

Medical Items.

—Through the will of the late Mrs. Phillips, the Montreal General Hospital is to receive the sum of sixty thousand dollars.

—Lord Mount-Stephen has presented the sum of \$5,000 to the authorities of Aberdeen University for the purpose of promoting the contemplated extension of the buildings.

—Dr. Paul F. Mundé has resigned the editorship of the *American Journal of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women and Children*, which he has held for eighteen years. He is to be succeeded by Dr. Brooks H. Wells.

—Dr. Canniff of Toronto has in the press a work entitled "History of the Medical Profession in Upper Canada." Dr. Canniff is entitled to the gratitude of the profession in rescuing from oblivion the many interesting details connected with the early medical history of the Province of Ontario.

—The College of Physicians of Philadelphia announces that the next award of the Alvarenga prize, being the income for one year of the bequest of the late Senor Alvarenga, and amounting to about one hundred and eighty dollars, will be made on July 14, 1892. Essays intended for competition may be upon any subject in Medicine, and must be received by the secretary of the College on or before May 1, 1892. It is a condition of competition that the successful essay or a copy of it shall remain in possession of the College.

QUACKERY IN ITALY.—The periodical reports forwarded by the prefects of the various provinces of Italy to the Minister of the Interior show that, in the first half of 1891, 709 instances of the illegal practice of the healing art in one or other of its branches were brought to the knowledge of the authorities. In only 157 of these was a judicial decision pronounced; in 102 of them the defendants were found guilty and punished, and in 55 they were acquitted. During the same period only four cases of the wrongful use of academical titles were reported throughout the whole of Italy.