every physician needs occasionally to turn away from his professional studies, and for the warm season which is approaching we do not know a book that would constitute a more delightful or instructive companion than the *Voyage of a Naturalist*. It abounds in details of singular interest, touching geology, botany, and every department of zoology. The publishers have brought all American fathers under obligations, by adding these volumes to the stock of our literature; eminently adapted as they are to inspire the young with a taste for reading, and for the study of natural history.