

## Medical Items.

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WE are informed that the long-looked-for and much-overdue annual announcement of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, with Report of Proceedings, is off the press. We have not yet received a copy; it has not yet been distributed. We wonder if the publishers will saddle the country with the cost of distributing the same? If they try, what argument could be advanced? Surely not as a supplement to a free distribution journal, one that is now being carried through the mails free, contrary to the postal laws?

DR. W. A. PARKYN, of Chicago, was in Toronto during Christmas week.

THE Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons will amalgamate with the University of Illinois.

PROFESSOR STRUTHFERS has been elected president of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

DR. CHARLES W. PURDY, of Chicago, spent a few days in Toronto in the latter part of December.

DR. F. N. G. STARR, of Toronto, has removed from 394 Markham street to 471 College street, corner of Markham.

*The Medical News* has removed its home from Philadelphia to New York, and has been placed in the hands of a new editor—Dr. J. Riddle Goffe.

*The Medical Record* says the retirement of Dr. George M. Gould from the editorship of the *Medical News* is a great loss to medical journalism in America.

SIR JOSEPH LISTER has been elected president of the Royal Society in the place of Lord Kelvin. This is considered a very high honor by British scientists. Sir Benjamin Brodie is the only surgeon who has previously occupied this position.

If they paid their bills, it would cost the people of the United States twenty-five million dollars a year to be born, three hundred million dollars per annum to be married, seventy-five million dollars annually to be buried, and nine hundred million dollars to get drunk.

DR. JOHN P. SHAW, who has been practising in East Toronto for nearly ten years, having decided to take an extended trip to New York and Great Britain, was invited by his fellow-citizens of "Little York" to attend a banquet in Warner's Hotel last month. The attendance was large, and the "boys" gave the doctor a good and kind send-off.