

work in the wards or registraries of the hospitals, work which conscientiously performed not only strengthens the individual and renders him a more capable member of the profession, but also must bring him into favorable notice and help him onwards. For the beginner in the medical research nothing is simpler, few things more valuable, than to work through hospitals' records in order to establish or refute one single point. It was only necessary to read that most popular and valuable of all modern works upon medicine of which, and of the author of which, Montrealers are so proud, to see how its value depends upon the constant adherence to the statistical method. He could assure the younger members of the Society that they would find every opportunity given to them at both of the larger English hospitals to carry on such work.

Coming to Dr. Abbott's own work, in his opinion the most important results achieved was the light thrown upon the causation of functional murmurs by the study of cases, such as those of pernicious anæmia, in which we know that the heart muscle itself is affected, as compared with others in which no such affection is reasonably to be anticipated. This alone, in a subject so obscure, is an advance of high value.

INIENCEPHALIC MONSTROSITY.

Drs. H. S. SHAW and D. J. EVANS then exhibited the body of an apparently full time female infant which was an almost perfect specimen of *Iniencephalus*.

The whole aspect of the specimen was that of a "Brownie."

The head was well-formed, but, owing to lack of development of the neural canal throughout nearly its whole length, the occipital and sacral regions were in direct continuity. Just at their junction below the hair of the scalp was a small meningocele. The face was well formed and directed upwards. Anteriorly the chin seemed to extend to the sternum, there being no neck. The chest and abdomen were well formed. The extremities seemed to be unusually long, and were free from deformity.

Photographs had been taken of the specimen. Frozen sections of the monster would be made and studied and a later report made to the Society.